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Capital Stock - \$25,000
Deposits - - \$125,000
Assets - - - \$169,000

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OLD STAGE STATION OF MARION COUNTY IS NOW A LIVE COMMERCIAL CITY

Aurora was quite a place before Salem was much of a city. It was the main stage station between Oregon City and Salem, and horsemen were changed there and man and beast refreshed, and people are still living who tell of the wonderful good meals served there in the pioneer times when white German cookery was a luxury. In the old colony days this place was an industrial center. They had their own woolen mills, flouring mills, saw mills, to say nothing of a religious and educational system all their own. One industry that was not much encouraged in the old days was marriages, some of the good brethren and sisters thinking it was an institution that might as well be reduced to a minimum. In spite of some of these minor peculiarities, Aurora has always enjoyed the distinction of being a highly moral and prosperous community where people were not ashamed to work for living, lived within their means and saved something for a rainy day. Today Aurora is taking on modern airs, building many new homes, laying off lands into orchard tracts, making street improvements and dreaming of an electric railroad across the country from Wilsonville to Wilhoit Springs. It is on the old main line of the Oregon and California railroad and has good train service.

Strong Bank Organization.
The Aurora State Bank is one of the strongest little banks in the Willamette Valley. It has deposits of \$125,000 and assets of \$169,000. The officers are Henry L. Bents president and cashier, Henry A. Snyder vice president, Directors, the above and Dr. B. F. Giesy, W. S. Hurst, Franz Kraxberger, J. H. Milley, and Grant B. Dimick. The bank was organized in 1896, capital stock \$25,000. Mr. Bents has proven a careful man at the head of this bank. He has a fine farm in the Butteville district and a beautiful, little bungalow home in this city.

Good City Government.
J. G. Miller is the present mayor of Aurora. He is the father of the city in several ways, taking a live interest in all that is for the good of the community. The Aldermen are Geo. Kraus, J. W. Sadler, A. F. Will, and A. H. Will. The Recorder is Geo. Fry, and the treasurer A. M. Fry. The city marshal we did not get acquainted with but tried to keep out of his way, although we have no reason to think he was not attending to his duties and is a model officer and the town is very quiet and orderly. The city has electric lights and water with hydrant pressure for use in case of fire. A 30,000 gallon tank is being planned and the water is pumped from a fine spring on the edge of town. Aurora has the best kind of spring water and uses a great deal of it.

Churches, Schools and Lodges.
Aurora has a number of strong lodges and fraternal societies. The Masons, Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias are very strong here. There is a Presbyterian church with services every two weeks by the pastor of the Woodburn church. The German Lutheran church is the largest here as this a very strong German settlement, and has been over since Dr. Emanuel Kell founded the colony that migrated from Bethel, Missouri, in 1856, members and descendants of the migration having scattered all over the northwest. The German population here has been ministered to by Rev. Flatmann of the German Lutheran church for the past eight years. He holds Sunday services at Aurora and Macksburg, and on the first Sunday of each month he holds services at Lebanon. Rev. Flatmann conducts a parochial school where the German language is taught during the summer months which has a large attendance. He is a scholarly gentleman of fine ability and very devoted to his people.

Clarence Phillips is principal, and Miss Mamie Hall assistant in the public schools and there are nine grades taught. About 100 children are enrolled in both schools.

Has a Live Hustler.
The real live hustler of Aurora is Anton F. Will, who makes a specialty of all kinds of farm property. He has cut up his own ranch into small tracts which he is selling at \$125 to \$150 per acre. Mr. Will has sold some of the large farms around here and has conducted transactions amounting to \$25,000 to \$30,000. He has a motorcar and is prepared to show people the desirable lands in this country if anyone can, as he was born and raised here and knows every man, woman and child in the country. His reputation for integrity is second to no man in the state

and that is a quality that is appreciated among real estate men.

Laying Off Acreage Tracts.
The Dr. Martin Giesy farm east of the town is to be platted into orchard tracts as soon as he can make arrangements through his son in Portland to put them on the market. They contain the famous Aurora mineral springs that will some day be the center attraction for a health resort. The Fargo Orchard Tracts Company of Portland has 500 acres and has laid off a hundred acres and planted it to fruit and is plating another hundred acres west of Aurora on the Oregon Electric, where they want to put in the townsite of Fargo one mile south of East Butteville. The success of the Hubbard Investment Company in selling off \$24,000 worth of fruit acreage at Hubbard has attracted the attention of the most conservative at Aurora. At Aurora Fred Hurst is selling off the bottom land that was at one time the mill pond, in tracts to suit buyers for \$75 to \$150 per acre.

Good Shipping Point.
Geo. Miller, S. P. agent since 1883, says about 100 carloads a year are shipped out of here. About 4000 bales of hops—50 carloads—go from here to the markets of the world. Besides hops there are potatoes, piling, mining timbers, lumber, grain and stock shipped out of here. There are about 40 carloads merchandise a year sent in here. The express shipments average 10,000 pounds per month. The Muecke estate is sending out about 30,000 pounds asparagus in a season. About fifty patrons ship cream to Salem and Portland. The city would support a bakery and laundry.

W. S. Hurst has been in the potato and produce business here for 15 years. He is also in business at Canby and Hubbard. At the latter place he is secretary of the Hubbard Investment company, which has sold off about \$24,000 worth of acreage tracts in that vicinity. Mr. Hurst's father left Salem 25 years ago and conducted flour mills at Champeog, Salem, Corvallis and Oregon City.

