

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

A Great Institution

A manufacturing proposition in Portland that is shipping goods East as far as Boston in amounts of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually is attracting attention. The Portland Woolen Mills at St. Johns is not only running full-handed, but is running three shifts, its roll of employes numbering 530 persons. This is at a time, too, when many woolen mills are shut down throughout the country and many thousands of employes are unable to find employment in Eastern woolen mill manufacturing centers. The output per employe is the highest in the world and its quality is rated as equal to any. Recently a man who was efficiency expert for 24 woolen mills in the United States came to Portland especially to study the methods whereby such high output was secured.

The Portland Woolen Mills this year has handled wool purchases to the total of 4,000,000 pounds and the entire capacity of the mills is engaged up to April or May. Its shipment of goods has been more than \$2,000,000 in value. Many of the largest manufacturers of clothing in Chicago, Cleveland, Boston and New York are taking all that can be turned to them. These orders will be shipped from Portland and next Fall will be shipped back, made up in suits, and sold by Portland clothing dealers. The wool purchased is almost entirely Oregon raised, with some from California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Washington. Very little has been imported wool, the Pacific coast furnishing all grades and lengths. No shoddy is manufactured in the Portland Woolen Mills. It is all of virgin wool cloth and of many varieties.

During the war the mills paid the highest wages and secured the cheapest labor cost production. The employes are not given charity, nor are they pampered or petted or favored. They pay for what they get and get what they pay for. One of the institutions is a mutual benefit association, entirely managed by

the employes and paying \$500 funeral benefits and sick benefits based on wages. Another is the club, which runs a cafeteria managed by employes, and which, by cooperative purchases in large quantities, is able to furnish a better dinner for 19 cents than the average restaurant can furnish for 50 cents. To reduce the overhead cost the young women are placed in committees to do the table serving and only three cooks are employed. In the mills promotions are made from the ranks. Schools and classes of instruction in the different processes are held, and every young man or young woman going into the mills is made to feel that he or she can become head of the department if they make good. During the war years production cost was actually reduced in the face of increasing prices on everything, including supplies, labor and raw materials, by a system of profit-sharing and open book-keeping, cooperation and mutual confidence that extended into every process and developed little economies that aggregated large. The capital invested is \$100,000,000 plus the good will of more than 500 employes.

E. L. Thompson, manager, some years ago decided that if the employes were treated right there would be an increased output and economy of production that would pay. His plans are so different from the ordinary textile manufacturer that failure was freely predicted. There have been no strikes in the Portland Woolen Mills and employes have been made so thoroughly aware of conditions and the business in general that the reductions in pay when necessitated have been accepted without any murmuring or bitterness. The spirit of fraternity is thoroughly discussed through the mills and the desire to help one another is encouraged and likewise pays dividends in increased production. "I would rather be a philanthropist than a successful business man," said E. L. Thompson, "and to be the first I have to be the second."

Products of the mills are equal to the best foreign grades. The latest methods, the same grades of wool

and experts drawn from the best textile factories and designing schools of Europe are employed to look after every detail. Oregon wool is the best in the world, and why should not the buyers for the largest clothing manufacturers in the world wait their turns to secure the output of the best paid, thoroughly contented, highly intelligent crew of operators known to the textile manufacturing interests anywhere in the world?

Some months ago a young Swede asked for employment at the mills and went to work on a loom. It was seen that he was a skilled operative and he was valued accordingly. Through a mutual friend Mr. Thompson was surprised to learn that the young man was a graduate of one of the best textile mill schools in Europe and was a famous designer and executive. He had come to Portland from Sweden to learn how the Portland Woolen Mills turned out such wonderful textures at such remarkable prices with such highly paid operatives. He is now one of the staff of the concern he came to investigate and does not intend to return to Europe.

Every Christmas the employes of the mills are seated at dinner in the beautifully decorated clubhouse. On Saturday, December 24, 1921, the tables were filled with more than 530 operatives, managers and guests, and a dinner was served that some kings in Europe would have envied. After dinner a musical program was given. The looms started up again Tuesday morning with a merry, conscientious, painstaking, skilled body of employes, confident as they work so shall they be rewarded.—Journal.

All normal persons have five senses, and a few have a sixth, known as common.—Polk County Itemizer.

Virgin Wool Overcoats \$14.95. ROGERS.

St. Johns United Evangelical church, J. Holdeman, pastor. A very interesting and enjoyable Christmas program was given last Friday evening to a full house. The little folks and young people did well. The church was beautifully decorated, the work of the decorating committee of which Mrs. Hoskins was the chairman, and the program committee, of which Mrs. Prudham was chairman, and Mrs. Ransome Young, with her class of juniors that done so well, and all others who helped to make the occasion so enjoyable, are very deserving of commendation, and the rising vote of thanks to the committees by the Sunday school last Sunday morning was in order and was an expression of their appreciation by those who were privileged to listen to the program. Rev. Gates, former pastor, preached a very helpful sermon Sunday evening. He is engaged in Evangelistic work for the conference and has recently closed a very successful meeting at Waterloo, Oregon. We were glad to have him with us on Christmas Sunday. The young people will hold their monthly business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Young, 1109 Kellogg street, next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. A good attendance is desired as this will be election of officers for the ensuing six months. Regular services next Sunday morning and evening.—Reported.

