

hirth, and has proven a substantial benefit thus far. Prof. Williams, a graduate of the state university of Columbia, Missouri, is the instructor. There are over twenty pupils enrolled in this department. The building will be a handsome one when completed. It has adjustable blackboards all around the room. It is the intention to give the young people of that neighborhood the benefit of a higher education, and if necessary, prepare them for college. This institution should receive the most liberal support of the citizens.

A plank walk from the town to the depot is an actual necessity, and should be built at once, as our experience on the morning of the 15th was such that unless the walk is built the next time a visit is made to North Yamhill, we shall take a life-preserver and a compass.

There are two general stores, one drug store, one tin store, baker shop, blacksmith and carriage shop, and a public hall, one church and a lodge of Odd Fellows.

Business during the past three years has not been of an encouraging character, but the merchants look hopefully toward the coming spring, anticipating a far better feeling.

North Yamhill will always remain a trading center for that portion of the county. We do not predict a great future, but we are confident the place will grow and expand with increased population, and attain the position of a busy little town.

#### Sheridan.

Population 200.

Sheridan is located on the West bank of the Yamhill river, or more correctly speaking, on both sides. Since the narrow gauge road has made this place their southern terminus, the town has worked toward the eastern side.

At present Sheridan is somewhat lively, as the opening of the new road has proven a novelty to the people in that section.

There are a half dozen large grain warehouses, a three story flouring mill, a handsome depot, half a dozen good sized stores, livery stable, boot shoe makers, public hall, secret societies, a good school, and church buildings, drug store, etc., etc.

The outlook for Sheridan is extremely favorable. It has a splendid country to back it up; there is plenty of land to be had at a fair valuation, and the town will grow and expand yearly.

Sheridan like all western towns is not noted for its beauty and attractions. If you are willing to work and make a home for yourself, anywhere in Yamhill county will suit. There is no chance for a man unless he is willing to take off his coat and go to work with a will. To all such, Sheridan extends a cordial welcome, as also all the towns in the county.

#### BELLEVEUE.

This is a supply station for the farmers in the immediate vicinity. It consists of a general merchandise store, post office, good school, and a handsome new church edifice. The country round about is entirely devoted to agriculture. The land is rich and productive. The general crop of course being wheat.

#### Foot Note.

In winding up this article on Yamhill county, the publishers of the Reporter have been governed entirely by impartial observation. They have painted no gaudy picture; have raised no false impressions, but have given the personal of each town as it appeared to them, and from facts gleaned from reliable authorities. It is not their intention to draw rainbow tints, or Washington Irving sketches of places that merit it not.

A critical public may find fault with the editors and publishers, because one plan is not boosted up at the expense of another. The publishers have aimed to do all that is fair and just to every place in the county and to every business man.

In drifting over the fertile fields of old Yamhill, the publishers are pleased to hear the deserving compliments that this paper merits.

They put the New Years edition before the public, confident that they have gained the confidence of the people, and given them a paper that they may justly feel proud of.

are strong prohibitionists and religiously inclined, and the morals of the young people are carefully guarded.

The narrow gauge road passes through Newberg, adding largely to its growing importance, and placing it in direct communication with all the towns in the county. We predict a healthy growth for this new town.

#### Willamina.

Population 100.

Willamina, twenty miles southeast of McMinnville, near the foothills of the coast range is the most attractive rural town in the county. The stage road crosses the South fork of the Yamhill river at this place, on its way to the Grand Ronde valley.

There are two general stores one saw mill, one large grist mill, two hotels, good schools, church, blacksmith shops, etc. The valley for ten miles around draws its supplies principally from this place. There is considerable grain raised higher up the valley. The farmers have to haul their grain to Sheriden, a distance of five miles, in order to get it to market. Ultimately the narrow gauge will tap this section of the country and be amply repaid by the farmers.

Ten or fifteen miles beyond Willamina up in the mountains, is a small settlement in what is called the burnt woods' district. There are many settlers scattered along these high bluffs, all seemingly contented and happy.

#### Amity.

Population 150.

The town of Amity rests upon a level plain, near the Bald hills, that lie between it and the Willamette river. Salt creek, a small stream, passes the town on the left. In the summer time Amity presents quite a cheerful appearance, but there is no sentimentality about it during the rainy winter months.

The business portion of Amity comprises one large agricultural warehouse, four general stores, one drug store, one livery stable, one public hall, two blacksmith shops, one carriage shop, two churches, a good public school with seventy pupils enrolled, and one grain warehouse.

The improvements during the past year foot up about \$3,000. The town enjoys four secret societies, viz, Independent Order Odd Fellows, Masonic, Workingmen, I. O. G. T. and Grange.

Amity is a small shipping town for farmers in this vicinity. It is situated seven miles southeast of McMinnville, on the Oregon & California rail road. Considerable grain is raised in this neighborhood, finding an outlet either by the O. & C. R. R., or the narrow gauge line, a short distance below this place. Business is reported to be slightly improving, and the outlook for the coming year considered of a favorable character. Amity needs more population, and her citizens should beatir themselves, to attract desirable immigration to this locality.

#### North Yamhill.

Population 175.

North Yamhill, situated fourteen miles north of McMinnville, and three-fourths of a mile west of the Oregon & California rail road, is the first town in Yamhill county coming south. It is a great agricultural district and for miles and miles the eye beholds one vast array of wheat fields.

