

REASONS WHY SCHOOL CHILDREN LIKE SALEM

Little Boys and Girls in Two Rooms of the Lincoln School Write Essays That are Very Creditable and Will Help Advertise the Peerless Capital City

The Capital Journal has asked the children in two of the rooms of the Lincoln school to write essays why they like Salem, and prints some of the very creditable compositions. We regret lack of space prevents printing them all and we hope to give some more of the reasons in a future issue. The third grade pupils, taught by Laura Bean, produced the following, which are very interesting:

Ladle De Witt, 3A, age 9.
When I first saw Salem I thought it was the most beautiful city I had ever seen and I still think so. When I came to Salem I left a country covered with snow and ice. Here I found green lawns, singing birds and flowers.

I have lived in Salem three years and like it better than when I came. When I take a car ride to the beautiful fair grounds I am glad it is at Salem; also the beautiful house and grounds and all the fine state buildings—hospital of the insane, prison, mute school and institute for the blind.

The electric road to Portland, taking seven trips a day (that's what I rode on that the last time I visited the Indian school at Chewa, four miles north of Salem, and best of all are the schools. I am glad I live in Salem; it's just what I need.

Ruth Jones, 3-B, age 9.
Why I like to live in Salem: I am a little girl nine years old. I have lived in Salem all my life

and think it the finest town I ever saw.

I am glad I live here because when I finish the public schools I will not have to leave my home and mamma and papa to finish my education. We have a good high school. The building is a fine new one made of pressed brick.

Then we have the Willamette university where I could learn most anything. Then there is the Bessemer college, and the hospital where I could learn to be a nurse.

I like the nice wide streets with trees on either side.

There are plenty of candy stores and five-cent shows, too. There are a few of the reasons why I like to live in Salem.

Raymond Lewis, 3-B, Age 11.
I like to live in Salem because it has good streets.
Because it has an electric railway.
Because it has good schools.
Because its streets are well lighted.
Because it has good water power.
Because it has good fire department.
Because it has well-kept lawns.
Because there are plenty of hotels and restaurants.
Because it has got beautiful flowers.
Because it is the Capital City.

Maxine Elliott, 3-B, age 10.
1.—Salem is a good place to go to schools.
2.—Salem is the capital.
3.—Salem is the "Cherry City."

- 4.—Salem is a good place for raising fruits and flowers.
- 5.—Salem has paved streets.
- 6.—Salem has the big State Fair.
- 7.—Salem has a good climate.
- 8.—Salem is a pretty location for homes.
- 9.—Salem has good roads leading into town.
- 10.—Salem has the Oregon electric line.

Alice Johns, 3-A, Age 8.
(Chinese.)
Salem is the best town. And have nice smooth pavement.
The electric car are handy to go to Portland. There are some beautiful churches.
Nearly every street is paved.
They have a new kind of telephone.

There are five schools in Salem. We have a good place to go to school.
We have six teachers in our school.
There are many boys and girls in our school.

In the Fourth grade, taught by Miss Emma Kramer, who is also principal, nearly all the children wrote articles and we print the following:

Clifford Danc, Age 9.
The reason why Salem is the most beautiful city in the world is on account of the surrounding scenery, the broad paved streets, the city parks, the government, state and county buildings, beautiful shade trees to be found everywhere on the public thoroughfares.

By taking the street car you can go to the Fair Grounds, the asylum, the penitentiary, or the Fairmount Hill, overlooking the city.

Salem is situated in the center of the most productive farming land. Some of the products most extensively raised for the export trade are hops, prunes, cherries, and many other fruits and vegetables, and different kinds of grain.

Salem has more churches and educational institutions than any city in proportion to its size in Oregon.

The Salem high school is one of the most beautiful buildings in the city and has a very large attendance of students.

the advantages of other cities because it is the capital of the state. It is the "Cherry City" of the world.

Fifteen hundred bales of hops, 200 car loads of prunes shipped out of here annually. We have four good public schools, a fine High school, and also a fine university, and the new Eaton hall.

