

ROCKWOOD

Historical Sketch of the Suburban Residence Town

Sixty-four years ago the first white settler of Rockwood set the boundary lines of his donation land claim. It was the late Dock Hartley, who saw the fruitful possibilities of the place in 1846, and made it his permanent home until his death a few years ago. What he believed, dreamed and saw before he died confirmed his earliest impressions that with the expansion and growth of the embryo metropolis, this vicinity would take its place in the galaxy of prosperous suburbs that now form a cordon of homes about the great city that has won a world's embrace in all arts of commerce and wealth.

In the following years of those earliest pioneer days, other settlers came into the surrounding territory and took up claims that are yet held by some of their descendants. Among them are the honored names of J. H. Wilkes, Stephen Roberts, Page Stanley, and others who have faded away into the remote past.

The little town of Rockwood was an evolution—a growth—not a sudden expansion of imported wealth or numbers. It began its career with one little store which still has its successor on the old familiar corner. It grew and expanded until today it is a thriving hamlet of 250

fame of the Rockwood lodges is known far and near. Who that knows anything of Eastern Multnomah has not heard of Rockwood Grange or the Knights of the Maccabees? Nor is the luster of the Odd Fellows, the United Artisans, or the Lady Maccabees much less than that of the others.

Several other lines of business are coming soon, among them a meat market and a barber shop with the probability of a drug store and an hotel.

Situated as Rockwood is, on both sides of the famous Base Line road, it is the first settlement beyond the fringe of farms eastward from the city limits of Portland. Just ten miles from the heart of that great metropolis and only four miles from its eastern boundary, its future is assured, either independent and alone, or as a part of that great city, sometimes in the near future. Already it may lay claim to one enterprise that is only superceded in the whole county by Portland. It is the center of a line of fire insurance business conducted by John Brown, who represents all of the more important concerns and who has written more policies during the past year than any agent in the state, excepting the resident agents of Portland,

places; but here, where all are prosperous, the list keeps on increasing and more are to follow. Among the new residences recently completed and occupied by their owners may be mentioned those built by John Manning, ex-district attorney; James Elwood, Aug. Linstead, Eugene Horton, Walker Quisenbury, Richard Tegart, J. M. Bacon, S. J. Bliss, and others of lesser importance. Commodious barns and other buildings have kept pace with the homes.

now is until the time shall come when the encroachments of the city shall compel its disuse for the less satisfying hydrant water, but still leave with us the yearning and longing for the old oaken bucket that hung in the well.

Many hallowed memories and romances hang around the little town, and as it grows into something greater those recollections of the present generation will fade away, leaving in their place the



Rockwood Public School

When the new railroad is ready for business the town of Rockwood will have three depots for passenger traffic. One each will be at the road crossings, but the main or principle station will be central. It has already been located on the Lumsden estate which has been platted for sale in acreage tracts. The old Bell farm in the center of the town is

visible signs of greatness and expansion. Rockwood has just begun to grow and its slogan, "Remember Rockwood," will be the sweetest memory in the years to come, of those to whom the little village will be a memory still.

Among Rockwood business men we mention John Brown, merchant, who carries a well selected stock of



Typical Livestock Barn of the Rockwood Region

people and enjoys all the privileges of a city many times its size in numbers and importance.

Today the town has all the facilities for trade and existence that its growing population may need or desire—three general merchandise stores, two flourishing blacksmith

Salem and Oregon City. It is needless to say that the people miles around are adequately protected against fire.

The advent of the Mount Hood railway is a sign for awakening energy.

Closely settled as the vicinity of

also to be sold in small lots and other places will be platted for the same purpose. These tracts will be sold only for exclusive residence purposes.

The natural resources of the vicinity are the famous Rockwood potatoes, which command the highest prices in the San Francisco market, and the small fruits which grow to such perfection and in such great abundance. Other crops are also grown with ease and all find a ready market, but it is the potato crop that lifts the indebtedness and advertises Rockwood to the world.

Not a mile away is the celebrated Bull Run pipe line, which supplies the city of Portland with what is praised as being the best city water on earth. But the wells of Rockwood furnish from the gravel strata below a quality of water that has no equal. It is obtained at a depth of from 20 to 60 feet, and will be the pure, clear, cold beverage it

goods suitable to the needs of the community. Free delivery to his patrons and consistent efforts to please everyone has had the effect of building up a permanent and lucrative business which he is enlarging with the growth of the community.

DOES YOUR WATCH ? KEEP TIME ?

If not, we'll cure it, and then you'll wonder why you didn't think of us long before.

All our work guaranteed. No hasty, slipshod job leaves our shop. Our workmen are skilled and conscientious.

You'll not grumble at the prices, either.

Fred D. Flora

191½ Morrison St.
PORTLAND, OREGON
(Near Pap's Restaurant)



One of Rockwood's Milk Producers

shops, two public halls, a Methodist church and a modern public school building, costing \$7000, suitable to the needs of a dozen years to come. Five fraternal orders find homes there among the people and the

Rockwood is, on many five and ten acre tracts, it was inevitable that numerous expensive residences should go up. During the past year or two the list is one of numbers that would be astonishing in many other