SALEM AND FALLS CITY RAILROAD

Trains Will Soon Put Salem in Close Touch With the Rich West Side Country.

Few Salem people realize that within a couple of months the Capital City will have another railroad that will give it connection with the cities on the west side and give a new route to Portland, Corvallis, Independence and Newport; in fact, much of the west side will be brought into actual railroad connection with Salem, and the entire west side, even though not on the railroad, will be brought that much nearer. The fact that the work on the new road—the Salem, Falls City & Western—was carried on from the Falls City end has not called the attention of Salem people to it, but now grading is completed, or about so, and the track layers are daily extending the parallel rails this way. It will be a great thing for Salem, and also for the country along the line, and its advent will be felt in the quickening of the business pulse. For the present the Salem terminus will be at West Salem, but there will be good river service and quick handling of both passenger and freight traffic. It is probable also that the road will be extended on this side of the river up to Mehama, taking in Stayton and other Santiam towns, and it is no wild stretch of the imagination to say that it will soon be extended yond Mehama and up the Elkhorn valley and the Gold creek mines.

May Run Up the Santiam.

The splendid reports coming from that district indicate that it will in a short time require something more than a wagon road to handle the freights of that district. Besides there is such a magnificent body of timber on the Little North Fork that can never be utilized without a railroad. In speaking of this road, the Polk County Observer, published at Dallas, in its issue of June 29, says:

"Those inclined to prophecy might safely predict that the new branch of the Salem, Falls City & Western railroad, running from Dallas to Salem, will be completed, as far as the actual work of track laying is concerned, by the middle of August.

"The work of laying the steel was begun only about a month ago and has not been carried on continuously since that time, the crew having been taken back to Black Rock for several days to tend to some urgent work required at that end of the line. Nevertheless, the track has already been pushed forward as far as the Pierce Riggs place, about nine miles out from Dallas.

Half Mile of Track a Day.

"A crew of 27 men is employed and the track is being advanced at a rate of about one-half mile a day. By July 10 a track will be run into the gravel pit, recently purchased by the company, near the Trapolle place, and the workmen will begin to bring out carload of gravel ballasting for the newly laid road.

"Grading on the roadbed is practically finished, having been carried up to within two miles of the Salem terminal of the new road. The little distance that remains to be graded will easily be finished by the first week of July. The bridgework is already completed, amounting in all to about a quarter of a mile, the most important and difficult bridge being across the Rickreall at the T. W. Brook place near Eola. The heaviest cuts and fills have been made near Eola, where the country is rather rough and hilly. Between Eola and Dallas the greater portion of the land through which the road runs is quite level and the grading work was very easily and rapidly completed.

Regular Trains in September.

"Although it is safe to predict that the track laying will have been completed by the middle of August, it will probably be at least a month longer before everything is ready for the commencement of a regular freight and passenger traffic.

"For the passenger service it is the purpose of the company to secure a fine high power gasoline motor car of nominally 200 horsepower, although it is claimed that it can actually develop 225 horsepower. The new car will weigh about 60,000 pounds and will be 58 feet long and will have all the conveniences of the most up-to-date passenger coach. In addition to the passenger section a portion of the car will be divided off for baggage transportation.

"A peculiar feature in the appearance of the new cars is their strange shape. They are brought to a sharp point in front to decrease the air resistance, and the fact that the windows are of the porthole type, round, and set with the heaviest plate glass. The car develops great speed and power while the smoothness of its running and its almost total absence of jarring in starting and stopping makes it an ideal coach for passenger travel. The Salem, Falls City & Western will be among the first roads in the west to adopt this new type of car for use in its passenger service."

CENTER OF THE GREATEST HOP GROWING SECTION

Greatest Hop Shipping Point in Country — Two Millions Used in Handling the Crop.

