ALBANY'S GROWTH.

Important Facts for Newcomers.

NEW BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

Advantages Which Cannot Be Overlooked.

GREAT SHIPPING FACILITIES.

The New Woolen Mills—Street Car Lines—The Rich Country Tributary to the City.

Those of our Eastern neighbors who have come West, and are looking for a location can find no better place to engage in the varied pursuits or business avocations, which in a growing country like Oregon always offer liberal returns for labor and capital invested, than in Albany and vicinity. The wide agricultural section, in the heart of the Willamette valley, when taken together with the public spirit of the citizens here, and unsurpassed waterpower, and the rich and extensive country tributary to the city, are factors which cannot remain unproductive of grand results, as is every day being exhibited in the steadily increasing trade of the city, and the establishment of new and important manufactories and other public enterprises.

Concerning the present outlook of the city, it is, even to the most skeptical, certainly promising. Arrangements have been made by the citizens of Albany to have the Brownsville Woolen Mills removed to this city. For this purpose Albany business men have subscribed the sum of $25,000, which will be used to double the capacity of the mill and the work is now under way. No better location for a woolen mill can be found in the Willamette Valley than at Albany, which possesses unsurpassed shipping facilities by both rail and water, and is surrounded by a splendid farming country, from which come some of the finest fleeces produced on the Pacific coast. It is very essential that a manufactory of this nature should have superior means for reaching a market with its product, and this is one of the chief reasons why the proprietors of the establishment are making this change in their location, and because of this, feel justified in so largely increasing the capacity of the mill.

A company of wealthy citizins has been organized to provide the city with a street railway system, and one mile of road will be completed this summer, the work being now under way. Ice works have just been completed. The mines in the eastern part of the county are being developed, and altogether a promising field is offered for every vocation. The capitalist, the manufacturer, the farmer, the artisan, the mechanic, the miner, all can find opportunities for engaging in business, with the assurance of profitable returns on time and money expended.

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 an eastern 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, wool and stock raising sections of Eastern Oregon, at the same time being the junction of this road and the great Southern Pacific line. Work has been commenced on a large amount of buildings, including several fine bricks.

Coupled with this general spirit of improvement is exhibited a marked activity in real estate, and a steady growing tendency on the part of the business men to reach out after wholesale and jobbing trade and to embark in business on a broader and more metropolitan scale. The present season is marked with more confidence in business enterprises than has been exhibited in this city for many years, and before the year ends the influx to business, new enterprises and new buildings, which are already under way, will be evidence that the citizens of Albany were not mistaken when they directed their efforts toward making this a business center by encouraging railroads and inviting manufacturing.

These facts, it is gratifying to note, are not over-looked by the shrewd newcomer in search of a location, but the advantages of this portion of Oregon are only beginning to be realized. The number of people who will in the successive seasons build themselves homes, and locate here to engage in business—farming, fruit culture, manufacturing and other remunerative occupations, will verify the assertion that fortunate are those who secure property and a location here before the great rush to this state advances property values to double and quadruple their present prices.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

Albany's Superior Advantages for Cheap Shipping Rates.

It is a conceded fact that Albany is in a position to enjoy, and to demand, cheaper shipping rates than any other city in the Willamette Valley. The merchants of the city have their choice of shipping over the Southern Pacific railroad, the Oregon Pacific road, the river division of the latter company, or by the O. R. & N. boats, which also ply regularly on the river. It is an open secret that Albany merchants get goods laid down in this city cheaper than do the dealers of any town in the valley. It is now becoming generally known that wheat in Albany commands a price within 5 cents nearer the San Francisco price than it did before the completion of the Oregon Pacific to her doors. This road has made every effort to secure a large share of the trade of the valley, and it would be a matter of surprise to the merchants of Portland to learn just how successful they have been in this direction. Nearly all the merchandise shipped from San Francisco to Albany, as well as to many other Willamette Valley and southern Oregon towns, is now carried regularly via Yaquina. Besides being located on the direct line of the Southern Pacific railroad, at its junction with the Oregon Pacific, Albany is the terminus of the Lebanon branch of the Southern Pacific, running from this city to the town of Lebanon, thirteen miles south-east, which taps one of the best farming portions of Linn county. It will thus be seen that it will be practically impossible for any transportation company to ever discriminate against the city.

