

IRON WORKS HAS BIG TRADE AREA IN EAST OREGON

Foundry Operated by D. J. Fitzgerald Supplies Large Territory

FOLLOWING FIRES REBUILDS PLANT

Latest Type of Machinery Installed so as to Step up Capacity of his Company.

In spite of numerous reverses, principally loss by fire, the La Grande Iron Works, owned by D. J. Fitzgerald, has come out stronger during the 22 years of operation in La Grande.

After owning a foundry in Portland, Wash., where years before he came to La Grande, Mr. Fitzgerald in 1905 opened an establishment where the I. O. F. temple, formerly the U. M. C. A. building, now stands. His shop then was 45 by 55 feet and he did general blacksmithing, wagon repair, foundry work and machine repairs. In 1914 or 1915 he sold his property to the Y. M. C. A. and established his foundry on Cedar street near Sprague street. Just last October he reopened a modern building following a second fire. The plant was first destroyed a few years ago and was rebuilt a few months later.

Heavy Fire Loss

The second fire, coming June 22, 1926, caused a loss of approximately \$40,000, including \$15,000 to \$17,500 in valuable patterns, some of which he had had for more than a score of years and which were difficult to duplicate. Mr. Fitzgerald rebuilt a larger building then, increasing the foundry part in size and installing a great amount of new machinery, including an electrical welding plant, which he operated in addition to the acetylene welding plant. The electric machine is capable of producing work that the acetylene plant cannot and is also more efficient and economical besides increasing the capacity of his plant considerably.

More Floor Space

He continued his repair work following the fire in a nearby building. When the present building was completed in October, he resumed his work in his new quarters, which have a floor space of nearly 12,000 square feet.

Two warehouses are also utilized by him, serving as storage room for machinery.

In addition to his foundry work Mr. Fitzgerald handles blacksmith coal, disposing of approximately five carloads annually in addition to the amount he used himself. He also carries a stock of shavings,

THE BOHNENKAMP BLOCK



The W. H. Bohnenkamp company, one of the pioneer businesses of La Grande, occupies both the four-story Bohnenkamp building pictured above on the corner of Adams avenue and Elm street, and the lower floor of the four-story hotel, Masonic building, to the right. In the next block is the La Grande National Bank building, the Stewart brick building and the La Grande Investment Company building, all handsome two-story structures. The La Grande National bank is on the corner across Elm from the Bohnenkamp building and also houses the Security Land & Savings company, and the Eastern Oregon Music company's store. Woodworth's store is next and then comes Hill's Department store, Red Cross drug store, Ruff's Barber shop, and the La Grande Investment company and the Equitable Savings bank.

Employs 10 or More Men

He operates his business the year round and ordinarily employs 19 men, although he has as high as 14 or 17 working when conditions require extra help.

The average payroll of the La Grande Iron Works is around \$18,000 to \$17,000.

The trade area of the company is large, it abating with a foundry in Baker the entire Eastern Oregon territory. The local plant serves Union, Wallowa and Umatilla counties.

Largest in East Oregon

The business is probably the largest of its kind in the eastern half of the state. The ground where the iron works is located has a 400-foot frontage. A blacksmith shop, a welding department where both the acetylene and electric welding are done, a pattern department, machine shop and iron and steel rack occupy one room of the building—328 by 14 feet—and the foundry occupies the other room, which is 40 by 76 in dimensions.

When the new plant was built a concrete floor was installed instead of the wood floor in the shop. More lighting facilities were provided for.

The machinery now in the shop includes three iron lathes, a wood lathe, an iron planer, shaper, knee-welder, radial drill, upright drill, bolt cutter, power hammer and boring mill.

Making Patterns Patterns for anything to be

modeled of iron, brass, bronze or even aluminum are made of wood in the pattern department of the shop and are then sent to the foundry where imprints of them are made in the molding sand, a mixture of clay and sand, by packing the patterns in forms filled with the sand. The pattern is removed after it is left long enough for the molding sand to settle and a hole is made in the upper form large enough to pour the hot metal through. The metal is measured according to the weight of the article to be made and melted in the cupola. It is carried from there in large ladles and poured into the form. The hot metal runs into every little imprint made by the pattern and when cooled assumes the desired shape.

Casting Capacity

Castings at the foundry is ordinarily done every four days but it can be done every day. The plant can three times weekly with ease.

The foundry has its own private railway spur which is necessary in receiving carloads of steel and iron, blacksmith coal, etc.

