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## ALBANY OF TO-DAY.

### A Railroad and Business Center.

#### HEALTHY BUSINESS OUTLOOK

The Important Manufacturing Enterprises of the City.

#### THE CITY'S GROWING TRADE.

Valuable Buildings Erected During the Year—Important Railroad and Shipping Facilities.

A review of the progress of Albany during the twelve months ending with the close of the year 1888, exhibits abundant basis for the statement that the city is enjoying a steady, substantial and even rapid growth. Some of the finest and most imposing buildings in the city have been completed and occupied during the past year, and new buildings have been erected and completed during the past twelve months valuing fully \$100,000. This amount expended in buildings presents a showing indicative of a healthy and steady growth, which needs only to be continued to make of Albany the business center and thriving city which her geographical situation and natural advantages entitle her.

#### THE CITY'S EARLY SETTLEMENT.

It might not be uninteresting here to refer to the early settlement of Albany and to some of her natural advantages which have through successive stages led to her present promising situation. In 1845, when the regions embraced in the state of Oregon and the territory of Washington were held by the United States and Great Britain jointly, and all the whites then in this vast extent of country aggregated but a few hundred—all of whom were in little knots of settlements north of the present northern boundary line of Linn county—the first location stake was driven in the earth where now stands Albany. Then the land was overshadowed by tall fir trees and densely covered with undergrowth. The locator was Almer Hackleman, who came from Iowa. He returned to bring out his family, but died soon after reaching home. The next year his son arrived and took possession of the claim that had been located by his father.

Then (1847) there were but two claims located, the Hackleman claim and an adjoining one held by H. N. Smead, which was also located by Hackleman senior. Mr. Smead having employed him to hold it until his son arrived.

In the spring of 1848 Walter and Thomas Monteith, young men of enterprise and means, arrived on the site of Albany. They purchased the Smead claim, and set apart and surveyed as a town site the sixty acres of their land lying next to the river. They gave the town the name of Albany, in remembrance of their former home in the state of New York. In the spring of 1849 they erected the first house on the town-site, which still stands on the corner of Second and Washington streets, and is often pointed out as a relic of bygone days. It has stood to see a city of several thousand inhabitants grow up around it; and now with railroad and telegraphic communication with all the great cities of the world, with natural manufacturing facilities unsurpassed, and the tributary country only beginning to be developed, who can bound the possibilities of the future?

In 1850 an attempt was made to change the name of the town to Takenah, but it was finally abandoned. The first school was opened in the city in 1851 and was taught by Dr. R. C. Hill. Albany was made a postoffice in 1852, the first flouring mill in the town was erected in the same year, and during this eventful year the first term of the circuit court was held within the corporate limits of the town. It was during the year 1852 that the first steamboat tied up at Albany. Work on the first court house erected in the city was begun in 1861, which building burned to the ground ten years later. The present fine court house was built in 1862, at a cost of \$35,000. The first church building was erected by the United Presbyterians in 1860. On the 8th day of December, 1870, the first locomotive reached the city, and with the advent of the iron horse came in its train all the accompaniments of the railroad. From this small beginning Albany has advanced until now the town is the junction of three different lines of railroad, all of which lend their aid to the general prosperity of the city.

These are the Oregon Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Central branch of the latter.

These railroad lines coupled with

the river traffic of the Oregon Pacific and O. R. N. boats and the short route to the seaboard via Yaquina, offers shipping facilities unsurpassed by any city of Oregon.

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The population of the city is 5500. Albany is already the seat of im-



JULIUS GRADWOLD'S—FOSTER'S BLOCK—L. E. BLAIN AND FOSHAY & MASON

portant manufacturing interests. These are but the nucleus around which more important manufacturing enterprises will center in the near future.

