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Smith Wood Products Inc. Now Installing Machinery---Will Start About Jan. 20

The Smith Wood Products Inc., with a capitalization of I250,000 and a large plant just south of town, will be ready to begin operations in two or three weeks, says Geo. A. Ulett, the plant manager, who arrived here Sunday from Boston, Mass.

Mr. Ulett owns a veneer plant himself just outside of Boston, where battery separators are made and for some time past where they have used white fir shipped from Coquille. Mr. Ulett is a stockholder in the mill here, and has made a very favorable impression on those who have come in contact with him this week.

The Oerding mill has been included in the new corporation, and Mr. Ulett says plans are under way for its enlargement. Whether this means an addition to the present mill or a new sawmill Mr. Ulett did not say.

Just now the principal work going on in the plant is the setting up and aligning of the machinery which has been arriving by the carload for the past two or three weeks. Five carloads have arrived and two more are on the way.

A battery of six slicing machines, re-saw machinery, using 24 guage saws for very fine work, and all the other machinery necessary for turning out battery separators, venetian blinds and other veneer products are DEMONSTRATE being set up as rapidly as the crew of eight, who arrived here Wednesday from California, can do it. They are all familiar with the machinery being installed, having had experience with it in Californa.

At present about 30 men are employed in the plant and a large percentage of them will remain with the

Mr. Ulett says that from 50 to 60 people will be employed there when operations begin, divided about 50-50 women or girls and men. Bo that is only a percentage of the emof the present equipment will be one merged. million separators a day.

Since construction on the plant bethat the battery separators be turned out in their finished sat.e This will require a separate department for the chemical treatment of the pieces of thin Port Orford cedar, and will, of course, command a higher price than do those untreated. Not all the separators will be treated, however, and the plant will turn out two kinds. the fluted finished product and the

plain. An experienced filer from the east, who will have a man's job on his hands keeping all the saws and knives up to the required keenness is expected soon from the east. His name is Ray Boober and he will be accompanied by his wife

An overhead sprinkling system, as a fire protection, is to be installed at once, but it is not alone as a means of protection, or for drinking purposes, that more water than that comtemplated is desired. When the wood working plant and other departments are installed the plant will use daily a great quantity of water.

For many years it has been known that Coos county would not develop as it should until the shipping out of lumber gave way to the exporting of of the streams. the finished product and now Coquille has joined Coos Bay with an industry that will complete the manufacture of wood products before our great asset of timber is put on the market.

The Oarding Brothers and Albert Rivers are entitled to a great deal of credit for interesting Ralph L. Smith. of Kansas City, in the possibilities of such a plant as he is developing here. Mr. Sm.th intends leaving Kansas City for Coquille tomorrow, coming by way of Los Angelese, and he is expected here in his car about the 14th or 15th

Other decisions for manufacturing not previously announced, may result from Mr. Smith's next visit to Coquille.

Health Nurse to Leave

see her leave.

Probable City Appointments

While it cannot be authoritatively stated who are to receive appointments at the hands of Mayor-elect J. Arthur Berg and the new city council next Monday evening, it is reported that the list will line up as follows: City Attorney, Grant Corby.

City Treasurer, W. Sickels. City Engineer, J. Loy Stacer. Water Superintendent, S. V. Epper-

Street Commissioner, F. E. Dungey. Marshal, Wm. Howell. Deputy Marshal, day man, Wn.

ing, after the 1927-28 administration

has passed on the December bills. The retiring members are Mayor C. T. Skeels, Geo. H. Chaney, C. C. Farr and E. G. Opperman.

Succeeding them will be Mr. Berg as mayor, Henry Belloni, Ray E. Jeub and Robt. L. Medley as councilmen.

Plant Manager and Family Here

Geo. A. Ulett, of Boston, accompanied by Mrs. Uulett and their two sons, aged 16 and 11, and Mrs. Ulett's mother, Mrs. W. E. Caswell, arrived here Sunday in their car from Boston, Mass., and for the present are making their home in the Hotel Coquille. Mr. Ulett is the manager of the Smith Wood Products Inc., and he got busy the next day after his arrival, rushing the work of installing machine and getting the plant ready for operation. Mrs. Caswell expects to remain

DIKING VALUE

here for a month's visit.