In addition to the regular foundry and shop work Mr. Fitzgerald specializes in making Harry steel

When a man is constitutionally lazy, he has to work twice as hard as the energetic man to make a success in life.

TWO NEW MUSIC STORES OPENED

Three Exclusive Establishments Now Operate in La Grande

With the opening of the two new music stores in La Grande within the past month La Grande now has three exclusive music stores in addition to two other stores which handle musical instruments—namely Carr's Furniture company, which has a Victrola and record department, and the Glass Music company, which handles Brunswick machines.

The Eastern Oregon Music company is the oldest of the music stores here and is owned by T. K. Bellamy. The musical stock was purchased by Mr. Bellamy and Mr. R. H. Baker July 6, 1926, from H. M. Bailey, who owned one of the earlier piano stores in La Grande. The company was owned by Baker and Bailey for nine years, when Mr. Bellamy purchased Mr. Baker's interest.

Modern Store

When the stock was purchased by Bellamy and Baker it was moved to the present store in the La Grande National Bank building, 46 Adams avenue, where the former telephone office was located up to that time. The rooms were completely remodelled by the new music company and the upstairs balcony reconstructed. Later music booths were built down stairs, making it into one of the most modern music stores.

Additional room is needed at present and plans are being considered to put in extensive sales rooms in the basement of the building to be completed by Nov. 1. The fact that the company buys pianos in large quantities makes it necessary to have more room than is ordinarily the case. By buying in that manner money is saved for the customer and it is possible for the company to maintain Chicago prices.

The leading piano handled by the Eastern Oregon Music company is the Mason-Hamlin. The company also carries a complete line of Kimball pianos. The Kimball Piano company is the largest in the United States and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The company also has the largest factory in the United States, which is located in Chicago. The first piano manufactured by the company 25 years ago is still in use in Chicago.

In addition to pianos the music company carries a line of Brunswick phonographs and in the near future expects to add Kimball phonographs, which will be the first time this particular kind of phonograph has been introduced in La Grande. Brunswick and Goldette records are handled in addition to a complete line of sheet music, Paramount dances and York and Pan-American sound instruments.

Rapid Growth The business has had a rapid growth during its seven years in La Grande, and for the past few years the annual sales have amounted to around \$50,000 consistently, with practically no fluctuation.

Five salespeople are employed by the music company, and Union, Wallowa and Umatilla counties are covered regularly. J. A. Gray, who was employed during 1925 and 1926, has just recently rejoined the company as salesman. He is a public entertainer, having been a lecturer and also a comedian, and the company plans to furnish entertainment to any association, church or lodge free of charge.

Wins Trip By reaching the sales quota set by the Kimball Piano company, Mr. Bellamy this year won a trip to Chicago, and will leave here about Sept. 1. He will visit various Eastern points in addition to Chicago. While away he plans to attend the Dealey-Palmer flight, tickets for the flight having already been purchased.

Two New Companies The two new music companies in La Grande is the Adler Music company and the Baldwin Piano company.

The Adler company is by no means new in Eastern Oregon. A store at Baker, of which the local company is a branch, was established in 1927. George Tink is manager of the company here and Mrs. H. M. Bay is floor saleswoman. The store is located in a part of the building occupied by the Newlin Book and Stationery company, the music company having purchased the music stock previously handled by the stationery company.

Everything musical is sold by the company, including band instruments, Victrolas, Victor records, and smaller musical instruments, Goldettes, Victor-Horn and Charming Records, and a large stock of sheet music and all types of standard musical instruction books.

The Baldwin Company The Baldwin Piano company, however, is new in this part of the state, and the store here was the first to be located in Eastern Oregon. The company has had agents in the various towns in this section of the state for some time, however.

The Baldwin store is the only exclusive piano store in the city, and a full stock of Baldwin pianos will be carried—including grand, play and upright models. Lyric Canner is the manager of the store, and about six salespeople will be employed when the company starts operating full blast. Mr. Canner has been sales manager for a number of years and has been connected with the company for 14 years.

The company's factories are located in Chicago and Cincinnati. Stockland Brothers of Cove have brought home prizes from the four corners on exhibits made of their wonderful cherries, which have made Cove famous far and wide. At every World Exposition since 1893 they have won gold medals given their cherry exhibits.

Beefsteak Club Loses U. S. Member

LONDON (AP)—With the death of John Drew, American actor, the famous Beefsteak club has lost its only American member.

The club was founded 51 years ago by John Toole, prominent on the English stage, and its name commemorates the gathering which its members held in Toole's private apartments over the tender steaks for which he was famous.

