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BUTTER FACTORY IS PERFECT ONE

EXPERT PRONOUNCES ROGUE VALLEY CREAMERY MODEL.

MACHINES RUN SMOOTHLY

First Butter Will Be Made Thursday, August 28th, and Cream Routes Will Be Established.

Power was turned on at the Rogue Valley creamery for the first time Thursday morning, and the various machines, compressors, churns, etc., started off as smoothly as though they had been in operation for months. The installation of the machinery of the plant has been in charge of A. L. Workman, here from San Francisco representing the DeLaval company from whom the most of the equipment was purchased. He had the machinery all in line Thursday morning, and a short time after the switch was thrown turning the electric current into the motor frost commenced to form on the pipes from the ammonia compressor, and the temperature in the refrigerating room commenced to drop toward zero with rapidity. But there were no evidences of a frost about any other portion of the plant. It was a model of modern creamery construction, and Mr. Workman said that there was none better of a like capacity on the coast. He had only praise for the plan and arrangement of the building, and said that in its construction Manager Bates had shown that he had followed the best authorities as well as working in original ideas that stamped the Rogue Valley creamery as even in advance of the latest elsewhere.

Mr. F. E. Weissenfush, who has been engaged as the butter maker, arrived in the city Wednesday night, and is already at home in the creamery as he takes great pride in the establishment. Mr. Weissenfush comes on the recommendation of the DeLaval people, who has been employed in the installation of machinery, and is thoroughly acquainted with the manipulation of all the machines in the local creamery. He is an expert butter maker, and acted in that capacity with the Damascus creamery at Portland before going with the DeLaval people. He is enthusiastic over the Rogue Valley creamery, and says that with so complete an establishment there will be no excuse for anything but the very best quality of butter.

Butter making will commence on Thursday, August 28th, and the wagons will start out over the cream routes on the morning of that day. Dairymen who are to ship by express will also be notified to get their cream here on that day. The present arrangement is to have wagons start out over the New Hope and the lower Rogue river routes, and the Wilderville shipment will come in by auto stage. From Merlin, Hugo, Wolf Creek and other districts to the north, and from Rogue River, Gold Hill and Evans creek, the cream will come by express, and a large number of farmers in those districts have agreed to ship here.

The price to be paid if the present market conditions are maintained next week will be 32 cents per pound for butter fat. This is the price which Mr. Bates is paying at the Valley Pride creamery, of which he is also the manager, and uniform prices will be maintained at the two institutions. During the month of July a price of 31 cents was maintained at the Valley Pride while other creameries were only paying 28 cents, this speaking well for the management of Mr. Bates, who has not only returned the best prices to the farmers, but who has made the creamery a heavy payer of dividends.

Claud H. Howell, night baggageman at the depot, went to Roseburg Tuesday to take the S. P. examination.

CANNERY RECEIVES ITS FIRST TOMATOES

The first tomatoes to be canned at the local cannery were put into tin Tuesday, the Leonard Orchard Co. bringing in a ton of prime tomatoes, and a number of other growers turning in smaller quantities at the institution. Thus far the bulk of the tomatoes have been shipped out green and have found ready market both to the north and in the Klamath and Siskiyou districts. The main crop that was planted for the cannery is just now coming on, however, and receipts at the institution should increase rapidly. The cannery will receive tomatoes daily in any quantities.

The first pears are being canned today, and the cannery will be an active establishment during the balance of the season, the peaches following closely on the pear season, and the tomato crop increasing till frost in the fall.

Another car of pears left the warehouse of the Growers' association Tuesday night, and another will follow as soon as it is loaded. In harvesting the pears only the full sized fruits are picked at the first picking, and the second picking usually follows about a week later, but Fruit Inspector Burke says that the fruit has been filling out so rapidly during the past few days that picking will have to continue without interruption. The association will therefore receive pears every day.

A good many Hungarian and Italian prunes are being received at the association packing house, though though not enough to make a carload shipment. A car of mixed prunes and pears was loaded out, and another of the same kind is now being prepared.

Disbursements to the producers are now being made, a draft for \$1382, covering the first two cars of pears shipped, having been received for distribution Tuesday.

TO STANDARDIZE GRAPE OUTPUT OF VALLEY.