Elmer N. Shull is one of the ranchers benefitted by the recent small dike, thrown up by the Bandon Port Commission and Fat Elk drainage listrict; up the river, who has not been at all slow in telling how much he is benefitted.

He says that always heretofore when there was even a small freshet hours of rain, that his entire place ployes required when the plant gets was under water. This year only a to operating to capacity. The capacity low spot in one corner was sub-

Working on a 50-50 proposition the 'wo bodies did in a small way what gan, there have been numerous the Sentinel has been advocating changes made in the plans, and one of should be done for the whole length them, suggested by Mr. Ulett, was of the river, where overflow occurs,

Opposite the Newton place, where there is a big bend in the river, there have been ten or a dozen low places in he bank where the water has run out from the main channel at every rise. Two of these have been gradually worn deeper until a good-sized tream would begin inundating the valley land almost as soon as the ainy season began in earnest.

This fall the two bodies mentioned secured the McLeod bucket dredge to hrow up an embankment across hese two gullies and in between hem, a distance of 75 or 80 feet The height of the dike built up with and front the river bottom varied from three to ten feet in height and it held last week, the water not reaching the top.

It is possible that a high flood would ake the dike out, but the experiment shows what can be done to help the w lands along the river.

J. E. Norton, port commissioner, who was out to look the dike over last \$50,000. After that the counties keep Sunday, says that those washes had undermined large myrtle trees which had dropped several feet into the bed

The place where the fill was made this side of the Fishtrap and Fat Elk coads junction. .

Mr. Shull figures that this little like saved him \$1,000 last week. He is but one of many ranchers benefitted, and yet the cost of that embankment was somewhat between \$500 and \$700. If all the low places in the bank were bulkheaded and diked the cost would probably not be as much as Lyman Carrier estimates the loss from the late freshet last spring-around \$50,000.

Flower Lovers Club Jan. 8

The next meeting of the Coquille Flower Lovers Club will be held in the city hall next Tuesday evening, Jan. 8. At that time Geo. W. Taylor will not get around until after he had Miss Helen Samson, nurse of the give the talk on foundation planting picked up his ducks and escaped, will county health department, has ten- which he was scheduled to give at the dered her resignation and intends to last meeting, but did not when he leave February 1 for New York City. gave way to other speakers. Mrs. She expects to continue the same line Bertha J. Smith will also have a paper of work in that state. Miss Samson at that time, her probable subject behas made many friends during her ing iris, its planting and care. Other at the city hall next Thursday, Jan. geles, will address the meeting on the others are welcome to attend. Class versity and college students, who left residence in Coquille who regret to local speakers are also on the pro- 10, from 1 to 3 p. m. The county subject of evangelism, its purpose and arrangements will be made on this gram.

Vast Amount of Material Used Nominations Made for Annual in Construction---Completed in 60 Days

Mr. Berg and the new council will which averaged about 45 men, he day noon and decided on the follow-take their seats next Monday evening and the two dry kilns in 60 days.

Into that plant, which is destined to be so important to Coquille indus- Lyman Carrier. trially have gone 600,000 feet of lumber, 36,000 yards of concrete, 15,000 hollow tile, 11,000 fire brick, 15,000 red brick, three tons of nails, and to the dry kiln and back. There are M. C. Tozier, H. A. Young and Wm. A. 20 windows, 5x7 feet, in the main Zosel building.

30x90 feet each.

The main building of the plant is ne large room with arrangements for using doors if desired to cut off one section of it.

Another room in the northeast corner has been partitioned off and and there has been a decided senti- last year. is being ceiled and fitted up for the ment among Chamber members that

Mr. Goddard had his contract practically completed by New Year's eve, that attitude any reflection on the and stated Monday that he intended other candidate, but is a tribute to to go home for a short stay this week, the man who gracefully accepted the but would return soon to construct more docks needed for the plant.

