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CANNERY MEN HERE.

Look Over the Plant of Old Cannery to Purchase.

Co-operative Company, 8 Miles From Railroad Make Big Success in Last Four Years.

Charles Hubbard, a former Independence man, was in Independence with L. L. Thornton, manager, H. A. Kerr, secretary and Carl Lamar, director of the Equity Queen Canning Company of Unionville, Oregon, Wednesday of this week, to look over the plant of the Independence cannery with a view of purchasing a part of the machinery and moving it to their canning plant.

They will employ in this plant this year 100 women and from eight to ten men for about a period of seven months.

The editor interviewed these men while they were in the city and Mr. Kerr, in this conversation stated: "Our plan is to pay on the raw material at the market price at the time of delivery. Then we go ahead and put the product through the processing and can it and market it. After it is marketed we take out the expense of the operation of the plant and marketing and from this profit left we deduct 25 per cent of the net profits which is placed into a sinking fund, and the 75 per cent balance goes to the growers in proportion to the amount of raw material furnished. This percentage stays in the company as an asset, and we pay 8 per cent interest to the owners of this percentage, and it stays in the property as a reserve fund until such time as the stockholders vote to dissolve this profit and return it to the parties entitled to it. This insures a working capital in cash in excess of our capital stock, and surplus. We market through brokers at the present time, having found that this plan has been the most successful during the last two years. We have placed orders already for \$50,000 of the berry crop for future delivery and find a ready market for everything we produce. We expect this year to run about \$200,000 worth of products through our plant.

The growing of string beans, carrots, beets, turnips, spinach, squash and pumpkins have been our main lines of vegetables and on river bottom land sweet corn and peas will make a good return. On the acre you can produce five tons of Kentucky Wonder beans and about three tons of Refugee beans, which at \$60 per ton will net from \$180 to \$300 to the acre. Carrots, beets, turnips and root crops of this nature should run about \$10 per ton, and you should get from these crops from 20 to 30 tons to the acre, or from \$200 to \$300 to the acre on these crops. Cabbage is profitable either canned or as saur kraut and will run probably about \$100 per acre as net profit.

War conditions have not changed conditions materially. While we only got about three cents four years ago for evergreen and

Logan berries and these now bring about four cents, yet there is some increase in the cost of production. We will probably pay four and a half or five cents this year for our berries. There is no crop that you can grow that is so productive of value as the evergreen blackberry. It resists all classes of pests, and is not only blight proof but is practically frost proof and the vines cannot be killed after they are once started, and the acreage yield is enormous. This year we handled 100 tons of evergreen berries.

When asked by the editor of the Monitor what was his honest opinion about the people taking hold of this evaporating plant, we were talking of here he said: "Your farmers will miss the greatest opportunity they have ever had to put their farms on a paying basis if they neglect this opportunity. The prices offered as you have shown them to me in the Monitor are fair and equitable and about the market prices as we know them and our experience of four years in this business causes me to say I speak advisedly. Your bottom land is better than the land we have and your up land is of a like character of that in our section, consequently your farmers should make even better returns than I have shown in this report. You should bring this home with force to the farmers and as a farmer and one of the 125 successful vegetable and fruit raisers in our section I would state that you cannot quote me too strong by saying that I know the people of Independence have a golden opportunity in the offer you have explained to me."

The gentlemen only had a few hours to stay here in the city and were busy every moment with their own affairs, consequently the editor was forced to go with them to the old cannery building in order to get the facts I have taken so much pains to secure for the information of those interested in this opportunity for our city.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

A fine meeting was held in their hall last Friday night and two were taken over the sands and learned some of the mysteries. The coming Friday the lodge again meets and a like pleasant entertainment is promised.

The R. A. M. have changed, to have their regular meeting nights of the 1st of each month.

INCOME TAX NOTICE.

B. Frank Miller of the collector of customs office will be in Dallas March 20 to and including March 22, 1918, to assist those having income taxes to pay to make their reports.

The time for collection has been extended to April 1, 1918, in which to pay your 1917 income tax. Penalties will be liable after April 1, so it is to the advantage of every one who comes within the limit to report before that date.

Dean Girard, who is a corporal in the marine service, returned Monday for a visit with relatives and friends. He is stationed at Mare Island, California.

A station agent will be established in Independence in a short time by the Valley and Siletz railroad.

HOLSUM, the true Victory Bread, made clean, sold clean and delivered clean, a money saver.

OUR BOYS AT THE FRONT.

Items Picked up About Independence People.

Where They Are, What They Are Doing, Lodge Notes, Etc.

