

DOUGLAS COUNTY ICE AND STORAGE COMPANY MAKING BIG IMPROVEMENT IN PLANT

The great growth of the community coupled with the increase in the volume of the fruit and vegetable industry, has made necessary expansions in various other lines of business. Among the chief improvements resulting directly from this condition, are the additions now being made by the Douglas County Ice and Storage company in their ice manufacturing plant, at the corner of Sykes and Short streets.

The transformation from a large brewery to one of the best equipped ice plants in the state, has taken considerable time, but the building, from which one of the leading brands of beer was distributed in the pre-prohibition days, is now being used to supply ice for the community, and to provide protection for hundreds of thousands of perishable fruit and vegetables on their long trips to the far western cities.

All of the old brewing apparatus has been removed, and in the place of that machinery is being put the latest and most modern of electrically operated equipment to manufacture ice. Since prohibition became effective, there has been a growing increase in the ice output, until the plant became altogether too small to supply the needs of the community. During the past two years, the demands of the ice industry, and the constant need for ice to be used for shipments of fruit and vegetables, has taxed the plant beyond its capacity. Some extensions were made, but not enough to keep up with the growth.

During the past summer, however, Joseph Micelli and H. Wollenberg, the principal owners, determined to make improvements which will provide for the needs of the city for many years to come.

The old building has been completely remodeled and repaired so that it is in fine condition. On the south has been added a huge storage room, which will provide space for the storing of 2,000 tons of ice. The former storage space provided room for only 1,000 tons, so that there is now available sufficient storage capacity to keep 3,000 tons on hand for indefinite periods. These storage rooms are made with double walls, and the space between is packed with sawdust, so that the walls become non-conductors. Insulating paper also adds to the heat resisting qualities of the wall. Inside, long pipes carry-

ing ammonia are placed about the room, so that the temperature is constantly below freezing. Ice can be kept in one of these rooms as long as desired and remains firm and dry.

As soon as the rush of the broccoli season is over during the coming spring, it is planned to build another of these huge storage rooms on the north of the present plant, adding space for the storage of another 1,000 tons of ice, which will give one of the largest ice factories in the state. In this latter building, it is planned to provide rooms for the storage of meats, eggs, and other perishable articles.

In order to provide equipment to operate a plant of this magnitude, machinery has been ordered and is being installed, which will double the producing capacity and give an output of over 30 tons of ice daily. The tanks now in use have a capacity of 34 tons. New equipment ordered provide for 30 additional tons almost doubling the output. These tanks are now being put in place, a new compressor installed several huge electric motors procured and other machinery installed to take care of this great increase. The owners are putting in the most modern apparatus, and are leaving nothing undone to make the plant the most complete and best which can be provided.

It is expected that the new machinery and equipment will be ready for testing out within the next two weeks, and will be put in use immediately. The finishing touches are now being placed on the storage room on the south and the refrigeration system will be completed within the next few days. Construction of the additional storage unit on the north will not be started until after the broccoli season is over, as it will require a great deal of work and the combined efforts of all the employees to put out enough ice between now and the time shipments start, to get ready for the season. It is planned to have the storage rooms full by the first of March, giving a reserve supply of 3,000 tons, which should be enough to provide ice for all cars and fill the city needs as well during the summer season.

These improvements are being made at a cost of approximately \$25,000, but with the completion of the storage space planned, will be sufficient to enable the company to sup-

ply the city's needs for years to come, in spite of the rapid growth now being enjoyed, and will also permit the acceptance of large contracts for the icing of express cars handling fruits and vegetables and other perishable articles.

LOWER UMPQUA REGION PROGRESSIVE

Cutting of Timber Expected to Start Soon as Private Timber Is Now Economically Ripe.

(By Verna Roberts, 3rd Grade.)

The lower Umpqua region consists of Scottsburg, Reedsport, Schofield, Gardiner and Smith River.

Scottsburg is a small village situated on the Umpqua river. It consists of mainly residence houses, a store, a post office and a hotel. A boat travels up and down the river daily.

The Umpqua river is a winding stream which flows into the Pacific ocean. The scenery is very beautiful, consisting mainly of rocks piled upon rocks, jutting out over the river, appearing like stone images guarding it. The main industry carried on, on the small and large farms along the river is dairying.

Reedsport is a progressive little city on the Umpqua. The industry of the most importance is lumbering. There are four saw mills there. The railroad runs through Reedsport and outside boats come into port.

Gardiner is another small town located on the Umpqua river. It is a very pretty town but has little industry to make it go ahead. It is made up of residence houses, two stores and a mill which is not working at present.

Smith River a tributary of the Umpqua, empties into the main river on the opposite side from Reedsport. It is twenty-three miles long and the land along its banks consists of farms where the dairying industry is carried on.