He expects very soon to begin co struction of a huge building 150x1600 feet for the Standard Seasoning Co. at Cottage Grove which will be located on the highway, this side of that city.

November Butterfat Prices

have not heretofore been published sweet and 53 cents for sour cream. In figuring the Ferndale or Hum-

boldt price paid it must be borne in mind that the creameries there pay public service company manager, and an additional for the skimmed milk, which boosts the price paid the dairyman 4 to 5 cents.

men, as well as Mr. Monotti of San Francisco, to criticize the publication of the figures. Jos. Nilsen, of Rivertor, is another ex-Humboldt county dairyman, who assures us that the dairymen down there average to receive from 4 to 5 cents more than the cream price quoted. This comes from the factories which use the skimmed milk and will likewise be an asset to the local dairymen when such by-product plants are in operation in Coos

It Costs Taxpayers Not a Cent

A matter was brought out at the budget sessions of the county court Monday which has not received the to the prohibition law enforcement.

All fines from liquor offenses are kept in a separate account by the county, and 25 per cent of such belong to the state until the total paid in by all the fines.

Out of what the county retains all the expenses of the two additional deputy sheriffs are paid and a balance ranging from \$6,000 to \$14,000 s near the Fishtrap-Roy road, just is turned in to the general fund of the county at the end of the year. The past year the amount turned in was approximately \$9,000, nearly enough to pay all jail expenses, including prisorers not confied there on liquor

> The claim that the prohibition squad is the cause of additional taxes is entirely without foundation.

Game Warden's Warning

Following his program of trying to prevent game law violation, rather than secure conviction afterwards, Deputy Game Warden C. A. Hearing says that the fellow who took advantage of the high water, and shot after probably find him waiting next time to assist in catching the fallen fowl.

Baby Clinic Next Thursday

Election to Be Held January 16

S. R. Godard, of Cottage Grove, con- | The Chamber of Commerce committractor, who has had charge of the tee appointed to present a list of canconstruction of the Smith Wood Pro- didates to the annual meeting of the ducts Inc. plant here, has made a fine Chamber, to be held Jan. 16, and from record in the construction of the which the board of directors for the plant. With the aid of his crew, year 1929 can be chosen, met Wednes-which averaged about 45 men, he day noon and decided on the followboard of directors' meeting that night: For president-J. L. Stevens and

For vice president-C. W. Gardner.

For treasurer-W. S. Sickels. For directors-Dr. P. M. Drake, Iris A. Elrod, C. C. Farr, O. T. Gant, H. E. there is half a mile of railroad track Hess, G. Russell Morgan, Geo. E. in the building for running the trucks Oerding, O. C. Sanford, C. T. Skeels,

In naming the candidates for presi-The two dry kilns measured about dent, the committee had two purposes in view. One of them is that the vice president one year usually succeeds to last year. the principal office the next. The other was that Mr. Stevens has tied the last two years for the election, losing both times on the flip of a coin, he is entitled to the honor of heading 20.9; city, 23.6; state and county, 25.7; the city's civic organization. Nor is total, 70.2 mills. It was 54.1 last office of director two years in succes-

sion after being the victim of chance F. G. Leslie who has served as treasurer the past year, asks to be relieved of that duty.

Chas. W. Gardner has served two years as director and is qualified to fill the higher position by his knowledge of both city and chamber affairs. November butterfat prices, which Mixed with nine names of men who

have not previously served as directors show that Humboldt county paid 54 are three who have served—Messra. Sanford, Skeels and Young. In namering the Cook Bay creamery 55 cents, and Swift & Co. 56 cents for committee endeavored to include as many different lines of business possible - merchants, professional men, bankers, stock men, truck men,

> Mr. Carrier declined to be a candidate and at his request his name was stricken from the list.

