

SALEM RICH IN REQUISITES FOR MANUFACTURING CENTER

Spaulding Mill Operations In Wood Working Largest Of Any In State Capital

The biggest enterprise in the way of wood-working operations in Salem is made up of the plants of the Charles K. Spaulding Logging Company—the saw mill, sash and door factory, box factory, shingle mill, and specialty manufacturing.

The shingle mill is at the foot of Bellevue street. The box factory uses as high as a million feet of lumber a month. The canning and fruit industries generally here require a large part of the output.

The Spaulding concern supplies practically every building want, even to paints—the John Lucas paints, one of the three oldest lines in America. Lately the Flex line of paints for household and automobile uses has been taken on. It is popular, easier to apply than any other finish.

The sawmill has 140,000 feet capacity in eight hours. It is complete and up to date.

Five Retail Stores

Between the main mill office and the sash and door factory, on Front street, near Perry, is a new building; it is a retail store and display room for sash doors, tables and breakfast nooks and other built-in things; and boxes and stands and chests—anything that can be made in wood for home or office. Anything not already on hand will be made to order.

There are similar stores to this one in Salem, at Newberg, Forestburg, Independence and McMinnville. The one in Portland is at 325 East Main street. Such stores will be added at other points.

Running Fall Blast

The Spaulding sawmill has been running steadily, and full headed. Building activity in Salem has helped to keep the sash and door factory especially busy. Harry Anderson is superintendent of that factory. The local manager here is O. J. Myers.

Charles K. Spaulding is president of the company and general manager, and his son, Walter L. Spaulding, is secretary and assistant manager. U. G. Holt has the designation of logging superintendent, but he performs many duties not strictly connected with keeping the logs coming into the various plants. This company has a sawmill and window frame plant at Newberg and a sash and door factory at McMinnville. Lumber yards are maintained at Woodburn and Independence.

Salem Payroll Large

On the Salem payroll there are over 200 employees employed about 200 at Newberg. Their Newberg products so largely to eastern and foreign markets. They have about 55 men at the McMinnville sash and door factory, six at Independence, five at Woodburn, and 17 in their Portland office.

W. S. Shearer, the proprietor, has been in his present and kindred lines since he was 17 years of age. He came to the coast in 1892, and from that time, up to about a year ago, was engaged in Oregon, Washington and California building sawmills. Desiring to quit being a wanderer, he settled down in Salem and acquired his present property and built his shop and residence. His son, George Shearer, is now working with his father.

The present Shearer shop is too small for the business that has been built up, and a new one will have to be erected, the construction of which Mr. Shearer expects to begin soon. He has ample room on his present property.

Shearer's wood working shop manufactures all kinds of cabinet work, built-in window and door frames, etc. It is all high class work in the different lines. A special line of juvenile furniture is made; in demand especially for holiday trade.

Mr. Shearer is pleased with the outlook here. After seeing a good deal of the country, he is confirmed in his judgment that this city is good place to live and in which to do business. He was an early comer to the district where he is located, but he is witnessing the construction of many dwellings all around him—and reaching far out beyond his location.

Lee & Son of Baker shipped six cars of lambs out of Baker valley and Grant county, the consignment going to Omaha.

A \$35,000 bond issue to build and equip a new high school at Grants was defeated at a recent special election by a vote of 288 to 145.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Sept. 14.—(AP)—The 26th annual session of the Oregon Federation of Labor ended with selection of Tillamook as the 1929 convention city.

Nominations to the executive board follow: District 1, C. T. Crane and J. S. Haughey, Portland; District 2, Carl Pruitt, Astoria; District 3, Clarence Townsend and Salem; District 4, C. Mackey and E. L. Duffley, McMinnville; District 5, G. H. Baker, Bend; District 6, A. C. Manning, Pendleton.

No nominations were made for districts 4 and 5.

A resolution was adopted opposing the closing of the McKenzie Deschutes, Umpqua and Rogue rivers to commercial and industrial uses.

The state prohibition fund, which under the law cannot exceed \$50,000 in any one year, reached the limit several days ago and all funds derived from prosecutions will go to the various counties.

THIS WEEK'S SLOGAN

DID YOU KNOW That the Salem district has the largest supply of pulp wood in the world; that there is standing timber in this district that, with the development of the idle powers near by, will make of Salem the Grand Rapids of Oregon; that wood working plants of many kinds are bound to come here, on account of the nearness of the raw materials and the cheapness of the power to drive the machinery to change them into manufactured products; that Salem has made a good start in wood using plants, but it is only a start, and there is a wide and rich field for enterprising men in this city and district?

Mellus Aids Prosecution



Frank Mellus, wealthy Los Angeles sportsman, identifies one of his wife's garments, taken from the Mellus home, scene of the murder. The husband is shown on the stand at the right as a witness for the State in the trial of Leo F. Kelley, butcher boy who is charged with her death. Deputy District Attorney James Costell at the left.