The organization of the grape growers of the district was perfected at the meeting held in the grange hall, at Fruitdale, Saturday afternoon, M. H. Harris being elected president, Florenz Breitmayer, vice president, and W. G. White, secretary-treasurer. These three officers, acting in conjunction with Paul Kirker and H. E. Gale, constitute the executive committee.

The association will now proceed to a complete standardization of the grape output as regards quality and pack, and all sales will be made through the executive committee. About twenty growers are incorporated within the association, including practically all the owners of bearing vineyards in the district. The vineyards of this vicinity were with one or two exceptions set out four years ago, and just now coming into commercial bearing. Carson's yard has been the leading commercial yard, and while Mr. Carson has been deeply interested in the formation of this association, he had already contracted his crop for the present season, so that his will not be included in the association sales this year. Other than the Carson vineyard, there are about 200 acres that are just coming into bearing, and this will be considerably augmented next year. The price outlook is most excellent, and the growers will get excellent returns from their crop.

MISSOURI GOVERNOR RUNS REAL STEAM ROLLER.

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 20. —With Governor Major of Missouri leading, 300,000 men and thousands of teams today are shoveling and hauling dirt on Missouri highways, in accordance with the governor's proclamation for two good roads days. The entire city has suspended business and is helping to improve the state's highways. Governor Major is running a steam roller in Callaway county.

CITY ARRANGES R. R. CONTRACTS

DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETED AND SENT TO LOS ANGELES.

CONSTRUCTION CO. TO SIGN

Public Utilities Commission and City Council Agree on Basis of Dealing With Builders.

Franklin Helm left Sunday afternoon for San Francisco and Los Angeles, taking with him the contracts executed by the city officials providing for the building of the municipally-owned unit of the coast railroad by the Interstate Construction Co. These contracts are to be signed by the construction company, of which Wm. Loftus is president, when the railroad matter will have approached a definite basis. It is expected that the documents will have been properly executed by the company at its offices in Los Angeles before the end of the present week, as Attorney Walker, representing Mr. Loftus and the other members of the company, remained here till the contracts had been put into form acceptable to both his clients and the city. He left for the south with Mr. Helm Sunday.

Four instruments were executed by the city council on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission, the one providing for the building of the road to Wilderville by the construction company with the proceeds of the bond sale, the company having found the market for the bonds in Los Angeles, the second the option given the people for the purchase of the first unit at \$200,000 within three years; the third a lease covering the period of the option, and the fourth the agreement of the company to build through to the coast if certain bonuses are provided. Under this agreement the company is to build to Kerby within 15 months, and the county is to subscribe a bonus of \$100,000 payable when the road is built to the coast. All of these documents were signed by the officials of the city Saturday night, and assurance was given that they would be signed at once by the Californians. Mr. Loftus stated when he was here that if the city had been able to come to an agreement before he had to leave.

Dr. Reddy and Judge Childs are at Crescent City arranging final details there.

The city council, the public utilities commission, and the citizens in general have been active the past few days in conjunction with the promoters of the coast railroad in perfecting a contract covering the building of the municipally owned unit of the road. The officials of the city and the Interstate Construction Co. are agreed upon the general terms of the contract, but details that were more or less difficult of solution have taken time and have delayed final approval of the document. The commission, the council and the attorneys for the city and the Interstate Construction Co. have now, however, arrived at a basis where all interests seem to be best served. Under the contracts the California people are to build the municipal unit, the road from the S. P. junction in this city to Wilderville, and to accept the city's bonds in payment. From the proceeds of these bonds, however, the city is to be reimbursed for approximately \$50,000 which it has already expended in purchase of terminals, right-of-way, in grading, etc., and for the purchase of the Riggs-Lucas holdings. The remainder of proceeds from the bond issue the company accepts in payment for the completed line to Wilderville, including bridges across the Rogue and Applegate rivers, and across Allen creek. The contract is contingent, of course, upon the decision of

BURLEY IS APPOINTED RECEIVER OF ALMEDA

Judge Calkins, on the application of the assistant attorney general, on action brought by Corporation Commissioner Watson, on Tuesday afternoon appointed Thos. S. Burley, of Tacoma, as receiver for the Almeda Mining company, which company owns the big Almeda mine at Galice, in this county.