Products Co., has had considerable ex- ordered near the plant. perience in the lumber business but to him.

publicity it deserves. It is in regard daughter but does not think his family any plant which has or may locate will join him here until after the close of the school year in Portland. Mr. Smith came down to look things over but will not be located here.

all the counties in the state reaches Bar Ass'n to Meet Here Jan. 11

meeting and election of officers will

be held in the court house at 4 p. m. At 6:30 the banquet will be served in the Hotel Coquille. S. D. Pulford, as president of the association, will deliver the address of welcome, and A. J. Sherwood will respond. Judge Mc-Bride, of the Supreme court will deliver the principal address of the evening and there will also be addresses by Judge Brand, T. T. Bennett and John G. Mullen, John D. Goss will act as toastmaster.

Says Ferry Will Continue

"Budget committees may come and budget committees may go, but the was the statement of Judge-elect D. F. is just as fine a performer as it is Thompson Wednesday in commenting looker. hours, thinking that the warden could on the validity of the contract for operation of the Eastside ferry.

Ministerial Ass'n Here Monday

ciation will meet in the new Pioneer health officials will conduct the clinic. method.

Tax Levies for Eight Cities

The following are the levies for the 1928 tax in the eight cities of the ounty, as just figured by Assessor J. P. Beyers. They are for the 1928 taxes payable this year. It shows Coquille to have the lowest of any of the eight towns except Empire: Coquille—School district No.

20.4; city, 19.4; port of Bandon, 1.9; state and county, 25.7; total, 67.4 mills. It was 63.4 last year. Myrtle Point-School district N

41, 10:1; city, 21; union high school, 14; state and county, 25.7; total, 70.8 mills. It was 62.8 last year. Bandon School district No. 54

state and county, 25.7; total, 89.7 mills. It was 85.6 last year, Marshfield—School district No. 19.8; city, 20.3; Port of Coos Bay, 6.2; ture operations. state and county 25.7; total, 72 mills.

It was 71 last year.
North Bend-School district No. 18 21.1; city 29.7; port of Coos Bay, 6.2; state and county, 25.7; total, 82.7 mills. It was 77.5 last year. -

Eastside School district No. 17.4; city, 30.7; port of Coos Bay, 6.2; special high school, 1; state and county, 25.7; total, 81 mills. It was 65.9 one block to Heath; and possibly

Empire School district No. 6, 8.4; city, 19.2; Port of Coos Bay, 6.2; special high school, 1; state and county, 25.7; total, 60.5 mills. It was 61.2

Lakeside School district No. 66

PLANT NEEDS MORE WATER

Geo. A. Ulett, plant manager for the Smith Wood Products Inc.; met with the new and old city administra-tions Wednesday evening to discuss the water supply to be furnished the new plant by the city. He made the request that a 6-inch main be laid from Knowlton Heights to the plant instead of the 4-inch which was remasted some months ago. The reaa large amount of water will be needed for all the various operations than was contemplated at the time the promise was given to furnish water by the city. In fact, the plans for increased capacity of the plant, as out-The above was written before the lined to the city administration make The failure to always mention this committee reported to the directors it look as though the entire acreage fact has caused several local dairy- Wednesday evening. At that time belonging to the company would be belonging to the company covered with buildings in years to

> The four-inch line has been laid and Will Have Charge of Plant Office Willey place down Knowlton avenue covered from the main line near the S. R. Smith, assistant secretary of and to the Folsom place, and the city the Ralph L. Smith Lumber Co. of officials expressed the opinion that a Kansas City, who is located in Port- larger pipe could not be installed at land, and E. Purvance, of Portland, this time. They did assure Mr. Ulett arrived here Monday. Mr. Purvance, that every effort would be made to who is to have charge of the office and provide increased service as it was bookkeeping end of the Smith Wood | needed, and an additional hydrant was

> It was stated that the problem of says the veneer and battery separator furnishing water would become acute portion of that industry is a new one during the summer months, but that it was hoped to have a supply eventu-Mr. Purvance is married and has a ally that will not only take care of here and of all irrigating and sprinkling requirements.

Moore Co. Moves From Leneve After 14 years' operation from Leneve, on the river, back as far as The annual banquet and meeting of their holdings extended, the Moore the Coos County Bar Association will Mill & Lumber Co., of Bandon, this be held next Friday, Jan. 11. The morning began dismantling their camp in that section. It will be moved five miles farther down river, by scows, and reopened between the Donaldson and Hanly places on the same side of the river that they have been operating. The holdings there are mostly fir, with about three million

Chev Sixes on Display Here

feet of cedar.