#### ALBANY'S WATER POWER.

Foremost among the factors which promote Albany's prosperity is her water power. The canal taps the Scammon twelve miles south-east of Albany, and the topography of the country was so favorable for its construction that there are few detours from the point of diversion to its terminus. Near Albany it is divided into two branches—one emptying into the Calapooia, and the other into the Willamette. On the former there is a fall of thirty-two feet, and on the latter a fall of thirty-six feet. These branches are again divided and ramify through the manufacturing portion

of the city. The main canal is twenty feet wide on the bottom, with a fall of four feet to the mile, and the water is three feet deep; but at some points the water is contracted to twelve feet wide, and the grade increased to ten feet a mile. To those having practical or theoretical knowledge of hydraulics the importance of this power will be appreciated when it is stated that the capacity of the canal at all seasons is 20,000 running feet per minute. The flow of the

water is regulated by means of gates at the head of the canal, and this flow is at all times uniform, being unaffected by freezing or freshets. In addition, at a point a quarter of a mile east of Albany, there is a fall in the same canal known as Elkins' falls that fur-

part of business men to reach out after a wholesale and jobbing trade and to embark in business on a broader and more metropolitan scale. The new year is opening with more confidence in business enterprises than has been exhibited in the city for many years, and before the year is ended the impetus to business and new buildings which are already being planned, will be good evidence that the citizens of Albany were not mistaken when they directed their efforts toward making this a business center by encouraging railroads and in this trade.

#### L. E. BLAIN.

One of the Oldest of the Establishments in the Valley.

For all these years, Blain has been one of the oldest and largest in the Willamette Valley. Mr. Blain has resided in Albany for 25 years, and has been engaged in his present business for over 22 years, having removed into the Foster block, an excellent view of which is given in this issue, on its completion in 1867. He carries a line of clothing not surpassed in size or excellence by any clothing store in Oregon, his stock of gent's furnishing goods being especially complete. Mr. Blain is one of the progressing merchants of the city and enjoys the trade of a wide section of country tributary to Albany. He is one of the pioneer business men of the city, and his name is always found foremost among those aiding public enterprises.

#### THOMPSON & OVERMAN.

One of the Leading Harness and Saddle Dealers in the Valley.

This enterprising firm conducted by two of Albany's enterprising young business men, E. L. Thompson and T. J. Overman the latter becoming a member of the firm during the past year, is doing a thriving business. They carry a very large stock and are prepared to supply any and all demand for goods in this line, including everything from a driving whip to the finest set of harness in the country. Their stock of ladies' and men's saddles is complete, and embraces some very fine as well as a large assortment of fine buggy robes, blankets, brushes, spurs, and in fact everything kept in a first-class metropolitan harness store. They employ experienced workmen, and turn out work that cannot be excelled in any part of Oregon. Mr. Overman in addition keeps a stock of Victor bicycles, manufactured by the Overman Wheel Co., of Boston, Mass. The business is still located at the old quarters in the block owned by Mr. Thompson opposite the Farmers and

#### THE CITY'S BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Concerning the business outlook of the city it is even to the most skeptical certainly promising. The car shops of the Oregon Pacific railroad company are soon to be located here, and on the completion of this road to an eastern connection with a transcontinental route, Albany will be the end of the most important division of the road, and will within the next year command a large share of the trade from the rich grain and

Merchants Insurance Company's office where a thriving trade has been maintained during the year.

#### Deyoe & Robson.

Messrs. Deyoe & Robson carry a large line of hardware, agricultural and farming implements. A little over a year ago they removed into their present quarters, built especially for their business, and keeping pace with the growth of the city they have enlarged their stock of hardware, and do a thriving business.

#### THE ENTERPRISING PROPRIETORS OF THE OLD ESTABLISHED ALBANY BAKERY.

A little over a year ago Messrs. Parker Bros. purchased the well known Albany Bakery of John Fox. They are both energetic young business men and their trade has steadily increased. They employ a first-class baker and cater to the public taste with such good judgment that the excellence of the products of their