The Oregon Pacific railroad is now operating regular daily passenger and freight trains between Albany and Yaquina City, a seaport 83 miles distant from this city, and in addition a service over the eastern extension of the road to a point 40 miles distant. Concerning this road it is now a well known fact that $5,000,000 of its first mortgage bonds have been taken by some the wealthiest capitalists of New York City. This sum of money was furnished by the Brown Bros. & Co. and R. G. Harding, who are backed by John I. Blair the moving spirit of the great Chicago & Northwestern, Vanderbilt's road. This road is now rapidly being pushed to Boise City, and before the close of 1890 it will be met at that place by the Oregon Pacific. There is a rich coal and mineral country to be developed along the route of this new transcontinental line and a heavy traffic will flow into the Willamette Valley over it. The completion of the Oregon Pacific east of Albany has made a large portion of the very rich farming district in this direction immediately tributary to the city. During the past year Albany's trade from the country east of the city adjacent to the line of this road has increased more than 100 per cent., and it can be further stated that people are now pouring into this country at a rate never before experienced. Extending from Albany eastward is the finest farming land in the valley, and trade in this entire country, extending east from Albany to the Cascade range of mountains, and across them into the rich grain-fields, wool-growing and stock producing region of eastern Oregon, must come to Albany. When this road is completed as far east as Boise City, Albany will be able to command a large share of the trade of the country east of the city for a distance of perhaps 300 miles and when it is stated that, whenever the proper time comes there is the money in Albany to put in the necessary houses to control this trade, the assertian is not in any way a wild one. There are a number of Albany's merchants who now control sufficient capital to embark in the wholesale trade on the most extensive scale, and with the unexcelled opportunities enjoyed by Albany for getting the most favorable rates from the railroad companies there is not a better situated place in the entire valley for the establishment of large wholesale houses.

ALBANY'S BUSINESS INTERESTS.

The City Enjoying a Large and Rapidly Increasing Trade.

In business activity Albany is not behind any of her rivals in the struggle for the trade of this section of the state and the general appearance of the large and well stocked stores of the city leads the visitor to believe that this is one of the best business points in the valley. A number of large stores of the city carry stocks of goods ranging from $40,000 to $50,000, and it is noticed that these large stocks of goods are not allowed to remain long on the shelves of the owners. In addition to the several large stores of the city there is a home insurance company with a capital stock of $500,000, that is doing a large and rapidly increasing business. The formation of these home companies for the handling of the insurance business of the Northwest has been received most favorably by the people of the state and territory of Washington, and it can be stated here that a company of this kind is of the utmost importance to a prosperous and rapidly growing town.

There are a number of very fine business blocks in this city, chief among which may be mentioned the fine structure of the First National Bank, which was erected at a cost of $18,000 and would be a credit to any city. The fine building of Samuel E. Young, is also a credit to the town, as is the new block of Foshay & Mason, the building occupied by W. F. Reed, the Odd Fellows' Temple and a number of other structures in the city. During the past year considerable activity has been shown in the building line in Albany, and no less than $160,000 were expended in the city in the way of new buildings and improvements. During this time seven fine buildings for business purposes were erected. This is certainly an excellent showing for the town in this time.

Albany has good hotels, which are in good hands. Traveling men, and who are better judges of these matters, all say that the best place in the valley to stop is at Albany, and it is certain that the hotels are well conducted.

The large brick building of the woolen mills, the Masonic Temple, a fine brick, and Fred Blumberg's new brick are now in course of construction, and plans are being prepared for several other costly buildings to be erected this year. Not less than 100 new residences will also be added to the city this summer.

OREGON FRUIT.

Its World-wide Reputation Thoroughly Understood.

Oregon, and especially western Oregon, has established the reputation of being the most productive fruitregion in the world. Its equable climate, moist atmosphere, and freedom from drouth and cyclonic storms renders it possible to establish and maintain this reputation.

Small fruits and berries of all descriptions flourish remarkably in western Oregon; peaches and grapes do fairly well, but apples, pears, plums, and cherries are the wonder of every stranger who beholds them for the first time in their luxuriant prime. Our climate does not require the long term of years that almost every other country calls for to bring the trees into bearing, for comparatively speaking they bear almost from the year of transplanting, and one of the cares of the painstaking and successful orchardist is to prevent overbearing.

The fame of Oregon prunes has gone wide over the land.