Salem is not dependent on its orchards alone for its material prosperity and growth. Those alone are enough to build and maintain a thriving city here, but this is only one of the things that secure Salem's future. Around it are thousands of acres of hops, enough that Salem ships more hops than any other place in the world. Oregon produces annually from 110,000 to 150,000 bales of hops, averaging 200 pounds to the bale, or from 10,000 to 15,000 best of the world famous Hood River variety.

A ide from the mere beauty of the well packed crates of berries, there was in the display a more important significance. The Willamette Valley has learned the secret of the celebrated Eastern Oregon fruits and has adopted at last the method which will win for the products of its own farms the equal reputation which is most undoubtedly deserved.

It is not that the fruit has been suddenly improved in quality, but that Willamette Valley growers are learning the art of handling and packing it so as to set it off to the best advantage, to make it safer and more convenient to ship and more of reaching an open market in good condition.

Farmers and fruit raisers of Polk and Marion counties will gain incalculable benefit from the work of the Fruit Union which, as one of the pioneers in the movement to put Willamette Valley fruit to the front, naturally gives precedence to the territory from which it draws its supply of fruit and that territory lies mainly in Polk and Marion counties.

OREGON'S GREAT WATER POWER IS OF UNTOLD VALUE

Her Mountains the Greatest System of Storage Reservoirs in the Civilized World.

One of the greatest resources of Oregon which, like its timber was a dozen years ago, is not appreciated, is its water power. It is estimated that the timber of Oregon at mere lumber would be worth more than $5,000,000,000, and this even at present prices, and that is inconceivable more money than the mind can conceive of. It would mean gold weighing in round number 8,000 tons. In $5 gold pieces this would mean of laying a string of them around the earth and placing one on every foot of the distance.

You can see the sum is it is doubtful if it is estimate as the water [illegible] now going to waste in the [illegible] of streams [illegible] Oregon's mountains. The power [illegible] has estimated, at [illegible] growth, but the [illegible] Grover, a never ending power, and in the not [illegible] the blessing millions [illegible] coast. Most [illegible] water power for [illegible] thousand [illegible] have come from [illegible] wood and coal, and [illegible] many of the things [illegible] considered [illegible] which we now know [illegible] can estimate [illegible] with even the present [illegible] transmission [illegible] water power.

bas, set upon its beaches our feet, and we have brought out of it, as he did, a sample of its inhabitants, a story of its shores, and with as little knowledge as he had of the new world which he had discovered and a little idea as to its future possibilities.

The time is coming when Oregon will be looked upon as the greatest of all the great sisterhood of states. Take away from here her wealth of agricultural products, her mines, everything she has but the illimitable power stored in her mountains and that alone in the years to come will make her the head of the corner on this continent. The coal will be exhausted in course of time, the timber except such as is conserved and protected, will vanish; heat and light, warmth and comfort, motive and industrial power, all must eventually come from the sun, which, lifting the waters of the ocean, places them at man's disposal, and for his use—a veritable crown of gold upon the sunkissed, sky-piercing summits of Oregon's great mountain systems.

THE WILLAMETTE SANITARIUM AND ITS PROTECTIVE PLAN

The Willamette Sanitarium, Salem's well known institution, is now under the management of its new superintendent, W. J. Peebles. He has inaugurated an entirely new feature in connection with the hospital's usual work, which is the plan adopted by big companies for the protection of both themselves and their employes, that is the payment of a small sum monthly the same as hospital dues.

The sanitarium enters into a contract to furnish hospital care and doctor's or surgeon's services for such time as they may be needed [illegible] no matter how long the sickness may last, or what the operation may be, the sanitarium will take care of those holding its contract cards and they have fully received from their sickness without charge or cost other than the small monthly amounts agreed upon. It is on the savings bank plan which naturally indeed induces the average man in good health by the laying away of a certain portion of his monthly wages to protect himself against sickness and accident, with their accompanying loss of earning ability. The contract call for the payment of $1 a month and when it is realized that a serious attack of sickness or one accident would cost in care and doctor bills more than would be paid for protection in a dozen years, it will be seen that it is an opportunity that no working man, or woman, or indeed anyone of small means, should overlook or neglect.

