

CEMENT PLANT COST \$200,000 FEATURE 1916

Most Important Addition to Industries of Valley Will Begin Operation Next Week, Employing Eighty Men—located at Gold Hill—Makes Cement and Lime.

The most important addition to the industries of the Rogue River valley has come with the beginning of manufacture at the Gold Hill plant of the Beaver Portland Cement Co. The plant was completed early in November and the first step in the process of cement manufacture came with the filling of the storage bins with limestone and shale, the principal raw products entering into the makeup of the cement.

Shortly after the first of the year the wheels of the plant will begin to turn in earnest. A crew of 85 or more men will be given permanent employment and the payroll, which will amount to in the neighborhood of \$250 per day will be put into circulation in the valley.

Investment of 200,000
Three years were spent in the construction of the mill, \$200,000 being spent for material and machinery, \$75,000 for freight and \$100,000 for payroll before a wheel was turned.

The plant, which is situated about half a mile north of Gold Hill, was started in 1913. Operations were discontinued during 1914, due to the impossibility of obtaining shipments of machinery. Last year work was continued and now the plant stands ready for its work, complete in every detail. The building operations were carried out by the Hunt Engineering company of Kansas City.

J. B. Burch of Portland is president of the company. William Schirump vice-president, R. P. Tucker and William Stuenkel is in charge of the quarries.

In the quarries held by the company is enough material to run the plant continuously for a hundred years or more. The limestone quarries lie on a hill two miles west of the plant, and on the hillside directly behind the plant. Here also lie the beds of shale rock which is used. The plant was built for permanence and for the adequate working of the enormous supplies of raw materials at hand.

Of Latest Design.

Throughout the plant the latest and most approved methods of manufacture are used. For the transporting of material the gravity system is used, very little power being necessary for the movement of the product from the time it enters the hoppers on the hillside. In grinding, the latest and most economical types of machines are used. In making the cement the materials are put through what is known as the "wet process," which is claimed to produce the most uniform cement, due to the greater admixture of ingredients while in a state resembling a thick mud.

The capacity of the plant is 1000 barrels, or 4000 sacks, of cement a day. The materials used are 250 tons of limestone, 100 tons of shale, 10 tons of gypsum and 10,000 gallons of crude oil, which is used for fuel in the burning of the crushed stone.

Half of the limestone now being used comes from the quarries lying two miles to the west of the plant, and known as the Incline quarries, and half from the quarries at the plant.

The shale also comes from the plant. The gypsum and oil are, of course, shipped in. Storage is provided for 150,000 gallons of oil.

PLAN MERGER OF DRY ORGANIZATIONS

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30.—The heads of five anti-liquor organizations conferred here today, relative to a proposition to merge all prohibition bodies in the United States into one national party whose principal object would be to carry on the fight for nation-wide prohibition.

These five leaders were: V. G. Hinshaw, chairman of the prohibition national committee; Miss Anna Gordon of Evanston, Ill., president of the W. C. T. U.; Dr. Charles Scanlon, Chicago, general secretary of the temperance commission of the federal council of churches; E. H. Cherrington of New York, an editor, and D. Leigh Colvin, New York, president of the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition association, which is holding its convention in this city.

Death Takes Great Toll Among World's Famed People!



GROWERS NET GOOD PRICES ON 1916 FRUIT CROP

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on Jonathans is explained by the fact that 84 per cent of the total of this variety packed consisted of four and a half and five-tier fruit, and 70 per cent of the total of this variety packed consisted of second grade or fancy fruit.

Our packing for the season has now been completed and all the fruit has been shipped with the exception of one car of Ben Davis and approximately one car of odd varieties. These we expect to load out and ship within a few days and we will then close our plant for repairs and preparation for the coming season. We have disposed of all our cull apples with the exception of a few boxes, at \$6.50 per ton delivered, either to the Bagley Canning company or to the Rogue River Canning company and to the Knight Packing company of Portland, Oregon, who have paid us \$6.00 per ton f. o. b. cars in bulk at our own side track. We have made no charge against the growers for the handling of these culls and the growers will receive the contract price less whatever expense may be attendant upon delivery of the fruit.

