

ONE OF EASTERN OREGON'S BIGGEST INDUSTRIES

La Grande is the lumber manufacturing center of Eastern Oregon. Union and Wallowa counties possess large stands of timber that represent tremendous potential wealth in payrolls and resultant buying power.

Progress in this community in the last few years, as in the entire state of Oregon, has gone hand-in-hand with industrial activity and growth. It is a progress in which the industry as well as the community takes great pride.

A Few Facts About Bowman-Hicks

The company owns timber, largely in Wallowa county, to enable cutting for both the mill here and at Wallowa for many years. The two-mill capacity is approximately one hundred million feet of lumber annually under normal conditions.

Last year the company cut 71,000,000 feet and 84,000,000 in 1925. With improved market conditions and greater consumption higher production is the rule.

The payroll and merchandise expenditures with two shifts in operation total well over a million and a quarter dollars annually.

The company town of Maxville has a varying population of four to six hundred people and two to four hundred men are occupied in the woods to keep both mills supplied with logs. The company owns and operates its own railroad to Maxville from Wallowa and into the timber stands.

Western offices are located in La Grande, general offices in Kansas City, Mo., sales distribution being made largely in Middle Western and Eastern states.

In a lumbering area there is a double advantage to the community. Lumber provides payrolls, requires large quantities of merchandise, is a constant user of transportation facilities. Lumber builds homes and business structures, provides employment for every building trade, increases property values and tax valuations.

Lumber is a most important consideration in determining the prosperity and progress attained by La Grande in the last several years. This company, incidentally, is one of Eastern Oregon's biggest industries. Its plant here, under the ownership of the Palmer Lumber company as well as the present corporation, has been and will continue to be, we hope, a valuable factor in Eastern Oregon's progress.

As a convenience for the local market we maintain a retail sales department that is equipped to supply lumber needs in all grades. Blue Mountain Pine manufactured here is of unexcelled quality and is the preferred material not only for fine finish but for roughing in and framing. Our retail office will be glad to make estimates on any lumber requirements.

BOWMAN-HICKS LUMBER CO.

Mills at Wallowa and La Grande
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