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CEMENT PLANT SEEN.

Lands of Douglas County Believed Source of Materials.

Roseburg—After years of experiments in which thousands of dollars have been spent, Douglas county is destined to become one of the foremost cement-producing counties in the United States. Up to a short time ago the State of Oregon was declared to be one of the few states in the Union in which raw materials suitable for the manufacture of Portland cement were scarce.

It was considered in Oregon an impossibility to find raw materials—limestone and shale—in the same locality; otherwise no company could have possibly been formed which would have to face such difficulties in the way of hauling raw materials to the Portland cement company.

The location of these newly discovered deposits is the Riedel property near Roseburg. The raw materials, an abundance of limestone of the highest grade, almost pure marble, and shale of uniform composition, are on the north and south side of the property at an altitude of several hundred feet in such a position that they would be about 100 feet above the crushers of a cement plant built on one of the hillsides and that the limestone would be within 500 feet and the shale within 1,000 feet of the crushers.

Dr. W. Michaelis, of Chicago, who thoroughly examined these properties and burned Portland cement from the limestone and shale on the Riedel property, declared these deposits to contain the most uniform and valuable cement materials west of Devil's Slide, Utah.

In all, Mr. Riedel controls practically 280 acres of land, adjoining the properties owned by the Portland, Oswego, Dallas & Roseburg railroad. The land lies at the head of Roberts Creek and is accessible to transportation. Mr. Riedel says he will develop the property within the next year, having already arranged for the necessary capital.

1912 OUTLOOK GOOD.

Coos Bay Lumber Shipments to Exceed Those of Last Year.

Marshfield — Remarkable increases in the lumber shipments from the two ports of Coos County, Coos Bay and the Coquille River, have been made during the past year. Figures for the year 1911 as compared to 1910 show that the increase has been greater than during any other one year in the history of the county.

The lumber shipments from Coos Bay showed an increase in 1911 of 50 per cent over the shipments of 1910. The shipments from the Coquille River showed an increase of 90 per cent over the year previous. The total shipments from the two ports of the county showed for 1911 an increase of 67 per cent over the shipments of the county as a whole during 1910. Never before has there been as much lumber shipped during one year from either of the two ports, and never before was there such a great annual increase either in amount or percentage.

The lumber shipments of the two ports for 1911 as furnished by the different lumber companies follows:

Total from Coos Bay, 165,000,000 feet.
Total from Coquille River, 63,000,000 feet.
Total from Coos County 228,000,000 feet.

With the improvements that are being made by the different milling companies and more extensive work planned by the logging companies, there promises to be even a better showing made during the year 1912.

The amount of standing timber in the county and tributary to the manufacturing centers of the county insures a constantly increasing amount of lumber shipments from the Coos county ports for many years to come.

New Sawmill Starts.

Monroe—The sawmill just completed at this place by the Alpine Lumber company started its engines for the first time Saturday. The mill has a capacity of 50,000 feet of lumber daily, and is modern in all its appointments. The company has a large force of men getting out logs in the Alsea hills, 12 miles west of Monroe, and will soon be in a position to supply lumber for the large number of buildings to be erected here this spring.

Oil Company Formed at Albany.

Albany—Permanent organization of the Valley Oil company, which was formed by a large number of Albany men to prospect for oil in Linn county, was effected at a meeting at the rooms of the Albany Commercial club. C. W. Tebault was elected president of the company, C. C. Page, vice-president, and George Dorr, secretary-treasurer. The board of directors is composed of these three officers and E. V. Bloomfield, G. A. Hines, John Macneill and L. A. Wood. The company will begin active work at once.

Acreage Planted to Loganberries.

Falls City—C. J. Pugh, of this city, has purchased 25 acres of land from William Ellis, east of town, and will plant 10 acres in loganberries this spring and 10 acres a year later. Several other persons here will plant an acre or more each in loganberries this spring. This territory is unexcelled for fruit and berries, but no extensive development work has been done.