But it was not the first Beefsteak club, nor the last. Two hundred years ago a club by the same name numbered among its members the monarch, king of the day, with a grandson as their emperor, and after Toole's Beefsteak club was formed, Lord Peterborough gathered together kindred spirits in similar fashion under the name of "The Beefsteak Society of France."

Local Airport Seen in Future

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larger cities in Eastern Oregon will have their own air depots the service to become local and serve not only La Grande City, Boise and Pocatello, but the immediate territory, but the entire route.

La Grande, because of its geographical location—midway between Boise and Pocatello, and because of the large territory which it serves, is regarded by many as the logical place for the most important airport between Boise and Pocatello and likely to be the first installed.

Extensive Surveys

Government officials, connected with the airways division of the bureau of lighthouses, department of commerce, have been conducting surveys in this territory all summer and early this month, official announcement that a large emergency landing field, on the J. P. Poy property along the Old Oregon Trail highway, would be ready for use this fall. It will be surrounded by 100 foot intervals and all obstructions to approach or take-off will be removed with red lights.

To local circles, representing him of a future local service, it is predicted that this is the first step toward the eventual opening of a permanent airport, which will not only take and give United States mail but will also serve passengers.

Another improvement that is announced is the installation of two large beacon lights, placed on 100-foot steel towers to guide aviators into the La Grande field. One will be strategically placed on Rucker peak, the summit just west of La Grande, and the other will be across part of the valley on a high point above Hat Lake.

These navigation aids will contain a 1,000-watt lamp which rotates once in ten seconds. Commercial power will be utilized and operation will be automatic. A very risky valve being employed to turn the light on at dusk and off in the daytime. The device is extremely sensitive to any kind of light so that the lamp will burn on cloudy or dark days.

It is expected that this emergency landing field will be extensively used during the coming winter. Because of the mountainous country to be traversed on both sides of the Grande Ronde valley, fliers have in the past often landed in La Grande to either refuel or to repair their motors for the remainder of the journey.

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A BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCE



The beautiful new residence building above pictured is located at the corner of Washington avenue and Walnut street, and belongs to Adolph Siegrist. It is of Dutch Colonial type, which originated in America about 1717, first being built in the Hudson valley and on Long Island. It was erected recently but particularly early last year taken to adorn the grounds. The charming scenery at the left and the slope retaining wall, with the sloping lawn running down to it, make this place doubly attractive.

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Marble, Granite Company Prospers

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is shipped in here from Vermont. It is from there that Barry granite comes, which is known as one of the best granites available. Some granite is also received from California and some from Washington and from Canada.

The granite is received in large blocks from 18 to 22 feet in length and from six to 14 inches thick, and in any width desired. The marble is received in wooden crates and is already cut. Shipments are received at the factory here as often as the demand calls for.

A large amount of marble and granite are carried in stock, and all orders are easily filled by the company.

Those for cutting the stone are run by compressed air, and one building houses a special air plant for this purpose. The plant is completely equipped with such tools as are necessary for work of this kind. The place also has machinery for sharpening tools, which is an important factor in the marble and granite business. The sharpening work is done by the workmen.

A large number of patterns are carried in stock by the company, and are stamped on the stone and then cut out by the use of the air-run machines.

A part of the company's business is in addition to making monuments, is the delivering and setting up of them. Stones are received in large quantities at the plant to be used as bases, a large part of them coming from nearby points.

About ten years ago all of the base stones were obtained locally. Mr. Davis running a quarry about three miles north of the city for about five years from which these stones were taken. The quarry was closed down several years ago, however, and since then these stones have been sent in from other nearby points.

BERLINERS OBJECT TO HORSEMAN'S SPURRING

BERLIN (AP)—A Bodouin horseman at the Berlin Zoological Garden caused a public demonstration recently. He dug his spurs as deeply into his mount that the animal dropped with blood.

A storm of protests was hurled at the rider. The performance terminated abruptly in a pandemonium of shrill whistling—which in Germany is always a sign of the severest disapproval.

HOW ABOUT The Mud and Slush This Winter?

Property Pride

Signs of progress and evidences of property improvement are identical. The unprogressive town is the town that lacks improved streets that lack sanitary facilities that lack good schools, etc.

The unprogressive property is the property that is ill-kept, that is lacking in convenience, that is devoid of property pride.

La Grande's progress is perhaps best worthy of comment and it is receiving wide recognition, because of its sanitary, municipal and industrial property improvements. It is a thoroughly modern capital of Eastern Oregon, a city to be envied.

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