Large Stock of Hardware.
George Hartwig bought out Miller and Son four years ago and has a fine trade. He has one of the largest stocks of general hardware, farming implements and vehicles in the Willamette valley. He does tinning and keeps a stock of bicycles. His machinery warehouse is one of the best buildings of the kind in the state. He is a man who has travelled and seen a great deal of the world, both in this country and Europe.

A Live Postmaster.
Henry A. Snyder is the hustling postmaster, sending out five free rural mail routes from this place. He is besides a notary public, insurance agent and undertaker and embalmer for the people who need his services. Mr. Snyder is a public spirited man who helps along in many ways for the upbuilding of the community, and we regretted to learn that he was very ill the day we were in the city. There was general sympathy expressed for him and many called at the house and made inquiries about him. Aurora could not be considered on the map without H. A. Snyder.

Good Base Ball Team.
Aurora has a baseball team that has not been defeated this season. The boys are below the average in weight and are nicknamed the babies, but put up a great big game of ball. Mt. Angel, Scotts Mills, Park Place and St. Paul have gone down before them. B. H. Will is captain, Clarence Phillips is manager, and Long and Frost are the battery. Most of the men weigh less than 130 pounds but they are ball players so far and bid fair to hold out for the season.

Fruit and Walnuts.
No one can walk over the streets of Aurora without concluding that this is naturally a fruit and walnut region. The largest English walnut trees in the county are in Aurora, on Mr. Snyders grounds. He has trees fifteen years old that have been bearing for ten years, and every year he gets gunnysacks full of nuts from these trees and all the neighbors help themselves as the trees stand over the street. There are black walnut trees here three feet in diameter, and cherry trees are loaded at this season. The higher lands about Aurora drain in all directions and are quick to respond to cultivation

and do not require tile drainage to produce fine crops of fruit.

Has Good Hotels.
Aurora has two hotels, the Pioneer kept by Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Miller, and the new Aurora hotel kept by John Lundeen. Both have good bars in connection, and are popular resorts with the travelling public. Mr. Lundeen came to Aurora three years ago from Minnesota and has done first-rate, although he had the misfortune to lose his brother Andrew who died last year. Mr. Lundeen is a man who works hard to bring in new people to locate at Aurora and has sent out a great deal of literature to friends in the east.

Many New Homes.
Fred Will, Sr., and Fred Will, Jr., O. H. Smith the barber, Anton Will, Mr. McGongle, Joseph Erbsland, Clarence Scheurer, J. W. Sadler of Sadler & Kraus, have fine modern cottages and bungalows on South Main street in Snyder's addition. On Liberty street there are fine residences owned by Anton Will, Mrs. Will, Jacob Miller, Fred Will, and Henry Kraus, that would be a credit to any city.

Dr. Ben Giesy has a modern \$5000 bungalow.
Banker H. L. Bents has a beautiful \$3000 bungalow.
Capt. Wm. Milley, ex-county commissioner, is building a neat bachelor's cottage that will cost him \$1000 when he gets through.
Frank Miller is building a garage 30x50, to hold Maxwell, Ford, White Steamer, and Chalmers Detroit, for all of which he has the selling agency. He has sold nine machines and will run a livery.

Has a Good Band.
Clarence E. Bevons has been leader of the Aurora brass band, composed of 22 players. Bevons makes 23 but he is not a 23 man. He plays a b-flat clarinet and is a good director. The Aurora boys number some of the best instrumentalists in the state. W. H. Ehlen on the cornet, A. C. Scheurer as bass, Walter Grimm and Wesley Yoder on the trombones, and several others are above the average. Practically the same men have been playing together for six years, and they are in demand up and down the valley. The boys think if they could get "Tex" Stoudemeyer to train them a few months they would have one of the really good hayseed bands of Oregon. As it is they can play all around some bands from bigger places.

L. Shears, a cement contractor, has located at Aurora.
Some Notes on Aurora.
There is room at Aurora for a good custom gristmill. The old colony mill was burned after J. D. Hurst & Son run it a while.

A. D. Smith has the Wm. and Geo. Fry blacksmith business.
Dr. Wm. W. Giesy has practiced medicine and surgery here for 29 years, since his graduation at Willamette. He has a nice office, home and practice that he will sell for \$2,500 on account of bad health.

The Independent, Bell, and Farmers' Mutual telephone systems, with connections over the Home Telephone, make Aurora well equipped in this line.
O. H. Smith, formerly at Salem, has the only barber shop in the city. He has baths and has run for seven years a jewelry and watchmaker's shop in connection.

G. A. Simkins has bought out the Klingler place and sells the Salem beer.
Dr. Martin Giesy has conducted a drug store in Aurora 49 years. He was 4 years at Port Willapa, Wash., and practiced medicine for about 35 years.

Dr. Ben Giesy has a large practice and has been here about ten years. He has taken a post graduate course at Philadelphia—Jefferson college of physicians and surgeons.

N. E. Cole has run a feed mill, planing mill and saw mill at Aurora for six years. He is one of four sons of J. P. Cole, the only strictly speaking cold water apostle in this community who has absolutely lived up to his professions.

N. E. Cole is putting in a new saw mill that can cut about 8000 feet a day. The planing mill is a good one and produces all kinds of dressed lumber. There is no lumber yard at Aurora. Mr. Cole expects to supply the local demand at Aurora and there is a good building prospect ahead.

Mrs. Rose Giesy conducts a millinery business.
The Aurora Electric Light and Power Co. was established seven years ago by Hurst Bros., and has built up a fine business. John Hurst

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