

IRON MANUFACTURE AMONG POTENTIAL INDUSTRIES HERE

Thorough Survey of Possibilities Suggested by William H. Crawford of Chamber of Commerce.

In the belief that the iron manufacturing industry will inevitably make a reappearance on the Pacific coast, William H. Crawford, manager of the department of industries of the chamber of commerce believes that the time is ripe for preliminary plans for a blast furnace location in this district.

Prevailing prices, in his opinion, seem to justify considerable preliminary investigation since they show a present profit equal to freight saved, together with a lower initial cost of production, compared with most of the eastern mills.

At various times reports arise that the production of the pig iron will be undertaken at some point on the Pacific coast and these stories are usually with the discovery or the opening up of some old iron ore bodies," says Crawford.

REQUIREMENTS ARE GROWING

Meanwhile the Pacific coast is growing and requiring shipments from outside points of pig iron, billets, merchant bars, ship, tank and boiler plates, angles and shapes, rivets and rivet bars, structural steel and other products. Various organizations and individuals have made industrial surveys in connection with this business but these reports have not been made public for obvious reasons.

Recently a practical engineer, Nichol Thompson, covered the entire coast for the department of industries of the Province of British Columbia and his report gives an insight on the situation that is particularly interesting.

"Thompson gives particular attention to consumption and selling problems rather than dwelling upon the most realistic outline of production possibilities. He proves beyond a doubt that a market exists for iron and steel products. He estimates the demand for pig iron on the Pacific coast to be 100,000 tons per day and says that if blast furnaces were established to care for this basic demand that subsidiary companies would gradually grow up at various points to undertake the manufacture of different grades of steel to suit local market requirements.

LOGICAL POINT

"Obviously the logical point at which to establish this business, after due consideration has been given to the inbound raw material supply, is at the most blast furnace products can be shipped most advantageously to all points on the coast and where it can reach equally the export market and the middle-western states.

"Taking a Pacific coast view of the situation, without local factional enthusiasm, we are bound to turn to the most important business centers and discover, if possible, whether the raw material supply is available at any of these points.

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Prominent Realtor Announces Change

O. O. Stetten, secretary-treasurer of the Interstate Land company since its organization, last week announced that he had disposed of his interest in the concern and had taken charge of the real estate department of the Neelan & Parkhill company, located on the second floor of the Lumbermen's building. Stetten has been engaged in the real estate business here for the past 10 years and the Neelan & Parkhill company is one of the oldest firms in the city.

Second Street Site Sold to Pilkington

A tract 6 1/4 by 95 feet at the southeast corner of Second and Salmon streets was sold last week by the Henry Weinhard estate to J. B. Pilkington for \$21,250. The deal was handled by the Field Fries & Co. Pilkington announced that he would improve the property for use as a nursery sales station. Plans are being prepared for a small office structure of the site.

Steinberg Home to Cost About \$11,000

A building permit was issued Friday to E. Steinberg for the construction of a residence at 835 Sixth street, between Lincoln and Jackson streets. The building will be of brick construction and is estimated to cost about \$11,000.

Children of Indians Barred From Hospital

Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 20.—Children of Indians who have not severed their tribal relations and remain wards of the government are not residents of the state of Washington and therefore are not eligible to admission to the county tuberculosis hospital, according to an opinion given by the office of the attorney general in the prosecuting officers of this county.

SEWER WORK BEGUN

Kelso, Wash., Aug. 20.—Ray & Seydel have recently begun construction of the new west side sewer system. A large excavator is being used in digging the trench and the pipe laying crew is working immediately after the trenching machine. Work was begun at the river's edge and considerable trouble was encountered in the shape of buried logs, and an entire shipway, buried six feet under the surface had to be removed to clear the ditch. A filling machine will be used to close up the ditch. The deepest trench is now being dug and when shallower trench is reached the contractors expect to lay 600 feet of sewer daily.

HISTORICAL RESIDENCE BEING WRECKED



House at the southeast corner of Park and Yamhill which will make way for new auto stage station. The property belongs to the Corbett estate and the house was built in 1854 on the present site of the City Hall.

Wreckers were busy last week removing two old residences at the southeast corner of Park and Yamhill streets, preparatory to the erection of a station for automobile buses on the quarter block at that location. The house on the corner is one of the oldest residence structures in Portland. It was built in 1854 and originally stood on the site of the present city hall. A few years later the house was purchased by Henry J. Corbett and moved to the corner of Park and Yamhill.