One fact quite noticable in the present operations of orchardists is the tendency to make prunes their chief crop. It is believed that Oregon prunes are the best the world produces. They are altogether beyond comparison with the European product, and even California does not claim to grow as good prunes as Oregon. They bring much the highest price in the market. All over this part of the state the planting of prune orchards has become a leading industry, some orchardists putting out as high as thirty and forty acres. Many farmers are embarking in the cultivation of this most excellent fruit, that grows and matures with such perfection and certainty in this locality in the great state of Oregon, that its cultivation affords a perfectly safe and growing industry to embark in. So great was the demand for prune trees for planting during the last season that the matured stock of every nursery in the state was exhausted and many had to defer planting for a year.

The Willamette Valley, in the heart of which is situated the live city of Albany, is the most peculiarly adapted to fruit growing part of the state and this vicinty is fast developing into a center for its growth and shipment.

Certainly it is that no locality under the sun offers the intelligent and careful orchardist such advantages as does this locality at present.

HEALTH RESORTS.

Famous Soda and Mineral Springs of Linn County.

No portion of Oregon is more favored with excellent health resorts, watering places, and mineral springs than is Linn County. Along the south fork of the Santiam numerous soda springs are found, which bubble up from the solid rocks, emitting cold, sparkling mineral water which cannot be surpassed by the commercial water of any of the famous springs of this country. The excellence of these springs during the summer attract large numbers of tourists, and has resulted in placing the water upon the market. The nearest of the springs to Albany are at Sodaville and Waterloo. The traveler or health-seeker after taking the train at Albany to Lebanon will, in half an hour's ride by stage, reach either of these resorts. The attention attracted to Sodaville by these soda springs has led to a project of extending the Lebanon branch of the Southern Pacific to that place. It is a thriving incorporated village, and the springs are public property, the city having expended a considerable amount in enclosing them in a neat building, providing them with every convenience, and surrounding them with a park. The country from Lebanon to the springs is comparatively level, and no difficulty would be experienced in constructing the proposed railroad. It is not improbable that another year will witness the building of such a railroad branch.

At Waterloo is located an equally attractive resort. Here is situated the famous Waterloo falls. And here a new bridge has been ordered built by Linn county. The springs flow from the rocks immediately below the falls, and they are visited annually by many thousand people. A well conducted hotel is kept by J. G. Gross, and the place has a well stocked store, feed stable and allthe conveniences desired by tourists. The falls, which are 14 feet high and could be made to give a head of 20 feet, offers excellent water power.

Further up the Santiam are located the Findley soda springs. An analysis of the water of the springs show the following results.

Sodium, 6 per cent.
Chlorine, 1 per cent.
Magnesium, 8 per cent.
Iron, 2.50 per cent.
Carbonic Dioxide, 17, by volume.
Iodine, a trace.

Still further up are Upper Soda springs. Several new ones have recently been discovered in the locality. Indeed soda springs are to be found in almost innumerable places along this fork of the Santiam. The adjacent mountains offer a fine field for hunters of deer and smaller game, while the disciple of Isaac Walton finds that the rushing, eddying, sparkling stream, and the lakes at its source higher up, offer excellent trout fishing grounds. The scenery along the stream is most picturesque. Nature seemed to have been so lavish in her adornment of this region that the works of man seem to mar rather than beautify the place. Here the maple, the ash, the oak and the majestic fir blend in harmonious tints, while the silvery sparkle of the rippling river, whose mossy cliffs are surmounted by rugged mountains, finishes a scene of enchanting beauty. To the lover of mountain scenery, the sportsman, the health-seeker and the most fastidious tourist, this region offers a field at once picturesquely grand, attractive and gratifying.

ALBANY'S SCHOOLS.

The Excellent Educational Advantages of This City.

The recent successful closing exercises of the school year of the different institutions of learning in this city recalls the fact that the educational advantages of Albany are such as to reflect credit upon the city and the country adjacent. To those seeking good schools is offered the thorough college course of the Albany Collegiate Institute, a superior system of graded public schools, and the academic course of the Catholic school, the Academy of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The public school building, constructed in 1885, is a fine two-story structure with ten rooms, and a basement, which, together with the spacious grounds, occupy an entire block in the central portion of the city. The building is heated and furnished after the most modern and improved methods, and accommodation is afforded for 000 students. School is taught nine months in the year, the average attendance being 364 during the past year. The public school is graded by an excellent system, and the expenses for running the same is maintained from the public school fund of the county, and by an annual tax, so that it is free to all children living in the district. If children attend from outside of the district, the directors regulate their tuition, but it is always moderate. Following is a list of the instructors: Principal, Prof. G. A. Walker; assistants, Miss M. J. Morris, Miss Kate Price, Miss Lillie Robertson, Mrs. E. Thrall, Miss E. Wheeler, and Miss Minnie McFarland, supernumerary, Miss Margery Brink.