TURKEY PASTURE SOUGHT.

Man Asks to Graze Birds in Deschutes National Forest.

Bend—J. Roy Harvey, supervisor of the Deschutes National forest, has received the most unusual application for a grazing permit since he has been connected with the service.

C. D. Schell, who has an irrigated tract of land near LaPine, has asked for a permit to graze 1,200 head of turkeys in the National reserve around Davis Lake and Crane Prairie. Mr. Harvey found nothing in his schedule of grazing fees applying to turkeys, and referred the application to Supervisor Cryder, of the Paulina reserve, in which the largest part of the grazing ground lies. It is probable that the application will have to go to Washington to be decided.

In the Davis Lake and Crane Prairie section there are many grasshoppers, and Mr. Schell plans to raise and fatten his Thanksgiving birds on these. They will be herded and taken care of by herders the same as sheep. Mr. Schell taught school in the Philippine Islands for six years. He came to Central Oregon from Ashland, where he was engaged in the fruit business.

WATER TO RESCUE WASTE.

Completion of \$150,000 Dam Marks Era in Reclaiming Vast Tract.

Klamath Falls—Water is now flowing over the Lost River diversion dam, constructed to reclaim particularly the bed land under Tule Lake, and to send Lost River's pour into the Klamath River, eight miles distant. The scheme worked was by building a dam which would back the water in the low Lost River until it flowed over the dam into a high-level canal, which would carry it about ten miles distance to the higher level of the Klamath River, thus keeping the water from spreading off toward the Tule Lake country.

While the water is being thus diverted, Tule Lake will have a chance to evaporate. The water is now going over the dam to the extent of about two inches in depth, or about 200 miners' inches per second, and the canal dug to carry it is running about a foot deep with water. The reclamation enthusiasts in the Klamath basin are exultant over the completion of the \$150,000 dam, as it is believed to mark an era of development in the work of bettering the land conditions in this section, and is the start of a solution of the problem of making tillable 40,000 acres now waste.

OREGON FIRST IS MOTTO.

Consumers League is Proposed at Meeting at Dallas.

Dallas — At a meeting attended by 200 persons, the first start was made toward organizing an "Oregon First" Consumers' league. Colonel E. Hofer, of Salem; L. Samuels, manager of the Oregon Life Insurance company; Charles Hoag, of the Manufacturers' association, and Charles Hucksenstein, of Salem, made brief addresses, urging consumers and retailers to purchase Oregon made products in preference to any other, price and quality being equal.

The meeting was an open session of the Dallas Commercial club. More than 100 names were enrolled as charter members of the Oregon First Consumers' league.

Oregon Electric Works at Albany.

Albany—Work is progressing rapidly on the grading of the line of the Oregon Electric railway from Albany to Eugene, and by spring all will be ready for laying the rails on the Salem-Eugene division. The steamer City of Eugene brought up a 70-ton steam shovel and other equipment to be used on the cut just west of this city. Copenhagen Brothers, of Portland, have a two-mile contract near this city on the Albany-Eugene division, and will begin work immediately.

Moro Farmers Now Happy.

Moro—Farmers on John Day river east of Moro report a crew of 15 United States reclamation engineers camped and working on a 200-foot dam to be built at what is locally known as "Copper Mill." The dam is to generate electric power for the Umatilla project and irrigate Rock Creek farms and land between Arlington and Condon, all in Linn county. The proposed work will flood 15 fruit farms, including what is known as the McDonald Ferry property.

Klamath Falls to Win Library.

Klamath Falls—Prospects for a Carnegie library seem bright for Klamath Falls, as on the assurance of a representative of Andrew Carnegie, the County court made a levy for the support of a library which will raise even a larger amount than that demanded by the ironmaster to warrant his assistance.

Bend Project Work Due Soon.

Salem—The contracts between the Central Oregon Irrigation company and the Desert Land board have been finally signed up and the supplemental agreement regarding the big project near Bend is now in full force and effect.

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