

# TROUTDALE

Important Shipping Point on O. R. & N. and Fine Garden and Fruit Section

Quite a number of people have wondered as to the appropriateness of the name of the town of Troutdale, situated on the Sandy river about a mile and a quarter above its junction with the Columbia. In earlier days the point was notable for the numerous trout that were caught, nor has the place lost its fame at this time. Every spring and fall sees a caravan of fishermen wending their way to and from the Sandy near Troutdale, and they rarely return unrepaid for their pains. The season of the first fall rains usually brings the best catches of salmon trout yet the spring runs are frequently very satisfying.

However, Troutdale long since ceased to be notable mainly for its angling opportunities. The town was platted in 1881 by Captain John Harlow, and since that date has gradually grown to importance. Soon after the above date the O. R. & N. was completed through the place and a commodious station was built. Later the Union Meet Company laid out its plant and the future of the town was assured. This company conducted the largest single packing plant in Troutdale that existed in the northwest. Its employes turned thousands of dollars into the hands of the citizens each month and continued to extend its various departments until just recently.

this time, outside of the regular mercantile lines, etc., is shipping of ties, posts and wood. The ties are cut several miles above town, floated down and loaded at this place.

But the town is not dependent on this business by any means. It is located in one of the most productive areas in the state. To the north several thousand acres of the finest Columbia first bottom land lies, partly in cultivation and all



Lou Harlow, Mayor of Troutdale

highly valuable. Eastward, across the Sandy, the country is surprisingly developed. Everything common to this climate will grow here and the returns are of the very best quality. The conditions of the farms and the buildings all speak of the quality of the soil and the character of the proprietors. Prominent among these land owners are R. P. Rasmussen, P. Anderson, T. L. Evans, F. M. Lasley, L. O. Larsen, J. C. Duke, G. W. Alder, and a score of others who are a resource to any community.

The country southward is one of the



Aaron Fox, Merchant and First Mayor of the Town of Troutdale.

The period of its activity gave the town a start, built up a community adjacent, and though the company has now removed its business the town still remains practically as good as ever. Five years ago the Oregon Water Power Electric company extended a branch to that point and Troutdale since that time has had hourly connections with Portland over the electric line and opportunity



Weinhard Building, in which is Harlow, Blaser & Harlow's Store

best developed sections of the county. Fruit growing and general farming prevails. The section is notable for its valuable vegetable gardens and potato lands. It is not uncommon for one farmer to load three or four cars with potatoes for the outside markets. Much of this neighborhood is being settled in small fruit farms. Within the last year the Cherry Park Association has bought about 300 acres of land and will lay it off into small tracts for cherry orchards. The Troutdale Land Company will clear and dyke 1800 acres of land which they have just bought and which will be put into truck garden.

There are already several very productive gardens near town. H. C. McGinnis conducts a large celery garden and produces some of the finest celery placed on the Portland markets. A. C. Wilson is another celery gardener who has found a profitable business in the production and sale of this valuable plant. A. P. Samoni owns one of the best



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