THE ALBANY COLLEGE.

The Albany College Institution, a college founded under the auspices of the Presbyterian church in 1867, is an institution of which Albany is justly proud. The building, a commodius two-story frame is situated upon beautiful grounds consisting of four blocks, at the southern edge of the city. The site is a donation by Thomas Monteith at the founding of the institute. A college course is taught, and the school is being built up by men and instructors who are thorough and painstaking. The term last past has been very successful, and the prospects are flattering for the future upbuilding of one of the best educational institutions in the state.

The following prominent citizens of Albany are in the board of trustees and among its supporters: Rev. S. G. Irvine, D. D., pastor of the United Presbyterian church; Rev. E. R. Prichard, pastor of the Presbyterian church; J. L. Cowan, of the Linn County Bank and mayor of the city; Judge L. Flinn, president of the First National Bank; J. P. Galbraith, ex-county clerk of Linn county; Geo. E. Chamberlain, Samuel E. Young, J. C. Powell, F. M. Redfield, A. Wheeler, L. E. Blain and D. P. Mason.

The present instructors are:

Rev. Elbert N. Condit, A. M., president.
Wallace H. Lee, A. M.
Mrs. O. S. Pollock.
Miss M. L. Prather.
Miss Laura Goltra, instructor in music.

While the institution is under the supervision of the Presbyterian church, it is not sectarian, and is well sustained. Two literary societies, the Erodelphian (for ladies), and the A. C. L. S. (for gentlemen), offer advantages to students, in the drill of select speaking, essay writing, debate, criticism, and the forms of parlamentary usage.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

This school, known as the Academy of "Our Ladies of Perpetual Help," was opened in the fall of 1885. It is pleasantly located near the Albany College. The location is healthy, the building new and well furnished with all that contributes to the comfort and instruction of the pupils. The grounds are extensive and well adapted to healthful exercise. For the short time the school has been running it is gaining an excellent reputation as a training school for young ladies.

Pupils of all persuasions are equally received, provided they comply with the regulations of the school. Boys are admitted to the age of ten and twelve. This academy is incorporated and authorized by the state to confer academic honors.

It will be seen by this brief outline of the schools of the city that Albany is well provided with educational advantages. Many of the most successful teachers in the public schools of Linn and adjacent counties, received their education in Albany, and many students from abroad yearly attend the schools of this city.

The Pride of Woman.

A clear pearly and transparent skin is always a sign of pure blood, and all persons troubled with dark, greasy, yellow or blotched skin can rest assured that their blood is out of order. A few doses of BEGGS' BLOOD PURIFIOR and BLOOD MAKER will remove the cause and the skin will become clear and transparent. Try it, and if satisfaction is not given it will cost you nothing. It is fully warranted. G. L. Blackman, druggist.

The Albany Furniture Co. would be glad to have you call and examine their complete stock of goods before purchasing elsewhere. We believe we can make it to your interest to examine our prices and goods before purchasing. Corner First and Ferry streets.

Eight shaves for $1 at Vierick's.

IN THE HALL.

He fastened my cloak in the hall
While the others were saying good-night,
And we seemed of a sudden—alone—
Away from the music and light.

But the ribbons were knotted and caught,
And only the fire in the hall;
Well—you know what a task, in the dark,
To untangle a sortie du ball!
But he looked like a prince in a book
As he clasped at my roses above;
Then he lifted my hand to his breast,
And just touched his lips to my glove.
Yet, while I sit dreaming, to-night,
He, no doubt, is at some other ball,
And is kissing some other girl's hand,
And breaking her heart in the hall.

L'ENVOI.

Such a dear little girl! and, of course,
By this time—has forgotten it all;
But she blushed as I told her good-by,
When I fastened her cloak in the hall.

HUMOROUS DRIFT.

"Ah! Madeline, Madeline!" he sighed, "I wish you and I were in yon distant twinkling planet where true love becomes immortal." "I wish you were," she replied, and, looking at her watch, said: "The nights are awful short."

"What the deuce does Mrs.—— wear so many puffs and things for?" asked a lady at the Von-Schroeder ball last week. "Why," was the reply, "she has indulged so much in fashionable dissipation that she has the delirium trimmings."

There are 200,000 models in the the United States Patent Office, illustrating almost every conceivable phase of human ingenuity, but the model husband yet remains to be invented.

