

ing in the company's hands. In order to give these houses to purchasers of lots so as to avoid partiality, it has been determined to distribute them by lot. For this purpose one thousand lots have been set aside for sale at a uniform price of \$400.00 each, payable in installments of \$50.00 at the time of purchase and \$25.00 per month thereafter, beginning with the first of next September. On the fifteenth of November the drawing will be held, and, of course, every tenth lot will include a house, many of which will have been completed by that time. Those who fail to draw a lot with a house upon it, will have the satisfaction of knowing that their land is at least worth the money, and that they have received full value for their investment. Of these houses, ninety-eight will be cottages, of four different styles, costing \$1,000.00 each, and two will be elegant \$5,000.00 houses, each occupying more than one lot. All the lots are fifty by one hundred feet, or larger, owing to the contour of the tract. The company has reserved three hundred and ninety-two lots, selected indiscriminately throughout the tract, which are for sale on easy terms at prices ranging from \$300.00 to \$500.00 each, the purchaser, of course, having no interest in the drawing.

Here is, undoubtedly, the best opportunity the man of small or large means will have to secure a good suburban home on the confines of Portland. By building these houses and constructing the boulevards, the company practically annihilates fully five years of time, and gives to the land at once the value it would ordinarily acquire during that period by gradual improvement. Fulton Park will begin its career with one hundred houses, all of which will, in the nature of things, soon be occupied, and splendid transportation facilities, a stage in its growth which no other tract can hope to reach in the period mentioned. Undoubtedly, before a year has passed Fulton Park will be universally admired as the most beautiful and pleasant residence district in the city of Portland.

#### THE YAMHILL AND CHEHALEM VALLEYS.

THERE is much real enterprise being manifested by the people of that part of the Willamette valley known as Yamhill county. The Chehalem valley, in the northern part of the county, attracts fully its share of attention, and the vigorous enterprise of its people is bringing it into prominence. Its attractions are to the home seeker rather than to the speculator. It is desired that the whole valley be occupied for the merit of its producing qualities, and that every field be tilled for the best it is capable of

yielding. The division of the land into small tracts seems to be an especially commendable feature, and one that is being appreciated. This plan has the advantage of enabling persons of small means to secure substantial homes, while it does not exclude those who wish to engage in the work of development on a larger scale. It is not like entering a wilderness to make a farm. Water and rail communication is already established, so there are no long years of waiting for the approach of civilizing influences from outside. It is near one of the largest and most prosperous commercial cities in the west, and all these benefits, in addition to climate and soil, may be enjoyed by the most humble of the settlers.

In all of Yamhill county there is a progressive tone that the most casual observer can not fail to detect. The effect of this is nowhere more noticeable than in McMinnville, the county seat. The farmers are this year obtaining results that fortify them in their claims of the county's capabilities. Successful harvests insure the prosperity of the people and contribute to the satisfaction which is the safest assurance of the merit of any locality. The fruit of this section, already famous for its products in that line, is no exception to the general rule this season. It is surprising to persons not familiar with Oregon productions to behold the fruit which is raised and marketed here. With other crops the yield is similarly gratifying, and the prosperous condition of agriculture is inspiring improvement in other lines of business. Mills, warehouses and factories are being erected, the volume of mercantile business is increasing and the county is constantly growing richer. A new era in industrial progress has opened. The steady influx of industrious settlers is compelling growth in all lines of business to which the country is suited, and the large area of the county is gradually being occupied and improved in every feature.

#### A THRIVING COUNTY SEAT.

HILLSBORO, Washington county's seat of justice, is reaping the benefits which its favorable situation secures to it. The railroad traffic to and from the town speaks of its increasing business interests. The broad reaches of cultivated land extending back in every direction from the town give evidence of the substantial foundation on which its prosperity is based and insure its continuance. The grain and live stock interests of Washington county are very large. Considerable progress is being made in the improvement of stock, and many very fine animals are to be found in the county. Special attention is given to breeding horses. The locality is well suited