The sanitarium is beautifully located, has sixteen rooms and all modern conveniences, and its medical and surgical staff is unexcelled in Oregon.

Bill Has a Boom Press Agent.

When Mr. Roosevelt took a walk in the mile his four-legged mate a subject of publicity. Mr. Taft plays golf in "a lower downward" and gets a spanking.—What's Filed in the Fables.—New York Sun.

ROOM HERE FOR MORE

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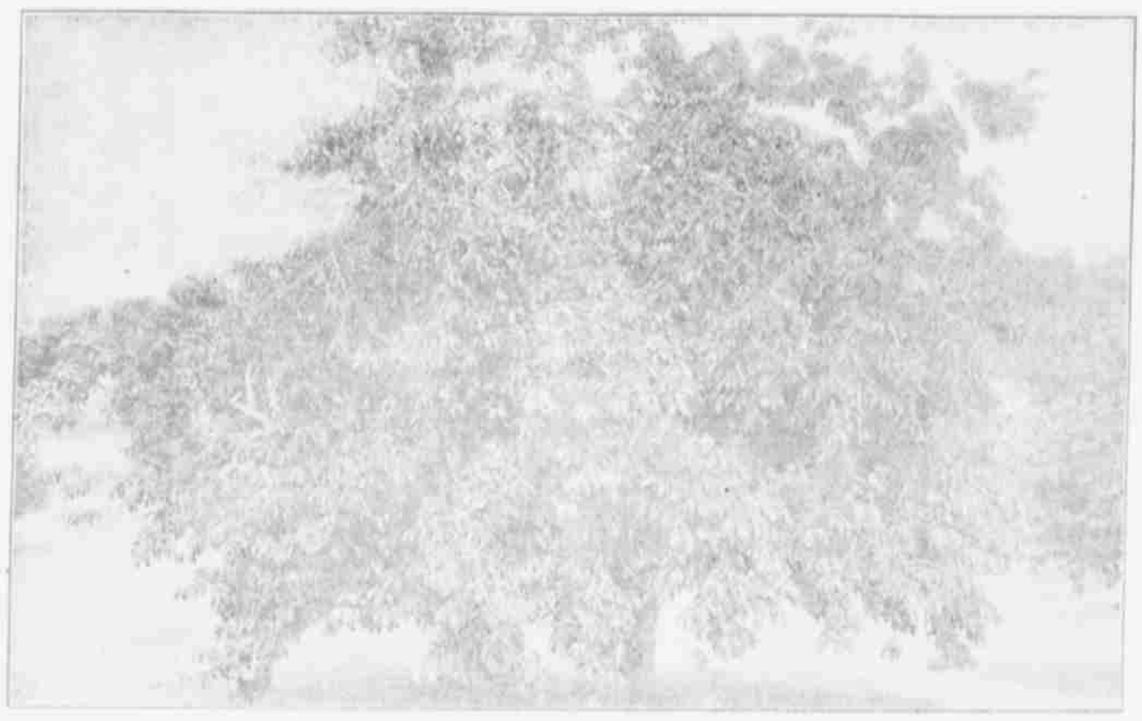
forty, where central like connects Boston and Washington, contains nearly 15,000,000 people in a space within more than a third that of New York state.

This little strip of American soil includes Providence and the Rhode Island valley town, Hartford, New Haven, and the Connecticut manufacturing centers, New York, Newark, Jersey City, Trenton, Philadelphia and Baltimore. It has many ports and is growing faster than any other important population center of the world toward undoubted primacy.—New York World.



Four-Year-Old (from planting) Cherry Tree As It Appears When Loaded With Fruit.

GO AND TELL HANSEN WHAT YOU WANT—SASH, DOOR OR FINISHINGS

A. M. Hansen, whose shop is at the corner of Mill and Commercial streets, is well known to all and considered an honest man who makes [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible] and will make you [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]