This action has been taken as the first step toward the rehabilitation of this great property which has within it the making of one of the richest mines of the west. The Almeda has been hampered through lack of funds and through some possible errors in policy, and the naming of Mr. Burley as receiver in the capacity of manager will mean that it will be brought out of its difficulties in the shortest possible time. Mr. Burley is a practical mining man, and has ample finances in view for the building up of the property and the placing it again upon a paying basis. All claims against the property will, it is said, be met in due time, and no stockholder need fear for the safety of his investment.

The body of ore now in sight in the Almeda is sufficient to keep it in operation many years, the great volume of mineral that is now blocked out having excited the wonder of every mining man who ever visited it. Under Mr. Burley's management the smelter on the property will be run, and shipments of matte will be made regularly.

S. P. OFFICIALS SEE IMPROVING BUSINESS.

John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company; W. H. Jenkins, traveling passenger agent of the same company, and H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent for the company's lines in Oregon, have been in the city during the day on one of their periodical trips through their territory becoming better acquainted with their patrons and investigating ways and means for the improvement of the service.

The gentlemen are all optimistic of the business future of Southern Oregon, and see a general improving of conditions in the entire northwest. Mr. Scott has recently received a letter from a firm in New York asking for information concerning large bodies of sugar and yellow pine, and also making inquiry for a 6,000 acre ranch in this district. The letter of inquiry states that the people have from twenty to thirty millions of dollars to invest in timber and lands in Oregon.

the supreme court upholding the legality of the issue of \$200,000 bonds.

Following this contract for the construction of the municipally-owned unit of the road are three other documents. One is the option which is given the California parties for the purchase of the unit at an agreed price of \$200,000, and another is the lease covering the period of the option, the lease, however, to be void should the road toward the coast not be continued. But the third agreement is the one that is the real meat in the coconut for under it the California people contract to build the line through to Crescent City whenever the people of Grants Pass, Crescent City and the intervening territory meet the conditions that have been imposed and accepted. The road is to be built to Kerby in 15 months and to the coast at Crescent City within three years, and the required bonuses are not payable until the conditions have been met. This agreement is to be backed up by an indemnity bond of \$25,000, forfeitable should the company fail to meet its terms.

The supreme court has not yet filed its opinion in the city bond case, the required four members not having been in Salem since the case was argued. Three members were there at one time ready to render the opinion, and while it may come at any time, it is possible that it will now be delayed till September, when the members of the court who are now out on vacation have returned.

ROGUE ATTRACTS MINING MEN

GRANTS PASS IS MECCA OF MANY INVESTORS.

COPPER AND GOLD THE LURE

New Railroad to Coast Will Make Great Ore Deposits Available for Development.

The publicity given to the mining districts of this part of the state by the promoters of the Grants Pass-Crescent City railroad in their investigations regarding tonnage from the mines has resulted in an influx of a large number of mining men and operators who have made good in their work both at home and in foreign lands. The hotel registers of this city show the names of many of the most prominent mining engineers and capitalists ever congregated in any mining camp in this country.

Investigates the Almeda.

John Ross, a well known mining engineer of Sutter Creek, Cal., who perhaps stands as high in his profession as any other man in America, has just returned from Galice, where he made an examination of the Almeda mine for parties who are considering the matter of financing the affairs of this big property, and it is understood that his report was such as to warrant the resumption of work at the mine and smelter on a scale commensurate with the merits of the mine.

To Equip Old Glory.

Arthur H. Gruber and his associates, of Milwaukee, Wis., after giving the properties of the Old Glory Gold Mining company, situated on Silver creek, due consideration, have agreed to raise sufficient capital with which to equip this well known mine with a very complete modern mining and milling plant and details and designs are now being prepared for installation at the earliest day possible.

Options Grave Creek Property.

James W. Neill, of Pasadena, Cal., who is the head of a successful syndicate operating a gold dredge on Merced river, has succeeded in securing a favorable option on a large tract of dredging ground on Grave creek near the Columbia mine, and on Monday he put a crew of experienced miners to work sinking shafts and if this work verifies the preliminary report made on the property by C. L. Mangum of Grants Pass, steam core drills will be at once put into commission boring holes on all parts of the ground, and if the results are such as to warrant it, a big dredge costing from \$150,000 to \$200,000 will be constructed and put into operation as soon as possible.