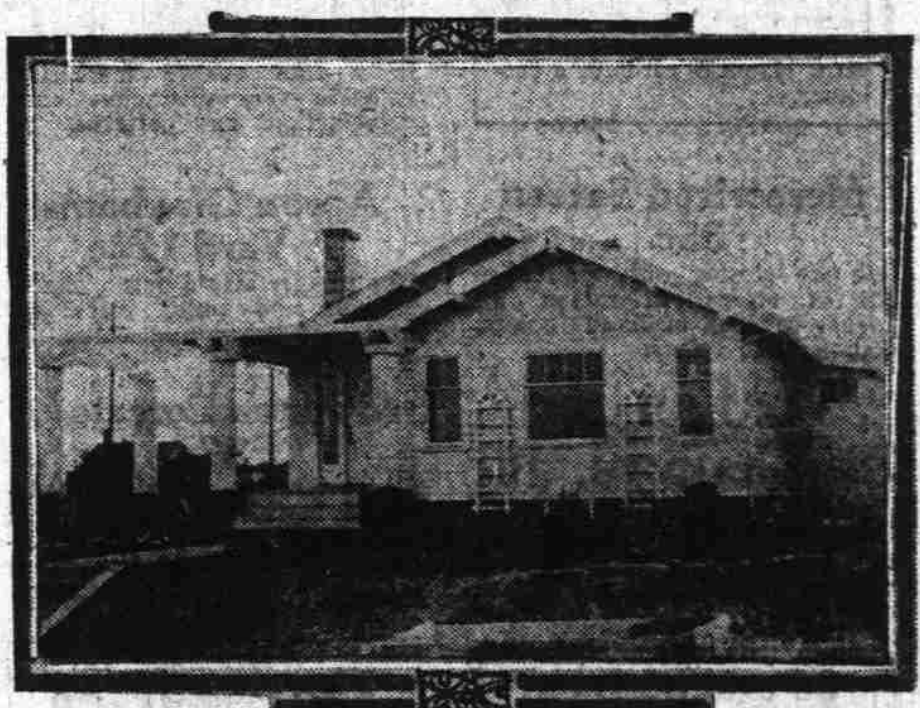
The Corbett family lived in the house for several years and both the Corbett and Falling families occupied it as a residence during the construction of their houses, occupying the two blocks between Yamhill, Salmon, Fifth and Sixth streets. The new stage station will be completed in about 30 days according to contractors in charge of the work.

La Pine Like First of Month Far Too Many "Bills" Around

By "Bill" Arnold  
La Pine, Ore., Aug. 20.—A man who registered as Richard Clinton Drake of New Orleans, La., sat in the lobby of a Bend hotel, and told a group of men how he had "the willies" at La Pine. Drake and his family are touring the West during his vacation. He is a newly elected member of the B. P. O. E. and is always on the alert for the familiar "Hello Bill."

"When we arrived at La Pine," said Drake, "I had almost forgotten my conspicuous elk tooth, in the absurdly important business centers and discover, if possible, whether the raw material supply is available at any of these points. It so happens that within easy transportation of most of the important shipping points on the coast, a large part of the raw material supply for pig iron manufacture is to be found in actual fact. Records show that up to November 1885, a successful industry was conducted at Oswego and the question naturally arises as to why this industry should have failed. The logical point to revive a basic industry of the coast. The early failures were simply due to unfortunate combinations of circumstances that no longer prevail. It does not take long to establish the fact that labor conditions, transportation facilities, raw material supply and other important factors recommend Portland or some other point on the Columbia river as the logical place for the erection of the next iron blast furnace."

FLOOR PLANS FOR \$3800 HOME



House erected at 521 East Eighth street by Alvin Johnson. The house has an attractive exterior and possesses many advantages of comfort and convenience. Three houses built on plans shown above have been erected on east side sites during the past few months by Alvin Johnson, a contractor and realty dealer with offices on the second floor of the Board of Trade building. The house shown in the picture is located at 521 East Eighth street north. It is doubly constructed throughout, has hardwood floors, standard plumbing and wire-works and a full concrete basement. The spacious living room is featured by a wide fireplace and the kitchen has the usual built-ins and a convenient breakfast nook. Construction cost was approximately \$3800. Variations in plans have resulted in several homes built by Johnson, ranging in cost from \$2000 to \$6000.

