



Two and a Quarter Million Is Annual Factory Payroll

**1400 Men Employed in Making Union County Manufactured
Products—Markets Extend Throughout the World—Fig-
ures Do Not Include Railroad, Highway Shop Payrolls.**

A total of \$2,210,750 as the combined payroll of Union county manufacturing plants and a total of 1429 men employed regularly, was disclosed in a survey just completed by The Observer in connection with the Home Products show to be held in the Sacajawea ballroom tomorrow night and Saturday. These totals comprise only those firms that are classified as manufacturers and do not include the payroll or number of employes in the railroad shops and in the normal business activities of the city of the state highway shops which have a substantial payroll. With these included the industrial payroll of the La Grande territory would show a total in excess of \$5,000,000 according to conservative estimates.

The products produced by these Union county factories in the making of which two and a quarter million dollars are spent for labor, range all the way from lumber to cigars. Reports show that markets for these products extend throughout the United States and into foreign countries. Most of them will be on display in booths at the Home Products show when a concentrated effort to impress the community with the value and importance of Union county manufacturing plants and of the desirability of home products will be made.

Among the institutions employing a large number of men and having a big payroll are the Mt. Emily Lumber company and the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company with a total payroll of a million and three-quarters dollars and about 1200 men employed. The Grande Ronde Meat company employs 35

men and has a payroll of over \$70,000 a year and the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company has about the same number of men in this territory. The flour mills, located at Island City, La Grande, Union and Elgin, employ 30 men and have a payroll of \$60,750 and the Evening Observer is next with 20 on the payroll, which totals over \$55,000 a year. The La Grande Bakery employs 18 and has a \$35,000 payroll and the Blue Mountain creamery with 12 employed has a payroll of \$24,000. Other substantial institutions include the La Grande Iron works, the Union creamery, Andrews Brothers' tailoring shop, Sanford's candy kitchen, Gwilliams Electric Bakery and the job printing plants.

The importance of this two and a quarter million dollar factory payroll and its effect on the general community prosperity is given emphasis by facts that show practically all of this money spent in the La Grande territory each year and all of the people employed residing here.

Those who have studied the manufacturing situation and the need for more payrolls point out that a growth of 10 per cent in factories already established here would result in added payrolls of nearly a quarter of a million dollars a year. The Home Products show is designed to emphasize this possibility to the people throughout Union county and is a beginning of a campaign to acquaint all local citizens of the community with the quality and value of Union county made products.

**Don't Fail to Attend the Home Products Show
Friday and Saturday; Free Entertainment and Prizes**