The town has no government, nor has it been incorporated. There are two good schools, one public and the other a private. The high school is a venture inaugurated by Frank Hau-

has a lodge of Odd Fellows, and Good Templers, also a prominent feature not to be overlooked, a most beautiful and attractive city park. The only one that we are aware of in Oregon.

The present outlook is a favorable one for Dayton. Situated at the head of navigation she will always command a certain amount of trade that can not be taken from her. Her property owners and representative business men are not thoroughly alive to their own interests, or they would see that some move was set on foot to attract attention to its locality. The town enjoys splendid drainage; has an attractive appearance, with broad streets and handsome shade trees.

Dayton is three miles from Lafayette the county seat, and seven miles from McMinnville. Good roads lead to all the principal points in the county.

We would urge upon the citizens of Dayton the necessity of advertising to the world what she has to offer in the way of agricultural lands, and mill sites. This is the age of progress, and eternal activity is the price or a towns prosperity. An effort should be made at once to bring this community before the public in order that its many natural advantages may prove of public benefit.

#### Wheatland.

Population 100.

Wheatland, fifteen miles south-east of McMinnville, on the Willamette river, is a shipping point of some considerable importance. The general average of wheat handled yearly amounts to from 150,000 to 200,000 bushels. This embraces Wheatland and vicinity.

There is a daily line of steamers to this port, thus affording every opportunity to the farmers to ship their wheat at a low rate, to the metropolis of the North west, i. e., Portland. Tributary to this section of the county is some of the finest farming lands to be found anywhere. Here also is produced magnificent fruit, especially peaches.

There is one general store, one hotel, one blacksmith and carriage shop, one drug store, churches and schools, and a large warehouse.

Wheatland will prosper and grow yearly, and her farming population will be largely argumented.

#### Newberg.

Population 150.

This is a new settlement made up principally of Quakers, who are as busy as a hive of bees, in making this place the coming school town of the west side counties. The Friends have a large academy, handsome in exterior appearance, with a commodious boarding hall attached. There are some very handsome residences here, notably those of Jesse Edwards, Mr. Cook and H. J. Minthorn. Mr. Edward's house is the finest in the county, costing in the neighborhood of \$10,000. It is a three-story dwelling.

Students are offered fine facilities to acquire a good education at a small cost.

There are no saloons in this peaceful place.

Chehalem valley pays tribute to this little town, cosily nestling at the foot of the Chehalem range of mountains.

The town has two general stores, a blacksmith and carriage shop, dress-making establishment, etc., also one large saw mill and grist mill, including warehouse etc.,

The people usually hold a local fair at this place, which is largely attended from all portions of the county. They

Lafayette has long been hampered by having no direct communication with the world, and her progress somewhat retarded. Better things are now expected. The town needs only to waken from its lethargy to arrive at a busy, bustling village. Its merchants and enterprising citizens must recognize the fact that the best advertisement of a live, wide-awake town is its local paper. They must not expect any live man to put capital into a place where there is no effort made to attract public attention. Live business men want live towns. The future prosperity of Lafayette depends mainly upon the amount of energy put forth by her representative men and women.

#### Carlton.

Population 100.

Carlton, seven miles north of McMinnville, is a small town on the Oregon and California railroad. Its principle industry is shipping wheat. It is in close proximity to the Yamhill river.

This village is situated in the heart of a large farming community. The place itself is more of a shipping point than anything. There are three commodious grain warehouses. One of them stored 50,000 bushels of wheat the last season. Barnekoff & Co. have a large granary here, and also one at McMinnville.

The village boasts of a good grocery store, an agricultural ware house, an apothecary shop, good hotel, boot and shoe maker, a blacksmith shop, two contractors and builders, also one large general store.

The improvements around Carlton are slightly on the increase. P. C. Thomason erected a store building during the year. W. L. Bodel in the fall of '85 erected a commodious two-story dwelling and barn, also A. P. Wilson a cottage.

The indications are favorable for more building the coming spring. Land in the townsite is being surveyed and platted, and will be placed in the market at reasonable figures.

P. C. Thomason is the leading citizen, farmer and sponsor of this flourishing little hamlet. He placed in the warehouse this year from his own farm about nine thousand bushels of wheat.

The coming year will add largely to Carlton's prosperity. She has good schools; the country round about is gradually filling up. What she wants most is progressive farmers who have money enough to come here, buy land, make substantial improvements and settle this great rich county up. There is plenty of room for all, and Carlton bids you welcome.

#### Dayton.

Population 250.

Dayton, situated at the head of navigation on the right bank of the Yamhill river, lays in an easterly direction from McMinnville. In the days gone by, this place was the liveliest burg in the county. It is connected with the narrow gauge system by a branch road. The Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co., operate a line of tri-weekly boats to this place. This town has been, until the completion of the narrow gauge to Elk Rock, the shipping point of all its freight.

The government of the town is under the jurisdiction of a board of trustees.

Dayton's business representation comprises six stores, one hotel, two blacksmith and carriage shops, four churches, neat and attractive, large warehouses owned by Capt. J. W. Powell, and J. W. Ingle; capacity 150,000 bushels; enjoys good schools;