Clinton, N. Y., Aug. 20.—(U. P.)—There is \$500 a year waiting for some young man named Leavenworth, if he will only come to Hamilton college here and get it, authorized at the college announcement. The amount is the yearly installment on the fund placed in the college treasury by the estate of Harriet Leavenworth, who provided the sum should be given each year to some student with her name. It is to be used toward the education of the student. Since 1914 no Leavenworth has claimed the money.

Began Long Trip With Only 35 Cents

Wenatchee, Aug. 20.—Bud Weiser, 25, of St. Louis, was a caller in Wenatchee Wednesday. He started out from his native state of Missouri with the purpose of visiting all of the United States west of the Missouri river, with 35 cents in his pocket to pay his way. He has traveled by automobile, taking the Santa Fe trail through Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona to California. He then worked his way north to Seattle on his way back to Duluth by way of Spokane, Montana and the Dakotas. He thinks the West is a great country and he intends to write a book entitled, "The Missouri Westerner" after he reaches home.

\$500 Awaits Student Named Leavenworth

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New Flat Building Will Cost \$12,000

F. E. Bowman & Co. secured a permit Friday for the construction of a two-story flat building at 671 Schuyler street, between East Seventeenth and East Eighteenth streets in Irvington. The building is estimated to cost \$12,000.

GOES TO BEAVERTON

Beaverton, Ore., Aug. 20.—W. O. Roberts, president of the Transportation club of Portland and Oregon manager for the Williams Steamship lines, will become a resident of Beaverton in the near future. He has recently purchased a choice tract of land from Frank H. Hecken on Franklin avenue in Lombard addition, and will erect a modern home at once.

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Interest Coupons On University Club Bonds Being Paid

The Title & Trust company announced Saturday that funds are available for the payment of 1919 coupons on University Club bonds. Officers of the company stated that they hope to be able to meet all coupons on the issue on or before the date of maturity of the bonds, May 1, 1922. The bonds were issued to the amount of \$75,000 when the club building was erected in 1912 and bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

STEEL INDUSTRY SHOWS NEW LIFE

Several Plants Increase Working Schedule Following Receipt of New Orders.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—The Illinois Central railroad is making estimates for the cost of repairs in its own shops of 100 locomotives. The work is expected to average in the neighborhood of \$400 a locomotive.

Sharon, Pa., Aug. 20.—The National Malleable Casting company's plant this week advanced its working schedule from three days a week to five. The number of men employed was not increased.

Youngstown, Ohio, Aug. 20.—Mahoning valley blast furnaces in general are well supplied with various grades of ore. One plant announces that sufficient ore is on hand to run its three stacks well on toward next June.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 20.—Twelve of the 23 hot mills of the American Sheet Tin Plate company at Martin's Ferry now are in operation and two mills of the company at Astoria, also have resumed production after long idleness.

Hartford, Aug. 20.—The car repair shops of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad here resumed operations this week employing a full force of 400 men at 72 cent an hour. This is about \$4 a week less than the men formerly received.

Wichita, Aug. 20.—There has been a better demand for light rail in the last few days. This demand has not been large and prices have not increased. The New York Central railroad has placed an order for 100 tons of spikes. Inquiries for wire nails is picking up on a reduction in price to \$3 a keg.

Philadelphia, Aug. 20.—The new order for broad gauge type locomotives and 20 narrow gauge engines for the Mexican government lines brought back with him by President Samuel M. Vauclain of the Baldwin Locomotive works on his return from Mexico, are expected to result in an immediate increase of activity at the Baldwin plant, which now is operating at about 30 per cent of capacity.

New York, Aug. 20.—The demand for pig iron in this district is more than holding its own. Sales here in the last week have aggregated 5000 tons and negotiations for an additional 3000 tons are pending.

Salt Lake City, Aug. 20.—An official of the Utah Copper company today declared that copper consumption was exceeding production and that as soon as foreign demand makes its appearance the condition of the copper industry would improve.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—Both growers and buyers are uncertain as to prices on grapes and few sales are reported at this time. Inquiries have been received for nominal prices in the wine grape section are around \$39 a ton.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 20.—The apple crop in the Connecticut valley will be low normal in 1921 and the yield will be low normal throughout New England. The peach crop is in good condition.

St. Louis, Aug. 20.—Hudson Bay sables now are selling at from \$72.50 to \$325 as compared with prices of \$115 to \$500 a year ago.