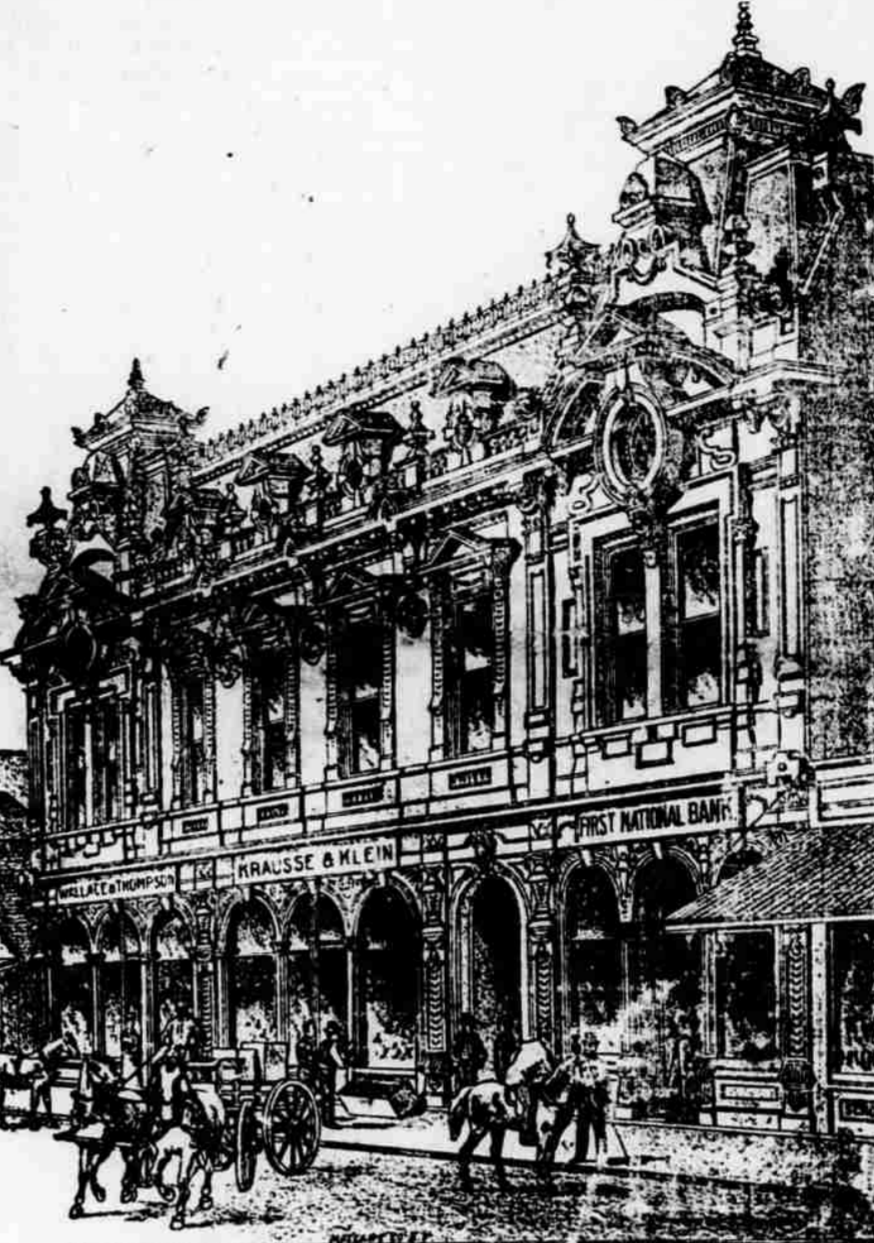
#### THE REVERE HOUSE.

One of the Most Popular Hotels in the Willamette Valley. Few hotels of the country have acquired a wider or more deserved popularity than has the Revere House of this city, under the proprietorship of Mr. Charles Pfeiffer. The building is a three story structure, as shown in the street view on our first page. It is well furnished, and the tables are supplied with the best the market affords. Special accommodations are offered to traveling men, the house being supplied with a large sample room for commercial men. Mr. Pfeiffer is well known throughout the state as an accommodating and genial hotel man, and the Revere House is deservedly popular with the traveling public.

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The Elegant Quarters of this Enterprising Harness Dealer.

