

## LOCAL SAW MILL IS PROSPEROUS

Albany Lumber Company has Best Year Yet; Looks for Increase

With a large body of standing timber Linn County is one of the principal lumbering counties of the state. And assisting in marketing this vast resource of nature is the Albany Lumber Company, an institution composed with one exception, of Albany.

The Albany Lumber Company's mill is located on the southeastern edge of the city on the C. & E. branch of the S. P. railway. The plant consists of the mill proper with planing and dressing machinery, equipped to run out any kind of lumber and building material. The mill was first started about 25 years ago and has changed ownership several times.

Three years ago a new organization took hold of it, re-organized things and put it upon a sound footing. The men back of this enterprise are J. J. Barrett, president; Henry Lyons and A. J. Johnson, directors and Alex Ross, manager. Much of the success of the mill is due to the efficient managerial ability of Mr. Ross, who understands the lumber business from the forest to the delivery wagon.

The local plant has a capacity of 30,000 feet daily and employs about 30 men. In addition, the company maintains a logging crew of its own and some 30 others work in the woods. The output of another logging camp is also used. The monthly payroll of the mill is about \$6,000 a month, the greater part of which gets back to Albany merchants.

The plant has been closed down during the last three weeks owing to the unusual cold weather and the holidays, but will open again in a few days and proceed on a steady season's run. This is assured by a good supply of logs.

The output of the mill has been readily sold, but the company would like to see a larger patronage from

local people.

Both Mr. Barrett and Mr. Ross predict a heavy building year in this part of the valley and are getting ready to take advantage of the large volume of trade that is due them.

## FORD DEALERS PLAN TO IMPROVE

New Machinery to be Added to Workshop; Firm May Build

When E. L. McKern and Charles Kirk took over the Ford Garage from Whit Crawford on July 5 they were employing eight men. Today 14 people are employed in the plant and on the road and more will soon be added.

In the near future the company will install some of the most modern Ford special repair machinery and will have a repair shop in the matter of equipment that will be second to none in the state.

Messrs Kirk and McKern are both young men and have injected plenty of pep into the business. They are selling Fords and Fords as fast as they can be had and they predict a great year in 1920 in these lines.

During the coming year the Fordson and implement end of the business will be built up, and more room will soon be necessary. The firm is contemplating the erection of a modern garage and sales rooms down town, keep in the present location at Ninth and Baker Streets for a warehouse.

### Just Suppose

An Oregon farmer has \$2000 which he would like to loan at 6 or 7 per cent or put in a saving account in a local bank to draw 3 per cent interest.

Just supposing that while he is waiting to make a decision what to do, Oregon passes the proposed amendment to the constitution changing the legal rate of interest to 4 or 5 per cent.

Would the farmer loan his money here or would he deposit it in an Oregon bank which could no longer

pay interest on savings accounts? He certainly would not.

Furthermore, if it became necessary to do so, he could not borrow any money here for who would loan to him at these rates when they could get more else where.

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