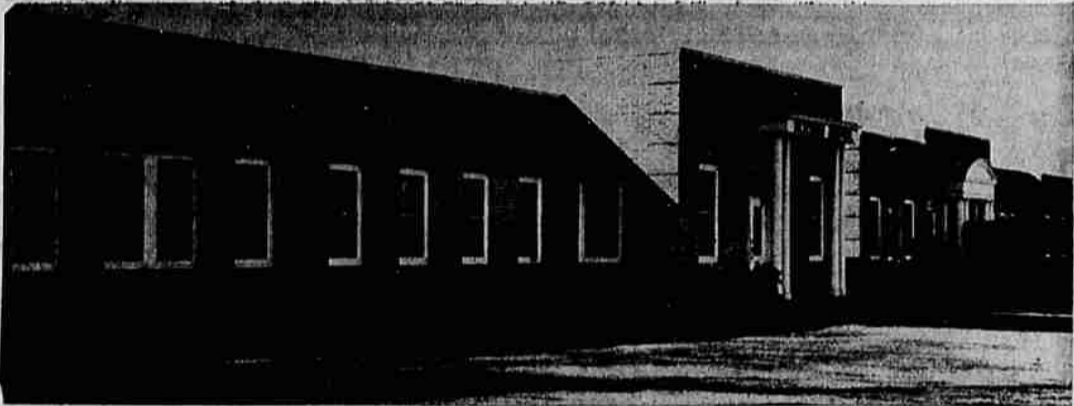


Silverton Boasts Varied Industries, Distinguished Past



The view of the west side of East Main Street in Silverton pictured above, depicts structures in the city's past and present history. Some were familiar to Homer Davenport in the 1890s while others are entirely modern. Below is shown Silverton's community owned hospital which has a \$175,000 annual payroll which is equal to the city's largest industry. The new and modern hospital has 52 beds and a staff of 11 doctors. (Capital Journal Photos)

Cannery, Hospital Lead in Payrolls

By BEN MAXWELL, Capital Journal Writer

Misfortune, fruits and vegetables afford Silverton its largest payrolls. Kolstad Cannery, with 300 employees at the season's peak, has an annual payroll of \$175,000. That same amount is the annual payroll for Silverton's community-owned hospital with 72 employees during February, 1957.

Silverton has had a distinguished past. It now has an industry with a world-wide distribution. Homer Davenport, born on a farm near Silverton in 1867, became, as an employee of Hearst newspapers, a cartoonist of international distinction.

He wrote a number of books, the more popular being "The Country Boy" relating his amusing experiences as a youth in Silverton during the 1880s.

Cooleys Found Garden
Cooley garden, founded by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cooley in 1922, specializes in iris and has a wide distribution for its bulbs and rhizomes.

Silverton also attained distinction and criticism in the late 1890s for an institution founded there by J. E. Hosmer, Minnie Hosmer and Pearl Geer.

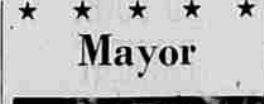
Liberal University was first located over John Wolfard's store, but later acquired a 44 acre campus and housing for 200 students. Liberal had three departments: cosmology, biology and sociology.

The aim of the school was to educate workers in the field of free thought. Internal dissensions wrecked Liberal University and the buildings were later occupied by a Catholic center.

Work for 1,500
A Chamber of Commerce brochure says Silverton has industrial employment for 1,500 persons. Present population is given as 3,080.

Largest industrial plant in Silverton, in respect to employment, is the Kolstad plant where beans, corn, pumpkins and prunes are the principal pack.

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factory, specializing in mop handles. Handles are manufactured at Valsec and shipped to Silverton for finishing. This plant, founded in 1934, has five regular and part time employees.

Of course there are other industries located in Silverton. But, most are small and have not been brought to the attention of this writer.

Twenty years ago the town had one of the larger and more modern sawmills in the Willamette Valley. Hundreds of persons found employment there and in logging camps that supplied the mill. Closure of the mill left Silverton with an unemployment problem that has gradually been reduced by a diversity of small, local industries.

Breeding Is Specialty
Not distant from the Turkey Processors is Silver Falls Hatchery, specializing in the Silver Falls breeding line of Broad Breasted Bronze poult. This family enterprise, headed by Felix T. Wright, hatches 150,000 turkey eggs annually and has four regular and part time employees.