New York, Aug. 20.—The dealers in raw pelts are greatly encouraged over the showings of the retail August fur sales. The sales of garments have been good and have stimulated the trading in lower priced staples.

Boston, Aug. 20.—The wool demand here is mostly for fine and half blood grades but the lower grades are moving more freely. There has been great activity in South African second capes which are fully 10 cents a pound higher than a week ago. One firm in this market sold a million pounds of wool of various grades last week, one lot being for 600,000 pounds.

London, Aug. 20.—There is strong support here in the rubber trade for further restriction of production. The gradual general revival of trade especially in America is regarded as the most hopeful sign in the rubber trade at present.

Fort Worth, Aug. 20.—The dry spell in Texas is now in its sixth week and in many counties the cotton production will be reduced one half. The average dry weather loss throughout the state will be 25 per cent.

New York, Aug. 20.—The demand for colored cottons from Latin America has been marked this week. The West Indian crop is in good condition.

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CHEMICAL PLANT IS PLANNED FOR OLD COAL MINE

By-Products Will Be Turned Out At Huntington-Ely Shaft Near Castle Rock by Black Bear Co.

Castle Rock, Wash., Aug. 20.—With active operation of the old Huntington-Ely coal mine, two miles south of here, already started by the Black Bear Coal Mining company, announcement has been made by officials of the organization that plans are being prepared for the building of a \$40,000 chemical plant at the mine site in the near future.

Ground about the old mine, which has a shaft already running about 700 feet into the operation, has been cleared. A flume has been placed in operation and work has been started on a 200-foot tunnel which will be connected with mining chambers. Bunkers have been provided along the railroad and highway and immediate marketing of the coal is planned.

Five men are at work on the property. The mine has been worked before and considerable capital has been invested in the property. Other organizations have failed, it is said, because of inefficient management. In addition to being close to the railroad and highway the mine is also near the river so that any of the three methods of transportation are available.

Plans for the building of a chemical plant near Castle Rock were confirmed Saturday by officials of the mining company, who are all Portland residents. Dr. E. E. Wells, former city commissioner and member of the legislature, and P. E. Hotchkiss, who has opened and operated a number of mines in the state of Washington, are the incorporators. A 30-year lease has been taken on the mine property.

"After the coal mine is placed in full operation we plan the ultimate building of a chemical plant capable of turning out by-products of the lignite coal which comes from the mine," said Dr. Bettman today. "Such a plant could produce ammonia, coal tar and gas. We believe that the chemical plant would employ 175 men."

The company is planning the marketing of its coal in Portland, but Dr. Bettman said that price had not been set for the production of the Castle Rock mine.

Some South American countries have been active buyers.

DRY GOODS  
Chicago, Aug. 20.—Buyers of dry goods are in the market here in much larger numbers than last year. Sales are about 35 per cent of the corresponding period of 1920. The market for cotton and woolen goods is firmer.

CLOTHING  
New York, Aug. 20.—Women's garment manufacturers are confidently expecting the return of retail merchants to this market during August and September. Conditions they say indicate that the retailers have bought only a portion of their requirements, having held off because cash was not so rapidly available as in former seasons. The opening showing of goods for men's wear for next spring in progress this week have produced satisfactory orders from manufacturers. The showings included lines of woollens, worsteds, tropicals and serges. The finer grades of worsteds will be shown by the end of the month.

PHONOGRAPHS  
Trenton, N. J., Aug. 20.—The Remington Phonograph company of Jersey City and Brooklyn has purchased a 20-acre tract near here and is preparing to build a plant which will employ 500 men.

JEWELRY  
New York, Aug. 20.—Business depression has little effect on the demand for artificial pearls according to jewelers and manufacturers here. Salesmen now on the road are taking satisfactory orders for these goods.

PRODUCE  
Boston, Aug. 20.—The price for potatoes promises to be higher in New England as the crop is far below earlier estimates. The grain and hay crops have suffered from dry spells and a severe rain and hailstorms which have also damaged the tobacco crop.

OIL  
New York, Aug. 20.—Reports here from the mid-continental field indicates that gasoline is easing off with the Texas market quoting 11 cents a gallon in bulk. There has been a slight slump in demand here.