"Johnny," said the father, severely, "are you still reading that horrid history?" "Yes, father." "Well, you drop it pretty quick and hustle out with your baseball bat and go to practicing. If you ain't careful you never will get to be famous."

"You need rest," said the doctor, "and you must have perfect quiet." "All right," replied the patient, "I'm glad enough to hear it; I'll go into a monistary right away." "Won't do," said the doctor, shaking his head, "too much excitement. You go to Southern California."

First Messenger Boy (excitedly)—Say, Cully, come into this toy store and see the nigger dance on a box an' turn summersets widout losin' step. Second Messenger Boy (solemnly)—I've got a message for a doctor—case of life and death—and can't stop more'n a half hour or so.

He—I know I'm not bwilliant, Miss Mattie, but it's hahdly faiah to call me the missing link, as Miss Mentwell did, do you think? Miss Mattie—Of course not, Mr. Empte, for you are not missing and haven't been all evening, have you? He (relieved)—No, I haven't and I'll just go ovah and tell her so, don't you know.

Jiggers—Darn an ignoramus anyhow. Wiggers—What's the matter now? Jiggers—I was calling on little Miss Pertly last night and she asked what the phrase "indulging in osculatory exercises" meant. Said she found it in a novel. Wiggers—Well, did you tell her? Jiggers—I didn't know what it meant until I looked through the dictionary this morning.

"Ah, see you pale-faced moon, Miss Clara. What a charm it gives the night. How sweet to sit beneath its soft translucent light with one whose heart beats responsive to your own, and——" "That's all pretty, Mr. Flirtabit, but what do you propose to do? Here we are six nights out and you haven't said anything definite yet. It's about time to get down to business if you mean to this trip."

Husband (kindly)—My dear, you haven't nothing decent to wear, have you? Wife (with alacrity)—"No indeed, I haven't. I'd be ashamed to be seen anywhere. My newest party dress has been worn three times already." "Yes, that's just what I told Blifkins when he offered me two $5 tickets for the opera to-night for $9. I knew if I took them they'd only be wasted. So I just got one. Well, I must hurry."

THE WAY TO MAKE MONEY.

A moment of leisure had come his way,
And rather than idleness choosing,
The coal dealer's office boy sat one day,
A book with attention perusing.

Then asked his employer: what is the book
That you take such an interest in, sonny?
The boy at the title page gave a look
And answered, "The Way to Make Money."

Of plans to make money there isn't a one
Beats mine, I am confident, sonny:
Give eighteen hundred pounds to the ton,
And you'll find that's the weigh to make money.

Woman's Discovery

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Luts." Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co. of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Foshay & Mason's Drug Store.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Foshay & Mason.

A new line of solid silverware, gold-headed canes, beautiful diamond rings, gold and silver watches, has just been opened by Will & Stark.

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1889 SPRING AND SUMMER 1889

SPECIALTIES.

Ladies' Dress Goods and Trimmings

The largest stock and greatest variety in price and style I have ever carried, and as good value as ever offered to the citizens of Linn county.

Special Bargains

In cashmeres in colors and blacks, Seersuckers, ginghams, chambreys, French prints and wash fabrics. All the novelties of the season in black and colors. I will have something further to say about these in a few days.

EMBROIDERIES, SKIRTINGS,

Flouncings, and all overs on cambrics, Swiss and India linen. I have just opened the largest invoice of novelties in this line ever exhibited in this city, and at greatly reduced prices.

PIQUES, LAWNS,

India lawns, nainsooks in white, ecru and colors, all at prices very much cheaper than ever before offered in this city.

TABLE LINEN

In brown and bleached. This stock I bought in New York at less than importers' price, and am able to give good bargains. 58 inch all linen bleached at 50 cts per yard and others in proportion.

TOWELINGS

Crashes, etc. All these goods I buy direct from importers by the bale, and can sell them much cheaper than if bought of jobbers—towels I buy in quantities in New York, and am offering them at prices that are sure to sell the goods.

LADIES COTTON HOSE

Are cheaper this year than ever before. I have succeeded in getting some good bargains, all of which I am offering to my customers — the same in

Misses and Children's.

The above is an outline of the policy I am going to do business on and will endeavor to do my part towards securing the trade of Linn and adjoining counties to Albany, and to keep up with the procession of the lively and growing city of Albany. I will have something to say about

Carpets, Boots and Shoes, Groceries,

And Other lines Soon.

SAMUEL E. YOUNG.