

SILVERTON, AN INDUSTRIAL CENTER

A CITY OF BIG RESOURCES AND PAYROLLS

The average Silvertonian cocks his hat on one side of his head and puts his thumbs in his vest and tells the interviewer that Silvertown has the largest payroll of any town in Marion county, "by gosh." While the writer makes allowances for civic pride and all that, after visiting the Silver Falls Timber Company plant located there he began to think that there were good grounds for his boast.

Silvertown's population is claimed to be 5,000 and its location is ideal. One of the handsomest spots in Silvertown is the public park, a natural beauty spot as well as a perfect outdoor amphitheatre, where peace and quiet and beauty are enjoyed the summer through. This land was donated to the enjoyment of the public by Miss Eva Coolidge.

Its sawmills, creameries, flouring mills and other industries make it a coming industrial center. What Silvertown needs is a fine paved road to Salem. As one prominent business man said to the writer, "If Salem would jump in and make this road an ideal auto drive, the commerce between the two towns would be enhanced to the advantage of both cities." Here's hoping that the near future will find their dreams of a beautiful highway between the two cities come true.

The educational facilities of Silvertown are ample and rank high. A new high school building was built in 1914 and two other buildings are used to accommodate the grades. A first-class standard high school is maintained and domestic art and manual training are taught.

The churches of the community number eight and are well housed and the pulpits filled by strong men. To enumerate all its advantages usually, commercially and industrially, would take more space than is at the command of the writer. The soil surrounding Silvertown is the best in the Willamette valley and is unsurpassed for the raising of fruit and vegetables.

First National Bank.
The First National Bank of Silvertown, Oregon, was formerly known

banking. It pays interest on time deposits and savings accounts. The officers cordially invite an inspection of their bank rooms and offer their services to strangers and others in matters where they can assist.

It has a capital of \$35,000, with surplus and undivided profits of over \$12,000.

The officers of the bank are as follows:

Coolidge & McClaine, Bankers, Inc.

This is one of the most important and largest banks in Marion county. Its resources are over \$900,000. The officers of this bank are as follows:

Eva Coolidge, president; A. F. McClaine, vice-president; F. E. Gaillier, cashier; and Ed R. Adams and M. G. Gunderson, assistant cashiers.



Coolidge & McClaine Bank.

institution among the citizens of this little city because in everything that involves the good of Silvertown the officers of this bank have taken the lead. Its beautiful public park, referred to elsewhere in these columns, was donated to the city by the president of the bank, Miss Eva Coolidge. This is but an example of their enterprise and generosity.

The bank does a general banking business, and pays interest on time deposits.

Silver Falls Timber Co.

The mill of this company is perhaps one of the most complete of its kind on the coast. While started only two years ago, it now has 750 men constantly employed and a payroll of approximately \$65,000 per month. Considering the fact that Silvertown has a population of 2,500, this is certainly some feeder to their local business.

This corporation is financed by Oregon and Eastern capital, and some of the leading business men of Oregon are heavily interested. Mr. M. C. Woodard, formerly secretary of this company, but now vice-president and general manager, informed us that they have under their control sufficient timber to supply the mill at its present capacity for thirty years. Hence Silvertown looks forward to a long and prosperous industrial future.

The capacity of the mill is 100,000,000 feet per annum. They have six miles of new railway completed to their timber holdings, and naturally will extend that line as their demands require.

The plant which they now have in operation cost in the neighborhood of a half million dollars, the building having been commenced in 1916, and, while actual sawing did not begin until 1917, its maximum will not be reached until this year.

The company has a track some thirty-five miles in length, which taps their timber holdings, which consist of some 30,000 acres of fir, 10 per cent of which, however, is hemlock. The mill plans have been carefully laid and four locomotives

models have been installed. Everything is devised with safety to the men and efficiency in business as the aim, for most all of the driving machinery on the lower floor is six feet above the floor. For safety, all below that height is carefully guarded.