Significant among employers of labor in Silverton is Valley Farmers Co-op with 15 regular and 20 seasonal employees. Co-op's annual payroll is \$80,000.

During 1956, the Co-op cleaned 10,878,376 pounds of grain and grass seed and during four months of the year operated on a 24-hour a day basis. There are 1,000 members and C. M. Brownell is manager.

Jonas J. Byberg Co. is a specialized Silverton industry engaged in the design and manufacture of farm machinery. Byberg specializes in production of automatic feed grinders, power dusters, mixing and molasses sizing machines.

A modern plant built in 1941 has 25,000 square feet of floor space.

Truck Line Employees 5
Comparable in size and payroll is Sanford Seed Co., handling field seeds, chewing fescue and highland bent. O. B. Sanford is manager. And in the same bracket is S & M Truck line, operating between Silverton, Portland and Mt. Angel with five employees and five pieces of equipment.

Among operating timber industry plants located in and near Silverton is the Johnson Bros. Lumber Co. with 15 employees and an \$80,000 annual payroll.

A smaller one is Pacific Handle

nal in 1954. The town presumably got its name from Silver Creek, which in turn got its name from "Silver" Smith, who brought a lot of silver dollars into the impetuous community in 1846.

In that year Silver Smith and John Barger started a sawmill at Millford, two miles above Silverton on Silver Creek, and Silverton evolved from this settlement.

In 1890, when Homer Davenport was firing a locomotive of the Oregonian Railroad and the train stopped for the crew to hunt pheasants and go swimming, the town had a population of 811.

In 1910 the population had increased to 1,580 and by 1940 reached 2,925.

As early as 1867 the village had three general stores and a harness shop and a plat of the town published in 1878 shows the location of the Coolidge and McClaire grist mill with a capacity of 100 barrels a day, the Odd Fellows and Masonic Hall, post office and hotel.

Then the village consisted of 15 blocks of four lots each and four half blocks.

300 Walk Out In Coos Hassle On Boom Crew
COOS BAY (AP) — More than 300 woods crew workers of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. walked off the job Thursday in a dispute over a boom crew.

Max Barber, president of local 2562 of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, said the walkout followed a company attempt to change the size of the boom crew and the hours of work unilaterally.

He said the union is insisting the company follow past practice and negotiate on any change.

He said the dispute involves what has been a seven-man crew starting work at 8 a.m. The company Wednesday refused to put all of them on the job, insisting that four men go to work at 7 a.m. and five others at 11 a.m. Barber said.

Teamsters Control Said Taken By English, Hoffa; Exit Beck?

NEW YORK (AP) — The Herald Tribune says Dave Beck's leadership of the Teamsters Union has been curbed to the vanishing point by tacit agreement of the union's 13-member Executive Board.

It said Beck is slated to "get the boot" at the Teamsters convention in Miami Beach in September despite his assertions that he will be re-elected for another five-year term.

Compact OK'd By California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Legislation ratifying the Klamath River Basin Compact between California and Oregon was sent to Gov. Goodwin Knight's desk Thursday.

The Oregon Legislature has passed a similar bill. Knight announced he and Oregon Gov. Robert D. Holmes will hold simultaneous signing ceremonies next Wednesday, with a long distance telephone hookup arranged so they can synchronize their timing.

Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis (D-Portland) told the Assembly the compact means that 100,000 acres of California land can be irrigated.

She said the compact permits construction of a project in either state to supply irrigation water, regardless in which state it will be used.

Over 20 Pct. of U.S. Newspapers Sell for More Than a Nickel

NEW YORK (UPI) — More than 20 per cent of the daily newspapers in the United States are now charging more than a nickel for a single copy, the American Newspaper Publishers Association reported Wednesday.

A report on the ANPA's annual survey of the nation's 1,738 English language dailies said 379 have had to raise their single copy price to 6, 7, or 10 cents.

Attention to Comfort OKLAHOMA CITY

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma Legislature is looking out for the comfort of railroad section hands. Gov. Raymond Gary signed into law a bill requiring railroad track motor cars to have tops and electric windshield wipers.

H-Envoy to Holland LONDON

LONDON (AP) — Dr. Masatoshi Matsushita, Japanese special "H-bomb envoy," flew to Amsterdam Thursday after failing to persuade Britain to sell off its forthcoming nuclear energy to the Pacific.



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