Valsetz Mill's Business In Salem Increasing Rapidly

One of the big saw mills of the west is that of the Cobbs & Mitchell company at Valsetz, in one of the finest timber belts on the coast. This company has for four years been doing a very satisfactory and constantly increasing business in Salem, where it owns its own property on the Southern Pacific tracks at 12th and Trade streets.

The big mill at Valsetz is capable of sawing 450,000 feet a day, and is the last word in machinery and equipment. The company owns and operates the Valley & Siletz railroad, running through from the mill to Independence, bringing its own materials to its yards here.

Live Up to Slogan

"Everything in the building line" is the slogan for the Salem end of this big business, and it is lived up to.

A. B. Keelley, for many years the manager of the Salem yards and business acquired four years ago by this company, keeps up with every demand required by the slogan. The lumber yard here is stocked up in metropolitan condition. There is everything on hand in building material. They have lumber, shingles, lime, cement, plaster, brick, drain tile, sewer pipe, lead, oil and varnish, dry colors and colors in oil, turpentine and brushes, builders' hardware, building papers, sash, glass doors, mouldings of all kinds, etc. They specialize in Sherwin-Williams paints.

Fine Community Spirit

In the town of Valsetz and in the logging camps of the Cobbs & Mitchell company there are about 1500 people, largely employed by and depending upon their operations.

The company has improved the recreational facilities available for their employees at the mill. It has constructed a school house.

COPELAND YARDS GROWING RAPIDLY

J. W. Copeland Yards is the name of a fast growing organization that furnishes building supplies to a number of Oregon and Washington cities. At this date last year this concern operated yards in ten cities and towns. There are nineteen now. They are at Salem, Eugene, Albany, Lent, Yamhill, Hillsboro, Grants Pass, Corvallis, Park Rose, Klamath Falls, Milwaukie, Kenton and St. Helens, Oregon, and Camas, Kelso, Olympia, Coquille, Vancouver and Woodland, Wash.

The yards that supply Salem are in West Salem, near the Polk county end of the bridge across the Willamette, and the local manager in charge of this branch is R. A. Meyer. The Copeland people supply everything in building supplies, excepting only paints and oils.

There have been times in the past year when as many as 40 builders of homes in Salem have been getting their supplies from the Copeland yards. Service is the watchword here, and the increasing force of employees lives up to the idea all the time, to the members. This is strictly a retail organization, and the supplies are bought wherever they can be had of the right kinds for the demands of the trade.

The general offices are in the Pacific building on 5th and Yamhill streets, Portland.

Rhine Evacuation Is Now Possible Under Agreement

GENEVA, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Immediate evacuation of the second occupied zone is understood to be the offer made by the allies to Germany in return for German acceptance of a special commission of conciliation and verification to control the Rhine land.

The allies have further suggested that this commission continue to function during the life of the Rhine pact negotiated at Locarno. In the German view this would extend the commission's life indefinitely. The Germans point out that the Rhine pact remains in force until the League of Nations council by a two-thirds majority decides that the league itself insures sufficient protection to the Locarno signatories.

FURNITURE CAN BE MADE HERE ANTIQUE SHOP UNIQUE PLACE

Output of Salem Factory In Demand Now Through Wide Territory

The Salem Wood Manufacturing company, with its plant at 226 River street, between Front and Commercial, is entering upon a busy career of usefulness that will mean constant expansion.

This plant is now making plugs for the ends of paper rolls for 17 different paper mills on this coast, including three each at San Francisco and Los Angeles, two at Oakland and plants at Vancouver, Wash., and other points. The paper plugs turned out here run in size from a half inch to three and a half inches.

There is one order in hand for a half million paper plugs, and another for 300,000 of the half inch size for the rolls of gummed paper used in wrappings. This is a new line here.

A Long Struggle

This enterprise is the outcome of the broom handle factory that was established some years ago in West Salem, and which survived a disastrous fire. The institution has had a long, hard struggle, but its prospects now are brighter. The present proprietors are Charles Doane, H. E. Barrett, W. T. Nelson and W. R. Adair.

The work in hand and in prospect will keep the force busy for an indefinite period.

This plant is in condition to take on custom work in hardwood lumber sawing. One of the best sawyers in the state in this line is now employed here.

A Big Field

That there is a big field for the operation of such a wood working plant here generally is admitted. The supply of raw materials is all but unlimited. There are many here who want the worthy old that is necessary in more capital and machinery, backed by experts with vision. There is ample room here for a big furniture factory, making chairs and all the rest of the articles of a full fledged operation of that kind.

Old Things and New

In this antique shop and store are gathered bedsteads and chests and many odd pieces of furniture that did service in pioneer days. They are repaired and repainted and put in order for present day use, and they are being taken into the best homes of Salem.

This shop and factory was opened in its present location in June. It had been started in the Hollywood district.

Mr. Vent makes duplicates of antique pieces of furniture. He started to make a particularly attractive table—at least it looked attractive to a visitor to the shop. It was bought before finished. This has been repeated several times; and the only one of its kind on hand when the reporter visited the shop on Wednesday was still unfinished, but it had been sold.