Test Pleasant Creek Ground Here.

J. K. Kendrick of California, who spent several days here this week, has just completed arrangements with local parties who represent a Boston firm by which fifteen hundred acres of dredging ground situated on Pleasant creek, seventeen miles northeast from this city, will be thoroughly tested, and if the results prove satisfactory two or more big gold dredges will be built and put into operation next season. A small bucket dredge was installed on this ground some time ago, but it was entirely too frail and light to accomplish its purpose. The equipment of this property will involve an outlay of \$400,000 and a total investment of about \$700,000.

Developing the Bill Nye.

R. Borden of Paris, France, is now on the famous Bill Nye mine situated seventeen miles southeast from Grants Pass, where he is giving his personal attention to the further development of this property for the French Exploration Company. Capt. C. Henry Thompson, of Los Angeles, with his consulting engineer, is due to arrive in this city tonight for the purpose of commencing

active operations on a large group of copper claims on which he holds options, in the Waldo Mining district. Messrs. Hyslop and Beckman here. Messrs. James E. Hyslop and H. M. Beckman, mining engineers and mine operators who are largely interested in mining in the Republic of Mexico, are stopping at the hotel Josephine and are here for the purpose of investigating the mineral resources of southern Oregon and northern California.

Messrs. J. W. Neill, James H. White, C. A. Martin, Alexander Turner, O. Daniels and R. M. Wilson of California, mining engineers and mine owners are making their present headquarters at the Hotel Oxford, and are all able and willing to make investments in mines and prospects provided that conditions be reasonably favorable.

Many Investigators in the District.

Among the many mining men who are in this part of the country looking over the mineral and mining districts in addition to those above mentioned are J. A. Simpson, Salem, Oregon; W. B. Pickrell, Spokane; H. M. Parks and Sidney W. French of Corvallis; Prof. A. N. Winchell and L. E. Reber of the University of Wisconsin; H. M. Lawrie of the State Mining Bureau; Thomas S. Burley, Tacoma, Wm. H. Hamilton, San Jose; J. C. Crooks and E. S. Porter, Oakland, Ralph Clarke, Spokane; E. H. Delray, Hammond, Cal.; W. P. Crane, Oakland; W. J. Gerrish, Portland; J. T. Smith, Juneau, Alaska; W. M. Brewster, Seattle; J. R. Lipps, Lovelock, Nev.; R. E. Doan of Los Angeles, Cal.; Phil E. Lawrence of Reno and many others of equal note.

Wonderful Surface Showing.

One of the above named mining engineers in the lobby of the Hotel R. Lipps, Lovelock; Rev. R. E. Doan Josephine, while discussing the mineral resources of Josephine county last night, said: "I have been actively engaged in mining for the last thirty years and I am free to acknowledge that in all my experience I have never seen such a wonderful surface showing for gold and copper as is found in this county. Give capital adequate shipping facilities and make fair prices, conditions and terms on your mines and prospects and you will be surprised to learn how quickly this county will become one of the greatest and most attractive mining districts in the United States; but, however, don't make up your mind that you are the only people on the beach, for the fact is that there are many more beaches and some more pebbles too. Your copper mines alone ought to furnish employment to at least ten thousand miners when once property developed, saying nothing of your gold mines which are very extensive and valuable."

MAN WANTED FOR ROBBERY ARRESTED AT STOCKTON.

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 21.—G. H. Van Eck, wanted in Los Angeles on a charge of robbing and beating a Los Angeles banker last June, is under arrest here. He is an ex-convict and also is suspected of being the man who fired Totten and Brandt's planing mill here in July, wiping out a block and a half of business property valued at \$150,000. Van Eck came here shortly after the robbery in Los Angeles. He secured employment at the planing mill, but quarreled with his employers shortly before the fire and was discharged. A complete set of burglar tools has been found in his room.

Ed. Stieger went to Roseburg Tuesday.

BARTLETT PEAR SALES IN EASTERN MARKETS.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Through auction, one car of Oregon Bartlett's \$2.99.
New York, Aug. 20.—Through auction Bartlett's \$2.64.
Philadelphia, Aug. 20.—Through auction one car Bartlett's \$1.83 and \$1.90.