Lyon Lodge No. 29, A. F. and A. M., has just received their new service flag with ten stars, each star representing one boy gone from the lodge to serve his country. At the meeting of the fraternity in Independence Wednesday evening it was decided to hold a joint service of the Eastern Star and Masonic lodge at their hall in a short time to fittingly unveil the flag. Dr. Dunsmore, Mr. H. S. Wood and Mr. B. Smith have been appointed a committee to complete arrangements. The boys from this lodge in service are George A. Burkhead, Ranie P. Burkhead, A. L. Kullander, K. L. French, Marion Butler, Julius R. Weinart, Ivan Laughary, Shafer Eldridge and Clarence L. Eaton.

Independence Chapter No. 25, R. A. M. are also having a service flag made and this flag when dedicated will carry four stars for the following boys at the front: K. L. French, A. L. Kullander, W. D. Butler and Dr. C. F. Cropp. D. D. Good is in charge of the plans for the Royal Arch Branch in this matter.

Hobart Dickson, a brother of Frank Dickson of the Dickson

market, who has been in the navy for four years, is leaving France where he has been in charge of a signal service station, for Independence to visit for a few weeks with his relatives and friends. Mr. Dickson announces he will again enlist for service during the term of the war. His present position gives him power to train from 20 to 30 men for signal service and this work is important for the government. He is expected back any date.

Ray Dickson has arrived in France and is in the aviation service. His mother, Mrs. O. F. Dickson, received word from him that he was in charge of a flying machine while in Texas before leaving for France and has learned how to become a "bird man."

J. S. Cooper, Jr., who is now at Jacksonville, Florida, expects to be sent to France soon. He is in the automobile section and has charge of temporary repairs on military roads. Each commissioned officer will have two sergeants under him, and will be in command of important work, and Mr. Cooper is informed he will be advanced to a First Lieutenant after reaching France.

Mr. Wm. McKinney notifies the editor of this paper that he has two boys and one girl working for Uncle Sam. Rolla and William are in the army service, while Aletha is working as a stenographer at Bremerton. William was under draft age but had the spirit of patriotism and is doing good work.

All licensed engineers received a call from the U. S. government to register, and several boys in Polk county have received instructions along this line.

INDEPENDENCE LAUNDRY

Steam Laundry Here One of Best Equipped in State.

Every Facility For a Town of 10,000 in our Local Plant.

A new garage is being built by the Independence Steam Laundry in which to keep their big auto laundry wagon. A cement foundation will be placed in the garage and it will be a model garage for a model laundry.

While looking up this piece of news the editor was shown thru the laundry by Mr. E. A. Dunkel, the owner and manager of the plant, and quite a surprise was awaiting my inspection.

Starting at the rear of the building we found they had discarded their old boiler and have installed a new 45-horse power boiler, used for running the washing machines, operate the engine and pumps and furnish steam for the dry room and heat for the big \$1200 dryer.

In the same room with the boiler is a big soap vat of iron in which 800 pounds of soap is made at one time and Mr. Dunkel makes all the soap necessary for his plant. There was a big vat of soap in the process of cooling while I was in the plant.

Next visited the dry room, which carries a heat of 260 de-

grees, is metal lined and has a capacity of from 250 to 300 shirts at one time.

In the wash room, which has a cement floor, there are established three rotary washing machines, two centrifugal water extractors and the necessary accessories for assembling and handling the washing.

In this plant there are installed a first class combined shirt and collar machine, a neck band and cuff machine, collar and seam dampener, electric collar s'per, a hot steam collar tube for dry finishing, four electric ironing boards, equipped with a center holder and sleeve board attachments.

The flat work ironer is a men-strous machine with an ironing surface of 100 inches and will handle sheets at the rate of four per minute, ironing and drying at the same time. This machine alone cost \$1200 and will take a sheet of letter paper or tissue paper and run it through without it sticking or tearing, all being equipped with the latest device in rollers.

The plant employs six hands and should have the patronage of the country surrounding Independence as there is not a better plant south of Portland. When a man places in the city the equipment that Mr. Dunkel has placed in the Independence laundry he has helped the business interests of the town to a great extent and deserves public acknowledgement of his efforts and energy and progressiveness. The Monitor is certainly pleased to see this institution in the shape it is and thinks it speaks much for our little city.

CALL MADE FOR 90,000

Polk County Will Furnish Seven Men at This Time.

Only 369 Men Will be Called From Oregon at This Time for Service.

Special to the Monitor: Portland, Oregon, March 14.

Oregon must furnish 369 men for military service and entrain them for Camp Lewis, Wash., between March 23 and April 2, as its share of 90,000 men to be called up throughout the United States on those dates.

No county in the state is to be exempted from this draft call, according to orders just received from the war department by the Adjutant General of Oregon. The 369 men to be taken from the state on this call will be credited later on the quota Oregon is called to furnish in the new draft, the date of which is yet to be announced.

