

PROGRESS ON WOOLEN MILLS.

St. Johns' Great Industrial Enterprise Is Nearing Completion.

One of the most magnificent investments the enterprising people of St. Johns ever made was that in which they contributed a site of six acres of water front territory within the corporate limits of this little city to those who were promoting the woolen mills enterprise. The contest between rival points for this great industrial institution was vigorous during a protracted campaign; but the business people of St. Johns realizing what such an enterprise meant for the growth and future welfare of this ambitious town, won the battle—and they have already begun to reap a gratifying reward for their energy and foresight. During the four months of active work in the construction of the several buildings for the various departments of the enterprise the Woolen Mills Company has paid out an average of \$6,000 a month for labor employed. The company's payroll, when under full operation, will be at least \$7,000 a month, paid to about 175 employees. So, it may be clearly seen that the people of St. Johns are not required to guess as to the outcome of their recent investment in the site as an inducement to this big company to locate in this more than ordinary promising town. It will do more than any other one thing to develop and enlarge the vigorous growth of our little city and to urge it substantially to the realization of its manifest destiny.

When a Review reporter called on Superintendent Charles H. Carter on Tuesday for information relative to the progress of the work of constructing the buildings and preparing them for business occupancy, he found that gentleman in a most affable and obliging mood. "We will have all of the departments of the enterprise in full operation between now and February," said Mr. Carter, "at which time we will employ somewhere between 150 and 175 operatives, the majority of whom will be chosen from St. Johns' population. In fact, in every case where it is possible we will give the preference to the people of this city," he continued. "Much of the work required may be classed as skilled labor, but we have experts in every department who are teaching those who may not have had any previous experience in this line of employment. In that way we will make it possible for the work to be wholly in the hands of local people. The monthly payroll will be approximately \$7,000, or nearly a hundred thousand dollars a year—which is a considerable sum to be distributed among the business people at St. Johns. Many new homes will be made with this money and consequently additions to the business houses of the place may be easily estimated. We are just now starting out with our samples and are losing no time in getting ready for business, with a full force of operatives at work."

The Woolen Mills Company was incorporated for \$300,000. Its officers are: President, W. P. Olds; secretary and manager, E. L. Thompson; superintendent, Chas. H. Carter.

The factory consists of one main building of brick, 100x200 feet, two floors; boiler house, 40x55; scouring rooms, 55x100; wool sorting department, 40x110, two floors; mixing rooms, 50x70; dye house, 30x110; fuel house, 30x50 and 30 feet high. A water tower has been erected, holding a tank with a capacity of 40,000 gallons, for fire protection. In addition to this, each department is provided with automatic sprinklers, which are placed eight feet apart, both ways. In case of a fire, the fuses are set off automatically at 150 degrees of heat. In this way the buildings may be flooded with water before an ordinary fire department could respond to an alarm. Heat to the extent of 150 degrees will set off the fuses, whether there is anybody about the building or not. It is a modern protection against loss by fire and is certainly effective, as many tests have abundantly proven. The buildings are steam heated throughout.

The annual product of the mills will be worth from \$450,000 to \$500,000. In the course of a year the institution will use up, approximately, 1,000,000 pounds of wool. About fifty per cent of the product will be sold in the East. The remainder will be marketed in Portland and San Francisco.

Out of the 175 employees about 80 will be women. Most comfortable quarters have been provided for the operatives. A lunch room is one of the features of the institution. Each employee will have a locker for the safe-keeping of such wearing apparel

as it is necessary to discard before going to work.

Special care has been taken with the construction of the grounds and buildings. The condition produced in this respect is about as nearly perfect as modern science can make it.

The site covers an area of six acres, the streets being vacated. The warehouse goods may be delivered to both the railroad and to vessels at the dock, or received from the same sources very conveniently.

Piling is now being driven for an extensive dock.

The plant has a capacity of twice that of the Sellwood mills, the operation of which was formerly conducted by practically the same company at the latter place.

In addition to the number of other industrial enterprises in St. Johns, the people of the city very properly regard the woolen mills as a big acquisition to the commercial interests of the town. It has already given the community great prominence in the local business world, and the advantage it will afford in that respect have only begun to appear.

CHURCH NOTES.

Seventh Day Adventist.—Sabbath school at 10 A. M.; regular service at 11 A. M. every Sabbath. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. E. D. Hurlbert, Elder.

M. E. Church.—Preaching 11 A. M. and 7 P. M.; Sunday school 10 A. M.; class meeting 12 M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30 P. M. Epworth League, 6:30 P. M. Sunday. Junior League 2:30 P. M. Sunday.

The First United Evangelical church of St. Johns.—Preaching every Sunday at 7:30 P. M. and 11 A. M.; Sunday school at 10 A. M.; Jr. K. L. C. E., at 2:30 P. M.; Sr. K. L. C. E., at 6:45 P. M.; Prayer meeting on Thursday at 7:30 P. M., the first half hour spent in subjective study of the new Testament, last half in devotional service. Song service every Friday at 7:30 P. M. All are invited and welcome to attend the services announced above. E. E. McVicker, pastor.

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