Schofield empties into the main river just below Reedsport. It is not navigable except for a short distance. Dairying is the main industry.—Port Umpqua Courier.

Just the Other Way.

A small boy was brought by his father to Washington and taken to visit congress.

He was much interested in the chaplain, who always opened the sessions with prayer. Both in the senate and the house he had observed this procedure.

Finally he asked: "Papa, why does the minister come in every day and pray for congress?"

"You've got it all wrong, son," replied his father. "The minister comes in every day, looks over congress, and then prays for the country."

GRAND HOTEL IS REMODELED

Two Stories Added, Making Popular Hostelry One of Largest in State.

COMFORTS PROVIDED

W. O. Clinger Provides Every Feature for Comfort and Convenience for Guests of The Grand.

One of the biggest improvements made in Roseburg during the year just passed was the remodeling of the Grand Hotel building. This hotel is now one of the largest and best equipped hotels in the state, outside of Portland, and is a fine addition to the hotel facilities of the city.

Mr. Clinger, the owner and manager came to Roseburg from Oklahoma only a comparatively short time ago. He purchased the old Grand Hotel, a three story building containing 48 rooms, and has transformed it into a beautiful structure, furnished throughout in a very attractive manner.

Two floors were added, making five altogether, giving a total of 116 rooms aside from the rest rooms, lavatories, baths, linen closets, etc. Forty-eight of these rooms have private baths, while all have the best of conveniences in the way of modern plumbing, heat, etc.

On each floor there are two public tub baths, in addition to public and private showers for the use of guests. In these bathrooms the very best of built-in tubs and attractive fixtures have been provided, and the rooms have been finished in a beautiful manner.

In the basement and on the fifth floor are large, well-lighted sample rooms where salesmen may display their samples to local merchants or other interested persons. The basement also houses a large steam plant which furnishes heat and warm water to the entire building. The heating plant is of an expensive type, and has proven very efficient in providing warmth to the large building. Wood is now being used for fuel, but Mr. Clinger is making arrangements to install an oil burner, which will do away with all of the disagreeable features found in using the other types of fuel.

The lobby on the ground floor is not yet fully completed but will be a very beautiful place when all work has been done. The lobby has been greatly enlarged, and is furnished throughout in heavily upholstered leather furniture, providing great comfort for the guests. The counter, showcases and desk are of heavy oak, this furniture having been built by the J. G. Flook Company of this city.

In the rear of the lobby has been provided a beautiful rest room for the women guests. This room is daintily tinted and is being furnished throughout in French-grey wicker furniture.

On the second floor Mr. Clinger has provided a lounging room which is being furnished with heavily upholstered davenports and chairs so that the comfort of the guests is being provided for.

On each of the other floors comfort and convenience is plainly emphasized in the arrangement and furnishings of the rooms, as well as the many other provisions which have been included in the construction of the building. The furniture used is practically all new and is of a neat design. The electrical fixtures are also of the best adding much to the appearance of the rooms.

The first floor of the building, in addition to accommodating the hotel lobby provides room for a restaurant, barber shop, telegraph office, real estate office and electrical shop.

The cost of the improvements will total nearly \$100,000 when the new construction, furnishings and additions are taken into consideration.

Our Postman's Perquisite

By C. G. HAZARD

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IMPATIENT commuters along the line of the D. L. & W. R. R. used to call it the "Delay, Linger and Wait route," and those who for various reasons were in a hurry to get their mail were tempted to apply the term to our postman. Certainly they could not call him "The Fast Mail." To the pace of a tortoise he added conversational abilities that arrested him with passing acquaintances and interests that detained him upon street corners, so that agonized lovers, who had not had letters since yesterday, would see him heave in sight down the street long before he delivered the precious messages, fretting themselves in the meanwhile.

But he was so interested in our postals, so sympathetic in our disappointments, so willing to take packages and letters down to the office and to buy us stamps, and such a bond between us and our friends afar, that we forgave him even when he was a missing link and brought us nothing, and always upon New Year's day we were glad to make both him and ourselves happy with not unexpected, but fairly earned bills on our Uncle Sam.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

WE wish to express our appreciation of your confidence and support during the past year, and hope we may deserve them in ever-growing degree during 1924. We have made some mistakes during the past year, and are apt to make some more next year. But we feel that our batting average is high enough to merit your support and patronage.

We want you to feel that this is YOUR business, for without your support we could not stay in business and grow as the business has grown from the start. Whenever you see anything you think should or might be changed, do not hesitate to tell us about it. We will not feel that you are hostile because you tell us about it. On the contrary, we will take it as a proof of friendly interest. We may not agree with you but we will appreciate your interest and help any way. Since we began you have honored us with over \$415,000 of your business, which we have handled as cheaply and ably as we could. We are very proud of the confidence you have shown in this business of yours and thank you sincerely.

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