SALEM BROTHERS CABINET MAKERS

Salem claims the youngest manufacturer in Oregon, and they are wood workers, which fact gives them a place in this Slogan issue.

Walter Wiens was until a short time ago a Statesman carrier. He would be yet, excepting that his factory takes up all his time. He is 17. His brother, Robert, who is his partner, is 14. Their father is a German, though he came to Salem from Russia. Both his father and grandfather have been cabinet makers. The Wiens boys got their trade mostly from their father; their ingenuity was inherited.

They have built for themselves, on their father's property, a little factory. It is at 1440 Fairgrounds road. They are making sewing cabinets, radio tables, cedar chests, piano benches, book cases, etc. Several of the leading Salem furniture stores take their own building. They use a "gun" of their own designing in painting their furniture. They finish it with pictures, like that of the Mayflower. They make anything that can be made in the way of cabinet work. Their sewing cabinets are highly prized by Salem housewives who have them. Who knows how far these youngsters may go? They have the genius, and they may be running a great furniture factory in Salem before they are many years older. They have a going concern now, and will be more than busy till after the holidays, with a world of opportunities thereafter.

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A Furniture Factory

SALEM should have and can get a furniture factory, by asking for it, and giving the facts. Then we will get many furniture factories and additional wood working plants. More paper mills. More paper converting plants.

About a third of the potential water power of the country is in the Columbia basin; half of it in the coast states. A fifth of the standing timber is in Oregon. Every factory operation must use wood; even steel mills must have wood for shipping their products; 25 per cent of the raw materials of manufacturing plants as a whole are of wood. The timber of this whole continent is largely on the western slopes; so is the water power. Three-quarters of the world's population is joined to us by cheap ocean transportation.

Salem is the center of a great part of Oregon's timber supply; with a down-hill haul. It is a permanent supply. The national forests guarantee this.

Why, then, should Salem not become the Grand Rapids of Oregon, and the location of many paper mills and other wood working plants and specialty factories? She will. Persistent work will bring this condition soon. The raw supplies and the power to work them up are the prime requisites. Vision and action will join these paramount prerequisites.

PRATUM MINISTER READING LIST FOR AWAY ON VACATION SCHOOLS PREPARED

PRATUM, Ore., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The Rev. John Franz is spending his vacation in Montana. The Rev. Mr. Zimmerman preached for him last Sunday and the Rev. John Roth from Mount Ridge, Kas., will preach tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Renner recently returned from where they were visiting. They also made a trip to Yellowstone Park.

A sane and sensible charity party was staged last Monday night for Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeVries, who arrived here Sunday evening from Illinois.

A. J. Cone will complete his hop harvest this week.

William Wenger, who was severely burned when a gasoline can exploded while he was working along the railroad track about eight or nine months ago and has spent most of the time since in a hospital in San Francisco, surprised his parents recently when he arrived home much improved.

A group of young folk from 1 re visited at the Lake Brook playground, where many Pratum residents are working.

Dan Bischoff, who spent three weeks traveling in five provinces in Canada and ten states, returned the first of the week to report an enjoyable trip.

We have every reason to believe that all victims of loss of speech would be permanently cured if it could be arranged for them to make a hole in one.—Nashville Banner.

The automobile industry, says one of its executives, is growing by leaps and bounds, which, as a result of it, is exactly the way the pedestrians are going.—Charlotte News.

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Dates of Slogans in Oregon Statesman

(With a few possible changes)

Loganberries, October 6, 1927	Grapes, Apr. 29
Prunes, October 13	Drug Garden, May 6
Dairying, October 20	Sugar Industry, May 13
Flax, October 27	Water Powers, May 20
Filberts, November 3	Irrigation, May 27
Walnuts, November 10	Mining, June 3
Strawberries, November 17	Land, Irrigation, Etc., June 10
Apples, Pigs, Etc., Nov. 24	Floriculture, June 17
Raspberries, December 1	Hops, Cabbage, Etc., June 24
Mint, December 8	Wholesaling, Jobbing, July 1
Beans, Etc., December 15	Cucumbers, Etc., July 8
Blackberries, December 22	Hogs, July 15
Cherries, December 29	Goats, July 22
Pears, January 5, 1928	Schools, July 29
Gooseberries, January 12	Sheep, August 5
Corn, January 19	Seeds, August 12
Celery, January 26	National Advertising, Aug. 19
Spinach, Etc., February 2	Livestock, August 26
Onions, Etc., February 9	Grain & Grain Products, Sept. 2
Potatoes, Etc., February 16	Manufacturing, Etc., Sept. 9
Bees, February 23	Woodworking, Etc., Sept. 16
Poultry and Pet Stock, Mar. 4	Automotive Industries, Sept. 23
City Beautiful, Etc., March 11	Paper Mills, Sept. 30
Great Cows, March 18	(Back copies of the Thursday edition of The Daily Oregon Statesman are on hand. They are for sale at 10 cents each, mailed to any address. Current topics 5 cents.)