To fill the present call, the 369 men required will be inducted out of Class I in sequence of their order numbers. Here is the number of men each county will be required to furnish:

- Baker 11
Benton 6
Clackamas 15
Clatsop 13
Columbia 8
Coos 12
Crook 2
Curry 2
Deschutes 5
Douglas 9
Gilliam 3
Grant 4
Harney 4
Hood River 8
Jackson 2
Jefferson 3
Josephine 4
Klamath 4
Lake 4

WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT

Independence Plant Helps Ship Building.

Independence Garage and Machine Shop Equipped for Everything.

G. H. Wood, manager of the machine shop, located just north of the Irvin Baun barn, stated to the editor this week that he was making ship adzs, ship slicks and preparing to make a new style ship clamp for use in government work. He has an order in now from one of the plants in Portland and states he will secure additional labor so as to turn out some of this government work.

After talking with Mr. Wood the editor decided to go down to the plant and look it over. The plant is well equipped for all classes of machine work. There is installed a turning lathe, a shaper, drill presses, iron cut-off saws, emery grinders, forges, belt hammer and other equipment, and adjoining is a wood working department with a band saw and other equipment for all classes of wheelwright work.

The plant has a floor space of about 6000 square feet, is electrically equipped throughout and is modern in every detail. Mr. Wood worked for the United States Reclamation service of the government as a master mechanic in the machine department for about nine years and has had a great deal of experience in all classes of work. He has invented a new clamp for pulling plank or other wood parts of a ship to their places, and plans making these clamps in Independence for the use of the government in the ship building work. If this plan succeeds and we have no doubt that it will it will mean a big industry for the city. He is already working on contracts with the government ship builders making ship adzs and ship slicks and his work in this line alone will require additional labor in his plant.

This plant is run as an adjunct to the Independence garage, but being operated independent, does all classes of blacksmith, machine and wood working work, and consequently is an independent institution in this line.

GETTING THE SPIRIT.

George Rose is always progressive and plans for the future. He sees a little stream of gold in the possibilities of diversity and so will not put all his eggs in one basket. To the editor of the Monitor Mr. Rose stated: "I am planning to plant a large acreage in beans, potatoes, corn and special hay crops this year. I believe this bottom land will yield me a good return and the demand now seems unlimited in the diversified industry crops and I plan on adjusting my land to help supply this demand."

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Chairman C. E. Barrick of the thrift stamp committee announced the first of the week that he had appointed his committee for the publicity work in connection with this drive. The committee as appointed consists of Prof. Wright, Dr. Dunsmore, Rev. Yarnes, F. E. Young, Roy R. DeArmond, J. S. Bohannon, A. C. Moore, R. W. Baker and Homer Wood.

EXPLANATION AND COPY OF THE CONTRACT

Every Farmer in Polk County Should Put in a Few Acres of Vegetables to Help. It is a War Duty. Sign and Mail the Agreement to Us

In Signing this contract you are binding yourself only for year 1818-9. Horst Bros. Guarantee price for your product. Read carefully first column article and then as a Business Man and Farmer ask yourself is this a Good Thing for Me?

AGREEMENT

In Consideration of the construction in the City of Independence, Polk County, Oregon, by E. Clemens Horst Company, a corporation, hereinafter called the Horst Company, of a plant for the drying of vegetables, and of the agreement by said Horst Company to purchase vegetables suitable for drying purposes, grown on the lands herein after described, we, the undersigned Farmers, residents of Polk County, Oregon, do hereby promise and agree to and with said Horst Company, to well and faithfully till and plant with such vegetables, the number of acres and premises set opposite our respective names, and at the proper times satisfactory to said Horst Company, to harvest, sell, and deliver to said Horst Company at said plant, all such vegetables grown on such lands during the year 1918, and such as may mature during the fall and winter seasons of 1918-19, at the following prices:-

Table with 2 columns: Vegetable Name and Price per ton. Includes Turnips and carrots, Cabbage, Celery, String beans, Onions, Tomatoes, Spinach, Beets.

The Horst Company shall be under no obligation to comply with this agreement in any particular unless sufficient acreage in the aggregate shall be, by the undersigned, cultivated, and vegetables therefrom furnished, at all times to keep said plant in operation to its maximum capacity.

Each of the undersigned Farmers also hereby agrees to individually to enter into a contract with E. Clemens Horst Company at the proper time for the sale and delivery to said Horst Company at its plant in Independence, Oregon, the crop to be grown on the acreage herein set opposite his name.

NAME ACRES & VEGETABLES PRICE LAND DESCRIPTION

Sign on this line giving acreage, kind of crops, price of vegetable, location of your farm. Cut out and mail Monitor.

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