The average of this expense should not exceed \$1.00 per ton, which would give the growers \$5.50 per ton for their culls.

Packing of Crop.

Every box of fruit that the association has handled this season has been packed at our own cold storage plant in the city of Medford. We are more than ever convinced of the advisability of concentrating packing at one place in so far as this is physically possible. During the months of August and September we received all our pears at night between the hours of six p. m. and 7 a. m., and throughout the entire rush season while the Bartlett and Howell packing was on we never for a single day, failed to pack out during the day, every box of fruit that was hauled in the night before and to have every box either stored in our cooling rooms or loaded into refrigerator cars. We believe that this method of handling is accountable in a large measure for the fact that throughout the entire season we have not received red ink or anything like red ink on a single carload of fruit shipped

LOUIS H. PLYMALE WHILE DESPONDENT COMMITS SUICIDE

Louis H. Plymale committed suicide at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, slashing his throat with a razor, severing the windpipe and jugular vein. Plymale came to Medford Friday morning from San Francisco accompanied by a brother, Frank Plymale, to make an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. Tom Collins. Plymale was 44 years old, was born near Jacksonville, and was a son of the late W. J. Plymale.

At noon Plymale appeared cheerful. Shortly after lunch he shaved himself. A few minutes later he left the house on South Cottage creek and walked toward the bank of Bear creek. He was seen by Tom Collins, who followed him to the creek bank. Plymale warned him not to come closer, drew the razor and after wading through the creek slashed his throat.

Collins summoned aid and Dr. Seely, Chief Hittson and Coroner Perl rushed the man to Sacred Heart Hospital, where he died at 5:30 o'clock.

Relatives attribute the suicide to despondency, caused by ill health following a nervous breakdown three years ago. Since the failure of his health he has spent his time visiting relatives in various coast towns.

For fifteen years Plymale was connected with the Oregonian in the capacity of advertising man. He was a member of Harmony lodge No. 12, A. F. and A. M. of Portland.

The deceased man is survived by four sisters and six brothers, Mrs. Ada C. Jones of San Francisco, Cal., Mrs. Emmaline Stine of Woodland, Cal., Mrs. Marie Fairchild of Yreka, Cal., Mrs. Kate M. Collins, Medford, Will L. Plymale of Yreka, Cal., Frank Plymale of San Francisco, Cal., Dave Plymale of Alameda, Cal., Victor Plymale of Portland, Walter Plymale of Kansas City, and Ben H. Plymale of Medford.

The funeral will be held at Perl's chapel Sunday at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Jacksonville cemetery.

CHARLES CROWNED KING OF HUNGARY

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The coronation of Emperor Charles and Empress Zita of Austria as king and queen of Hungary took place this morning in St. Mathey church at Budapest, the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company cables. The ceremony was marked with all the traditional medieval pomp. The king wore the uniform of a Hungarian field marshal and was surrounded by the captains of his bodyguard.

The queen rode in a coach drawn by sixteen horses, which was followed by a pageant. Salutes were fired as the procession moved through the streets.

Cardinal Casarovich, primate of Hungary, with the remainder of the clergy, escorted the king and queen into the church, which was filled with officials and diplomats. The king took the oath to defend the interests of the Roman Catholic church against any enemy. Afterwards the king, wearing the crown, took the oath before the parliament building in the presence of the populace.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Browne of Los Angeles, California, are spending the holidays with relatives near Central Point.

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with intelligent marketing of the fruit. Up to the present time we have made a record, both on average prices and on quick returns and we hope and believe that this record will not be broken when the season is closed and all of the fruit finally accounted for.

Improvements Planned.

We hope to be able to install, before the commencement of another season, several of the latest improved type of mechanical sizer and a sufficient amount of gravity conveyors to handle a much larger tonnage at our central packing house with more efficiency in every way. Our plans may also include the building of a large packing shed immediately contiguous to our present cold storage plant. We believe that by the use of mechanical devices which have already been successfully tried out in other districts, we can materially reduce our labor charges and at the same time improve our pack and insure even better deliveries than heretofore.