Delay in the shipment of Chevrolets from the plant at Oakland prevented the Southwest Motor Co. from having one of the new Sixes on display here until Wednesday, when Paul McElwaine went out to Grants Pass and drove in one of the new coaches. It is a wonderful looking car for the Eastside ferry will continue to run," money, and Mr. McElwaine says it pearing in the county budget.

An Invitation to Study

Any one interested in taking up a The Coos County Ministerial Asso-plied Psychology will meet at the the average for the time as it was a home of Inez R. Chase at 7 p. m. month ago. church in Coquille next Monday noon, Thursday, Jan. 10. The class is being A baby clinic in Ciquille will be held Jan. 7. Dr. D. L. Coale, of Los An- sponsored by the B. & P. W. Club but

What Mayor-Elect J. A. Berg Will Propose for Council's Consideration

In a talk with the Sentinel scribe yesterday morning, Mayor-elect Berg mentioned, three matters which are to be given serious consideration during the next two years water, sew-

ers and street improvement. The streets on this side of the guich 19.5; city, 42.6; port of Bandon, 1.9; are pretty well improved, nearly all of them with concrete or concrete base and asphaltic top dressing, so the north end is to be the scene of fu-

> Mr. Berg says that many of the property owners from the Opperman property to Tenth street, on Coulter, are anxious for hard surface improvements at once, to replace the worn out plank, and he believes this year's street work will include such surfacing on Coulter, from Seventh to Tenth; on Eight from Coulter east on Tenth from Coulter to meet the paving from the highwey past the school house.

> Mr. Berg expressed himself as be ing in favor of permanent improvements, rather than plank or gravel, wherever streets are surfaced.

The same section of town is also he one where sewer improvement is needed, and the new mayor favors two septic tanks, each 20x30 approximately, for taking care of the district's sewage. One section of the north end would naturally be drained to the gulch which is crossed by Henry street bridge, and the other would drain into the ravine north of Tenth street. He would place the septic tanks in these lower spots.

The water question is a large one, and Mr. Berg holds the same opinion hat so many have been forced to adopt in recent years that the river is the logical source of supply and he only one where a sufficient volume can be secured. He is not disregard-ing the possibility of a supply from the new well, but if that fails to produce the city's requirements the only source left is the Coquille river.

From the investigations Mr. Berg has made he estimates that the settling and purifying basins, pumping plant and other equipment, can be installed for \$10,000. Of course, that would mean that chloris be used, but it probably would not be necessary to use the river water more than four or five months. For the balance of the time the present ample sources will be available.

Larger and more industrial plants will necessitate more water for both the plants and for domestic use of the employes and it is certain, as the city grows, that all the present sources will be inadequate.

Coquille has outstanding now more than \$65,000 worth of water bonds. Had the river been tapped years ago this bonded indebtedness would not have been so large, but no one wanted to use the river except as a last re-

Probable Change in Ownership

A deal for the Z. C. Strang's clothng and gents' furnishings store on Second street is pending and after the stock has been invoiced Wm. A. Zosel expects to take charge Monday.

Mr. Zosel is no povice at the clothing game for he has both clerked in and owned clothing stores in Salem and Silverton. Mr. Zosel is quite popular in Coquille and will keep up the reputation of the store for fair and nonest treatment.

Mr. Strang has owned this business for the past six years, having purchased it from E. A. Folsom. He has kept a large and well selected line of merchandise and has deserved the excellent patronage which he has enjoyed.

Grange Not Opposed to Budget

Arthur A. Brown, of the Coos Pomona Grange, who attended the county court session last Monday, said that the Grange had taken no action in opposition to any of the items ap-

27 Inches of Rain to Date

Rain since the first of last September, when the precipitation record begins each year, now totals approxicourse of study in Practical and Ap- mately 27 inches, not so much below

> Tueseday saw the exodus of uniing the Christmas holidays at home.