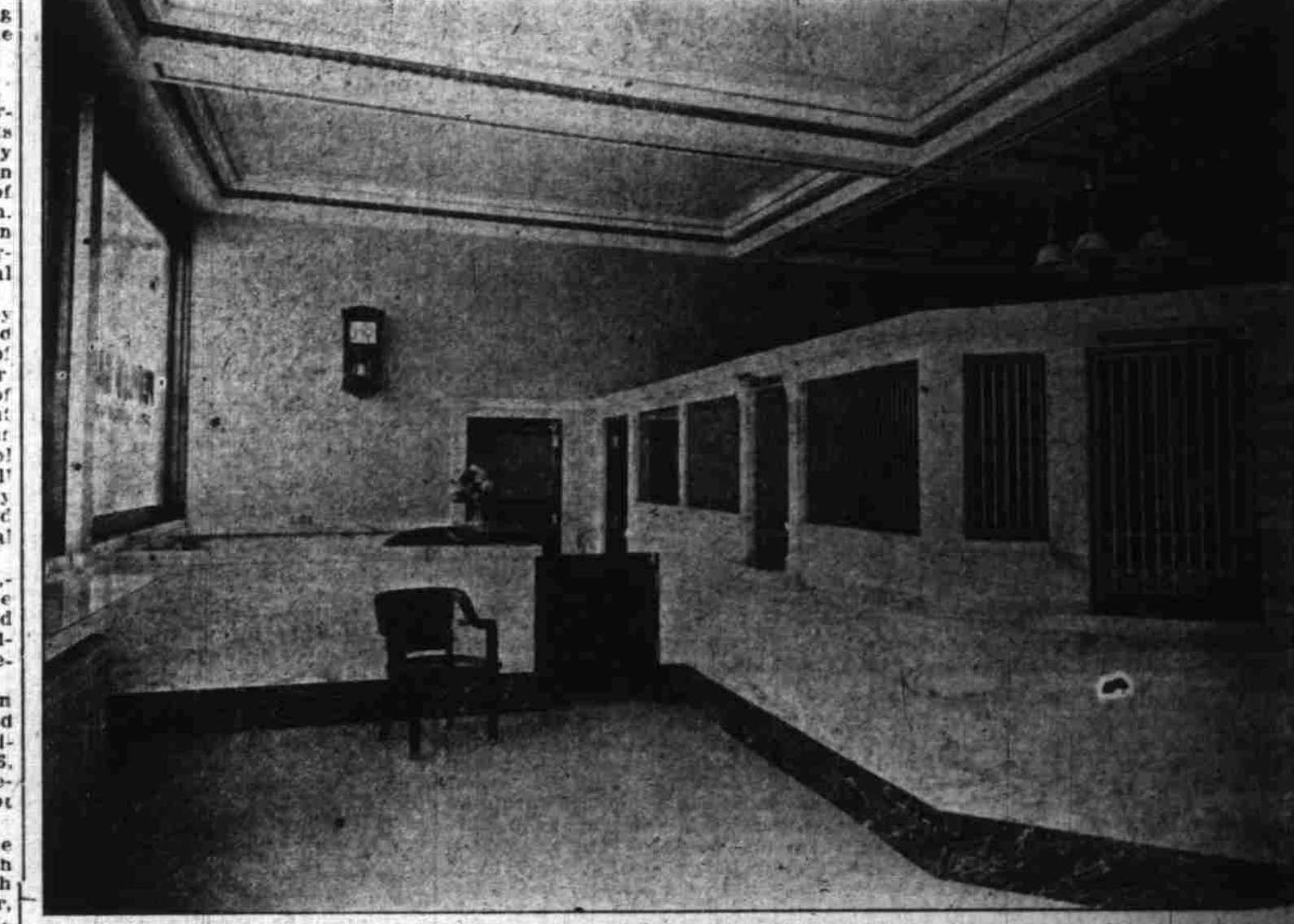
The labor situation has retarded

and is one of the strong factors that is building up Silvertown into a big payroll town.

Their mill was built in 1907 and has run continuously since. It has a capacity of 120,000 feet for ten hours and its buildings cover some

vice-president; W. A. Reynolds, secretary, and H. B. Lathan, treasurer.

Fischer Flouring Mills.
The Fischer Flouring Mills is one of the big industries of Silvertown and has a large payroll. This company operates flouring mills also at Corvallis, Peoria and Wellsville, Oregon.



Interior First National Bank.



Fischer Flouring Mills Plant.

their output but this will be but temporary. In addition to the mill plant they have a model office building of the bungalow style, a power house, stacker house, dry kilns, sorting tables, planing mills, etc.

Mr. M. C. Woodard has had a long experience in the business and the company appreciates his services. Mr. E. I. Garland is the efficient sales

manager of the company. The president is Mr. Jacob Mortenson of Chicago. M. C. Woodard, vice-president and general manager, of Silvertown, C. F. Latimer, treasurer, Chicago, and James B. Kerr, secretary.

Silvertown Lumber Company.
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The mill is owned by local parties: R. A. Cowden, president; J. D. Casey,

and its product advertises Silvertown far and wide. It is one of the industries of which Marion county as well as Silvertown is proud. They manufacture high-grade flour, cereals, grain, mill feed, dairy foods, etc.

Silvertown Creamery & Ice Co.
This is one of the substantial industries of Silvertown. The creamery has been established about eight



Silvertown Lumber Co.

on the People's Bank. We quote from its last statement that its deposits were \$275,825. The bank is housed in one of the handsomest bank buildings in Marion county. It is a modern, well-equipped, efficiently managed, and growing institution. It invites accounts, small or large, and is ready to extend every service and accommodation consistent with good

banks: Julius Alm, president, T. T. Risteigen, vice-president, T. P. Risteigen, cashier, and J. W. Hyett, assistant cashier.

The writer was shown over the bank building by Mr. Risteigen, and we found him a cordial and accommodating official, whose sagacity speaks well for the future of the bank.

The banking building, a cut of which appears in this number of The Statesman, is an imposing structure and is well adapted to the business to which it is devoted. This bank has been one of the foremost factors in building up Silvertown, and the territory adjacent.