In conclusion, the management wishes to publicly express its appreciation of the uniform courtesy it has received during the season from each grower who has entrusted the handling of his fruit to the association.

S. V. BECKWITH,
Manager.

EDWARD STRAUSS, NOTED MUSIC COMPOSER, DEAD

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—A Vienna dispatch announces the death of Edward Strauss, the composer of dance music.

AEROPLANE FLEET FLIES, NEW YORK TO PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—Eleven of the fourteen airplanes that left Hempstead, N. Y., and Governor's Island, N. Y., in a flight to this city, landed at the Philadelphia navy yard in two hours after leaving the starting point today. It was one of the coldest days of the winter and the aviators and passengers were stiff with cold and covered with a thin casing of ice.

The flight of the airplanes, one of the greatest that has been attempted in this country, number of machines and distance considered, was undertaken for the double purpose of competing for government air licenses and to test the stabilizers and other devices. The airplanes left Hempstead at brief intervals and were joined by two others as they flew over Governor's Island. Heights of from 2000 to 5000 feet were attained, the aviators said. The remaining airplanes that started in the flight had not reported up to early afternoon.

Lieutenant E. M. Bagwell, who had to return to the aviation field in Hempstead because of engine trouble soon after he started, arrived safely at the navy yard.

With Medford trade is Medford made

On the Threshold

Tomorrow will round out the year and we shall turn over a clean page for 1917. It seems a good time for retrospect as well as for promises.

It has been a good year.

This store has enjoyed a most satisfactory year's business—a business that has in a very large measure exceeded our expectations as we turned over the page of 1916 one year ago. And that our share of growth in the past year has been so exceptional is evidence of a general public preference which we cannot fail to recognize; which we do not fail gratefully to appreciate.

Assuredly 1916 has lifted us nearer to the goal of our merchandising. Assuredly our conception of a store's place and public service in a community has been more nearly realized than ever before.

During the past year we added another store room, nearly doubling our floor space, and with increased stocks during 1917 we will be better prepared to handle our increasing business.

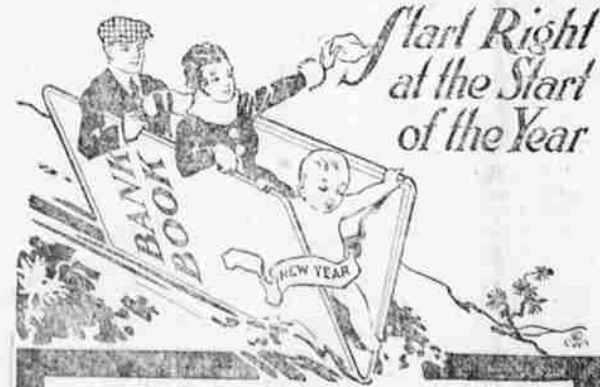
To have the merchandise right in the best sense; to have such a standard of fair dealing as should exist between man and man; to afford an elastic and an INDIVIDUAL good service to those who depend on us—these are a few of the principles to which we have held in the past, and which we write down again as New Year's Resolutions in the Book of 1917.

We shall try to make the store better than it has been. We shall try to make it a more USEFUL store to the good people of Medford and the Rogue River Valley.

We wish one and all a Bright and Prosperous New Year

GOLDEN RULE

C. W. WHILLOCK & SON



Every year is like a toboggan slide. The distance you go during the year depends upon the start you get. Some people are no further along this year than they were a year ago, while others are way ahead because at the beginning of the year they started a bank account. This year they have money in the bank, whereas last year they had nothing. Next year they will have still more, because their savings multiply through compound interest. Start this year with a dollar to open your account. Determine how much you can save each week. Come in to see us and we will tell you how much you will have next year, counting interest at 4 per cent.

The Jackson County Bank
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