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FLINN'S BLOCK—FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND WALLACE THOMPSON & CO

They are enterprising men, Mr. Deyoe being the newly elected city councilman from the third ward. Their stock is second to none in the valley, including all kinds of agricultural implements, engines, threshers, cultivators, plows, etc., as well as all kinds of smaller tools and general hardware.

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#### THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

An Old, Established and Prosperous Institution—The New Building.

The First National Bank of Albany, is one of the oldest as well as one of the most prosperous institutions of the Willamette valley. The bank was first organized many years ago as a private institution by Mr. John Connor. To keep pace with its prosperity and to meet the demands of the times, in 1883, the bank was converted into the First National Bank of Albany, with a paid up capital of \$200,000. Since that time the business of the institution has constantly increased, and within the past two years the volume of business has increased from 60 to 80 per cent. The building in which the bank does business, an excellent view of which is given on our first page, is recognized as second to none in the valley, in beauty and solidity of structure. The building and ground upon which it is situated, represents an investment of \$25,000.00, the east one-third of the building and ground upon which it stands being owned by the bank; and the rest two-thirds being owned by L. Flinn, the president and one of the principal stock holders of the bank.

The officers of the bank at the present time are: L. Flinn, president; S. E. Young, vice-president; Geo. E. Chamberlain, cashier; J. E. Powell, assistant cashier. Mr. E. W. Lambert, a long and favorably known in Albany, will assume the position of cashier, at which time the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain, the present cashier, and who resumes the practice of law, will take effect.

The First National Bank makes exchange on all Eastern points, makes collections on favorable terms, and does a general banking business. They correspond with the Importers and Traders National Bank of New York, The First National Bank of Chicago, the First National Bank of Portland, Oregon, and Donohue, Kelly & Co. of San Francisco.

#### JULIUS GRADWOLD.

The Leading Crockery, Glassware and Fancy Goods Store of the Valley.

Some facts concerning the pioneer establishment of Julius Gradwold will not be uninteresting to the general reader. He has been engaged in this business for 29 years, and has a store, which, for size and excellence of its stock, is not surpassed by any in the state of Oregon, and is a credit to Albany. He is steadily increasing his business, and with the growth of Albany and the advancement of the country tributary to it, he is reaching out after a jobbing and wholesale business. With the beginning of the new year he proposes to add to his mammoth stock of general crockery, ware, porcelain and glassware, fancy goods, etc., a complete line of family groceries. Mr. Gradwold is one of the city's enterprising citizens, and is a member of the city council from the second ward. During his thirty years' experience he has found that the cash basis is the best and most satisfactory mode of doing business for both purchaser and dealer. By this method and by purchasing goods direct in large quantities he is enabled to sell for very low prices. The public should call and inspect his immense stock for the new year and learn his prices.

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VIEW OF FIRST STREET, TAKEN BY CRAWFORD & LITTLER, FROM NEAR REVERE HOUSE.

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stock regions of Eastern Oregon. A scheme is on foot to establish woolen mills here; also to construct a line of railway from Astoria, at the Columbia entrance via Tillamook to Albany.

Plans have been prepared for a large amount of building during the year 1889, including several fine bricks.

Compled with this general spirit of improvement is exhibited a marked activity in real estate, and a steadily growing tendency on the

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oven is well known. They keep in addition to the usual supply of fresh baked bread, pies, cakes, etc., a full and complete assortment of choice family groceries. The senior member of the firm, Virgil Parker, has served during the past year as city councilman from the third ward, and will retain the seat during the coming year. Their establishment occupies the building opposite the new brick block of R. S. Strahan and Ashby Pearce, as shown in the street view on our first page. This bakery

ity of fine oil paintings, art studies, etc., the well known artist, Mr. W. L. Wright, having his studio located here. Although new in the business in this city they enjoy a lively trade, and are steadily increasing their business and adding to their stock. The junior member of the firm has a cigar factory in connection with the business and manufactures a fine grade of cigars. Their store is one of the neatest in the valley, and is located in one of the best business portions of Albany.