Nothing the writer can say will emphasize the high standing of this

are used in transporting their logs. Two-hundred-ton Baldwin locomotives are used on the main line trails and two six-ton Shay type locomotives are used for switching in the woods. The log pond has an area of about twelve acres and has a capacity of some two million feet. The mill throughout is electrically equipped and the latest and best equipped

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years and is under the immediate charge of J. W. Kubberness. Mr. Kubberness was kind enough to show us over the building and incidentally he noted the fact that their payroll would reach about \$8000 per month, which aids materially in this bustling little city.

The capacity of the creamery is 2000 pounds butter daily and the average output during the year is 600 pounds. The creamery also manufactures ice and they have a nice plant there which can turn out three tons of ice per day.

Mr. Kubberness is an experienced and successful butter-maker and is popular with the farmers who patronize this creamery, which in addition to the good prices he pays for butterfat, which is always the top of the market, insures the prosperity of the plant.

Hotel Gunderson.

This is one of the popular stopping places for the traveling public, and if you have ever stopped there and eaten one of the bounteous, home-cooked meals they serve, or occupied one of their cozy, well-heated rooms, it will need no words of praise from us. The writer has enjoyed both and can recommend it to those who have not had that pleasure.

The proprietor, Mr. Gunderson, is well known to the people of Silvertown and the commercial travelers and enjoys a large patronage which he and his good wife thoroughly deserve. A good hotel in an asset to any city and Silvertown has a good one.

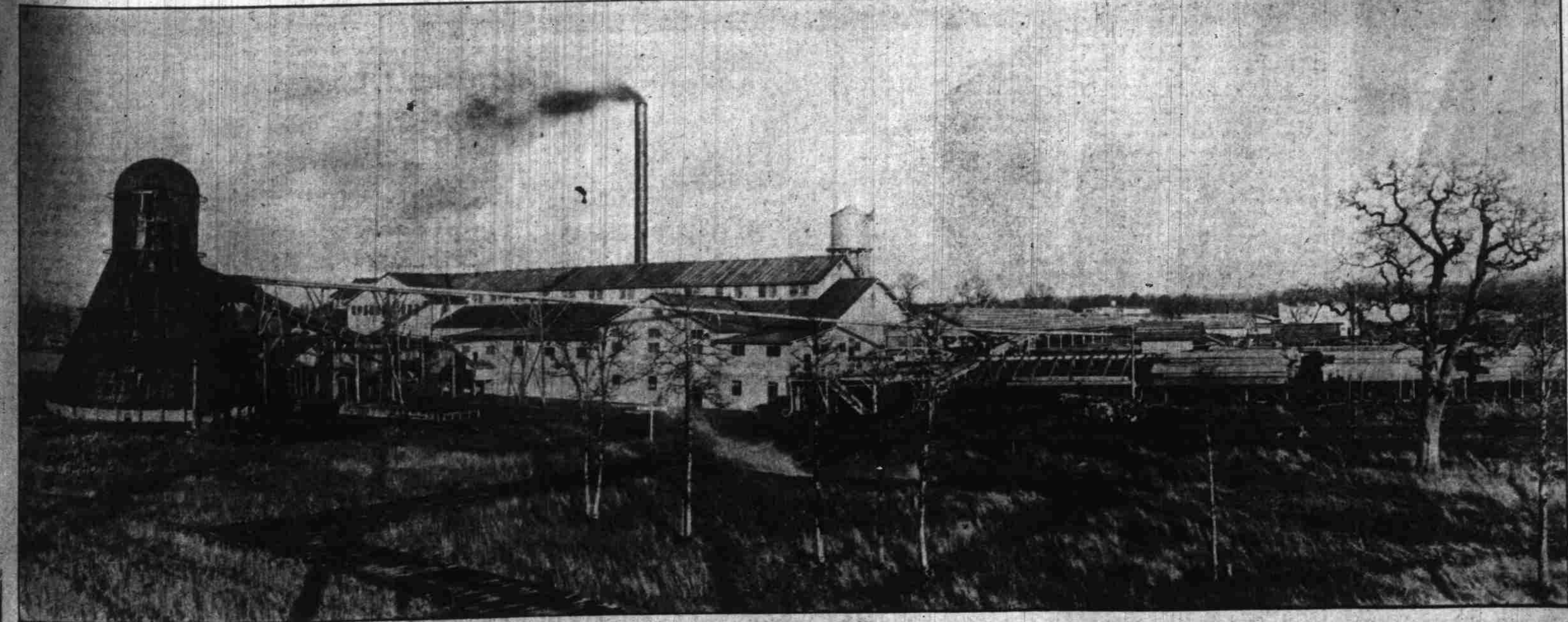
Union Meat Co.

The Union Meat Co., of Portland, Oregon, is represented in Silvertown by Fred C. Dunlap, formerly of the Hazelwood Co., and is a man of wide experience in his line. This company does an extensive business and pays the farmers a top price for butterfat, milk and other produce. This company handles fertilizers and its product is being quite extensively introduced in this section.

Julius Alm.

Julius Alm is one of the leading business men of Silvertown, and

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