The Northwest Wheat Growers, associated, has handled approximately fifteen million bushels of wheat this season and the average price will be \$1.15 a bushel for No. 1 grade, according to the annual report made Monday in Spokane at a meeting of the association.

Many five-pound cartons of Oregon prunes packed by the Eugene Fruit Growers Association are being mailed to the East as Christmas gifts.

Last Friday night was a big one for the little folks. The program prepared by the Sunday school was good in every respect. Each class was represented by one or more members. The Adult Bible Class was not among the least, with Si and Mirandy. Mrs. Shaw's class, which is a credit to their teacher, sang two songs in splendid style. The most difficult number was a little play, "The Sorrows and Joys of Santa Claus," by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Boyd's classes. Santa Claus got there just before it was time to go home. The excitement and festivities of Christmas Day made a showing in the attendance at the services. The new quarterlies are here for the next quarter. The thought for Sunday morning's service will be "Making a New Start." The Christian Endeavor topic will be with the idea of strengthening the society's work as a whole. The evening service will be one of song and a short talk on "Getting By." Next Sunday will be Communion Sunday. There will also be a reception of new members.—Reported.

Chicago is killing 42 persons every week in automobile accidents. In ten and one-half months, from December 31st, 1920, to October 15th, 1921, 582 coffins, each with a body inside, were carried off to Chicago cemeteries as a result of automobile killings. It is exactly the same number of people killed in the Illinois theatre fire, which appalled the civilized world.—Journal.

The North Bend Mill and Lumber Company, which has been closed down for a year, will resume operations the first of the coming year, giving employment to 300 men in mill and camp.

This is open season on pumpkin pies, cranberry sauce, apples and nuts, and Oregon is sure the place that can furnish the same to the queen's taste.—Amity Standard.

We have been informed by Commissioner Pier of a rose planting which will occur in the near future in Pier Park. Now that we have this wonderful location secured for the purpose of recreation, sports, etc., we should put forth every effort, each and every one of us, of beautifying it and making it one of the grandest of its kind in our city, and a park worth while, that one may be proud of. At this opportune time it is the desire of the Fraternal Boosters to have it known to everyone that, starting January 1st, 1922, the Boosters will hold one regular meeting each month, to be held the first Wednesday, and each third Wednesday will be reserved as heretofore as a social evening for all who may feel inclined to be present and enjoy themselves. There will also be a hard times dance at the St. Johns Skating Rink on New Years Eve, Everybody welcome. Good music and the price will be 55 cents for gents and 30 cents for ladies. There will be prizes given to the couple best featured for the occasion. Hold yourselves in readiness for the rose planting at Pier Park. Be present at our future meetings, and do not fail to be present New Years Eve at the big dance at the Rink.—Publicity Manager Fraternal Boosters.

Little Betty Barr of 418 Bristol street celebrated her fourth birthday last week at the home of Mrs. M. B. Green. Mrs. Green is very fond of Betty and had the party at her home. Those present were: Mrs. J. I. Barr and little daughters Gwendolyn and Ethel and Baby Donald, Mrs. A. L. Tribler and her two little sons, Roy and Earl, Mrs. J. O. Bailey and son Bobbie and Mrs. John Hiller and Little Georgia Conway. Dinner was served and all had a splendid time. Betty was generously remembered.

At a meeting of the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran church at Hood River recently the body voted to discontinue the use of the German language after the first of the year.

MULTNOMAH THEATRE

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29 and 30—
R. A. Walsh presents
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Saturday, December 31st—
BEBE DANIELS in "THE MARCH HARE"—Re-start.

Sunday—New Year's Day. Open at 2:30.
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In "TWO MINUTES TO GO"—
First National. A corking good Ray picture.

Monday—Legal Holiday. Open at 2:30.
Mary Pickford
In "THROUGH THE BACK DOOR"—United Artists.
She has never made a better one.

Tuesday, January 3—
Same show as Monday.

Wednesday, January 4th—
ALICE JOYCE in "THE VICE OF FOOLS"—Vitagraph.

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 5 and 6—
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No. 1 Autographic Kodak Jr., R. Lens, was \$17.00, now	\$14.00
No. 1A Autographic Kodak Jr., with F. 7.7 Lens, was \$23, now	\$20.00
No. 2C Autographic Kodak Jr., with F. 7.7 Lens, was \$25, now	\$23.00

Other Kodaks and Brownie Cameras proportionately reduced. These prices are down, down all the way. These prices effective Dec. 31st.

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