Salem has good street car service; two miles of pavement.

This year in September we had the Oregon State Fair.

We have the Oregon Electric and the Southern Pacific; two good flouring mills, and a fine stove foundry.

Esther Lucas, Age 10.
The reasons I like to live in Salem:
Because it is one of the most business-like of the three or four capitals on this side of the Mississippi river.
We have good street car service in Salem.
Wouldn't you want to live in a town that is always improving?
Within the last year the streets have been newly lighted.
There are paved streets and new buildings going up all around.
Salem is a good town and the people in it want to make it better.

Dorothy Buckner, Age 10.
Salem is located in the beautiful Willamette valley and it has lots of fruits, such as cherries, apples, peaches, pears and prunes.

The state capital building and all the principal institution excepting the state university and the agricultural college, which are located in Eugene and Corvallis.

The streets of Salem are wide and paved. The buildings and houses are kept in good condition.

There are many churches in this city.

And the best of all are the schools. We have good public schools, then our high school is as fine as any.

Irma Mills, Age 12.
The reason I like to live in Salem. Salem is a beautiful city to live in because it is located on the banks of the old Willamette which flows north.

There are a great many trees in Salem such as the maple, oak and many others which help to improve the looks of the city, and also all

kinds of beautiful flowers are raised here.

Salem is noted for its fine streets and roads leading to out side towns and Salem also has the best of schools and university.

There is the university, high school, academy and five public schools.

Salem also has the state house, court house and a fine postoffice.

The state fair is held here every fall which brings thousands of people to our city.

Salem has a fine newspaper system.

Salem has the state insane asylum, penitentiary and the blind school and on the outskirts of Salem are the deaf mute school and reform school.

Salem has its own flour mills and woolen mills which is a great help to the city.

Salem has a splendid fire system; also streetcar service.

Salem is the best place to live for we have all kinds of fruit and vegetables that can be raised.

If Salem was not the best place to live there would not be so many people come here.

Florence Bayne, Age 10.
I live in Oregon, which I think is the best state in the United States. I was born in Salem, which is the capital, and I also think is the best city in Oregon.

Salem is on the east bank of the Willamette river. It has a population of fifteen thousand people.

The reason I like to live in Salem. We have broad, shady streets, good sidewalks, comfortable and pretty homes and lots of happy children. Salem has five good schools among them a fine high school building.

Lincoln school, where I go is located in South Salem in a lovely grove of oak and maple trees.

Also a fine big fir tree on the grounds, where the children love to play.

Salem being the capital of Oregon and county seat of Marion county, all the state institutions are at or near here. These are the state fair grounds, state insane asylum, penitentiary, reform school, blind school, deaf mute school, state house.

Hazel Delancy, Age 10.
Why I like to live in Salem. I have got several reasons to state why Salem is the best city to live in. Sa-

lem is the capital of Oregon. It is noted for its schools; it has a university, a high school and five good good public schools, and the very best of teachers.

The capital building is one of the best of the western states. The capital is noted for its beautiful lawn and shrubbery, it also has a beautiful postoffice which costed over a hundred thousand dollars. It has the very best of mail service. It also has a beautiful court house. Salem also has a Board of Trade composed of the best business men of Salem.

It has beautiful wide paved streets and the best of streetcar service. It has a fine fire department, two daily newspapers, The Capital Journal and the Statesman. We have the very best city water.

It is also noted for its churches and nice homes.

Adda Hart, Age 10.
The reasons I like to live in Salem. First—it is the capital of the state. There are a great many improvements going on, some of the streets are being paved and a good many buildings are going up and the town is booming all around.

Second—There are [two] packing plants, two lumber yards, two sash and door factories, two box factories, two bottling factories, two flour mills, one cannery, one sawmill, one coffin factory, one soap factory.

Third—The streetcars run every fifteen minutes that is one advantage another is that we have the schools so handy; there are four schools in Salem and a good many churches.

Where Bullets Flew.
David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done me more than \$500 to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

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