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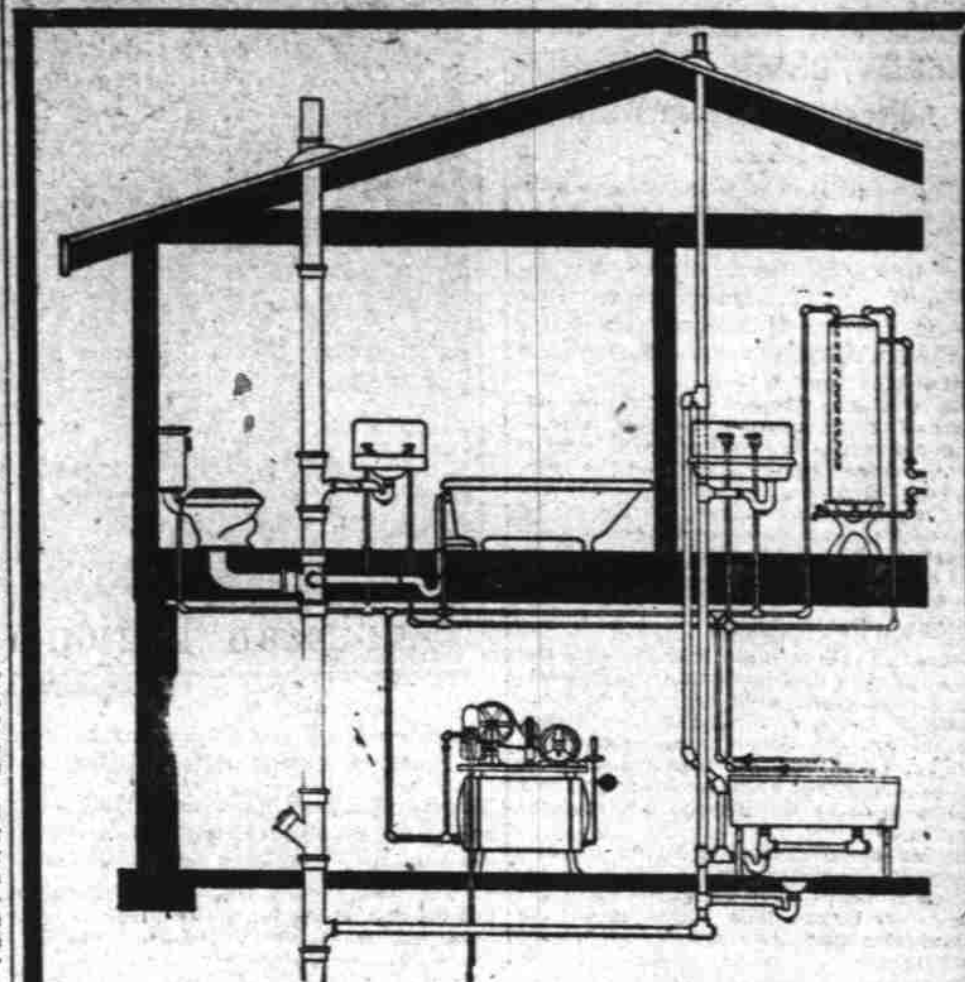
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Proposist and Weds Within Half Hour

Attleboro, Mass., Aug. 20.—(L. N. S.)—Edward Alfred Schneider of Rockville Center, Long Island, is some Romeo. He smashed all records for marriage proposals when on a visit to this city he proposed to Miss Theresa Hamill Simons of Albany, N. Y., in the short period of one-half hour. Schneider met Miss Simons and invited her for an automobile ride. He proposed marriage, was accepted and was on his way to the district courthouse within a half hour's time. Judge Charles C. Hagerly, after being convinced the case was one of "love at first sight," granted a waiver of the five-day marriage law. The next trip was to the Methodist parsonage, where Rev. E. E. Wells made the couple man and wife. The auto ride, which started as a joy ride, was finished as a honeymoon.

'Stretched' Cream Latest in the East

Boston, Aug. 20.—(L. N. S.)—"Stretched" ice cream is the latest. It is being sold in Greater Boston by many ice cream manufacturers, according to Eugene C. Hultman, chairman of the state commission on the necessities of life. In other words, "frozen air" is being sold to Bostonians in place of ice cream. This "stretched" ice cream is made possible by a new whipping process. By means of this process 13 gallons of "ice cream" are obtained from 10 gallons of cream preparations. Formerly only 14 to 15 gallons of "ice cream" were secured from 10 gallons. Because of this new whipping process the 10 gallons are "stretched" to 13 and the dealer is able to get much more money for the finished product. This means the public pays the extra amount.



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