

Klamath County Development News Columns

California Manufacturer Says Sugar Beet Factory Will Come to Klamath; Believes Possibilities Unlimited

"Klamath Falls, located as it is in the heart of one of the best potential sugar beet raising sections in the west, is bound to have a sugar factory in the near future, and it may come next year." This was the statement of George B. Gould, assistant superintendent of the Sacramento Valley Sugar company, and for nine years with the Santa Ana Co-operative Sugar company, who spent several days in this city and county last week.

Gould, who has devoted the greater part of his life to various phases of the sugar industry, came here to make an extensive survey of the possibilities for Klamath county sugar beet production and manufacture.

"My attention was first directed to Klamath county when our factory at Sacramento last year received the demonstration beets from this section," he declared. "As an experiment we contracted for 500 acres of Klamath beets from farmers here who were willing to experiment with us. The results were astounding. Those Klamath beets were wonderful, and in all my experience I have never worked a finer product," was Gould's unqualified statement.

"The sugar content of the Klamath beets was extremely high, averaging in some cases from 23 to 26 per cent, with a purity test of from 84 to 86 per cent. This is much higher than the California beet average, and the yield here, I understand, was excellent, many fields producing as high as 12 and 15 tons to the acre.

"The quality, I believe, comes from the altitude of this high plateau on which Klamath county lies. The climate is particularly favorable to a high-grade beet, and your fertile soil, under irrigation, gets the quantity. I spent eleven years in the sugar industry at Loveland, Colorado, where conditions are much the same as in Klamath county. The beets in that section came as near the Klamath average as any section I have ever been in, but the extraction process was not as easy as it is with Klamath beets. Because of a difference in texture, I imagine.

"Concerning a factory here, and the consequent development of the sugar beet industry in Klamath county, I have found during my work this week that the farmers generally and the local chamber of commerce are heartily in favor of the proposition.

"Lynn Sabin, secretary of your chamber of commerce, has assured full support from that organization, and also stated that the Portland chamber of commerce endorses the plan and has avowed its intentions of lending aid to an incoming factory.

"My conversation with farmers throughout the county during the past few days and their enthusiasm over the proposed project have convinced me that the necessary acreage to support a factory here would come very readily, once the factory is assured them. A factory, to operate profitably, needs from 7,000 to 10,000 acres of beets, and once the people of this section have seen what can be done with sugar beets, the field of manufacture will certainly not be limited to one plant.

"A co-operative factory is the only plan, for in this way the farmer gets the best returns on his product and takes a greater interest in the business, for it is partly his own. During the nine years that I spent with the Santa Ana company, a co-operative affair, the plant paid eight big dividends. One year the crop failed, and so the profits were cut correspondingly."

In order to establish a factory, acreage must be forthcoming, Gould pointed out. The factory site would be purchased in the spring, following an exhaustive survey of the county the preceding fall. Thus the factory would be built during the summer in time to cut the beet crop of that season, the following fall, but the assurance of acreage must come first, he said.

Gould returned to Chico, Calif., yesterday morning, to confer with F. L. Klentz, a man who has been identified with the financial end of the sugar beet industry for a number of years. "When I have laid the results of my trip here before Mr. Klentz and we have developed preliminary plans, Klentz will take a trip to this city and probe further into the possibilities of establishing a sugar factory in Klamath Falls next year," Gould stated.

"As for markets, the field is unlimited," the manufacturer declared. "In the first place it would

take some time to supply the demand within this city and county. With that filled, the markets of California, Oregon and Washington lie virtually untouched from a local standpoint. Beet sugar is rapidly forging to the front as a universal favorite over other varieties. The demand is heavy and with the support of the Portland chamber of commerce voluntarily given, the marketing possibilities existing there can be readily seen.

"The sugar beet industry on the Pacific coast may be said to be in its infancy. Klamath county is bound to come into its own on the production of beet sugar, in the near future. The stage is all set for the development of the industry here, and I firmly believe this city will see a sugar factory added to its other enterprises within the course of another year."

Auto Dealer of Crane Surprised With Our Growth

Twelve years ago Mr. and Mrs. David B. Irving, now residents of Crane, Oregon, paid a visit to Klamath Falls with the idea of buying a garage. Prospects looked bad at that time, according to the Cranes, who arrived yesterday. There was no paving and the future progress of the city appeared anything but rosy.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving traveled south and east and finally selected Crane as the most likely spot, and there they settled down, engaging in the auto business. For the last four and one-half years Irving has been the Crane dealer for Buicks and Chevrolets, and also conducts a service station.

"The Klamath I see today is not the Klamath of twelve years ago," continued Crane, "and I am astonished at the phenomenal growth of this city. Twelve years ago I could have purchased a lot on Klamath avenue, including garage building, for \$1000, but I would hate to really know of the difference in that time and now.

"I believe in the future of Klamath Falls and with my wife will make some investments here. I want to be in on the ground floor when the break comes, as this city is the best bet I ever saw in all my travels."

Irving has been engaged in the auto business for 25 years, and is therefore a pioneer in that line.

"By the way," concluded Irving, "we drove 375 miles in a Chevrolet car with Goodyear tires and never experienced any engine trouble or even picked up one puncture."

Grants Pass—Graphite being commercially mined near Hugo, Josephine county, and Dixon Crucible company of New Jersey, is negotiating for the property.

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Realty Transfers

C. A. Bruetle to Charles M. Gilbert. Canal Addition, lot 2, block 7.

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U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Ore.
August 18, 1926.

Notice is hereby given that Jay W. Tucker, of Dorris, California, who, on February 19, 1923, made Homestead Entry, Act June 9, 1916, No. 012000, for lot 1 and NE 1/4, NE 1/4, section 17, township 41S., range 7E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. H. DeLap, Clerk of the County Court, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 25th day of September, 1926.

Claimant names as witnesses: David M. Stotts, Carl Dane, Frank Mullin and Ned Connolly, all of Dorris, California.

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Sheep Industry One of Greatest In This Section

Klamath county sheepmen will realize probably \$700,000 this season, providing they sell all their ewe lambs this fall to mutton buyers, according to a prominent sheepman in Klamath Falls yesterday.

That Klamath county is experiencing a more prosperous year in the sheep industry than last year is evidenced by the fact that already several thousand lambs have been shipped to San Francisco and other markets, bringing \$7 a head, and selling from 10 to 11 1/2 cents per pound.

"Lambs are selling on the average at 11 cents, although range lambs are not as good as last year because there are too many 'feeder' lambs in the flocks," stated a buyer yesterday.

A dry year with little feed and water, is all that keeps 1926 from rivaling the prosperous drys during the war. Lambs are averaging around \$7, selling from four to seven months old. This is about the same as last year.

"There are more lambs on Klam-

ath county's ranges this year than there were last," stated Charley DeLap, buyer for the Union Sheep company of San Francisco. "Last year there were only 80,000 head, and this year there are approximately 100,000 head."

"There was a better lambing season this year than last, due to the early spring and no late cold weather. The lambs got a good start on the early grass."

DeLap yesterday shipped for Frank Ward and Jim Wilson, 1,000 head

of lambs to San Francisco. The lambs averaged 75 pounds each and were in excellent condition, fresh from the ranges.

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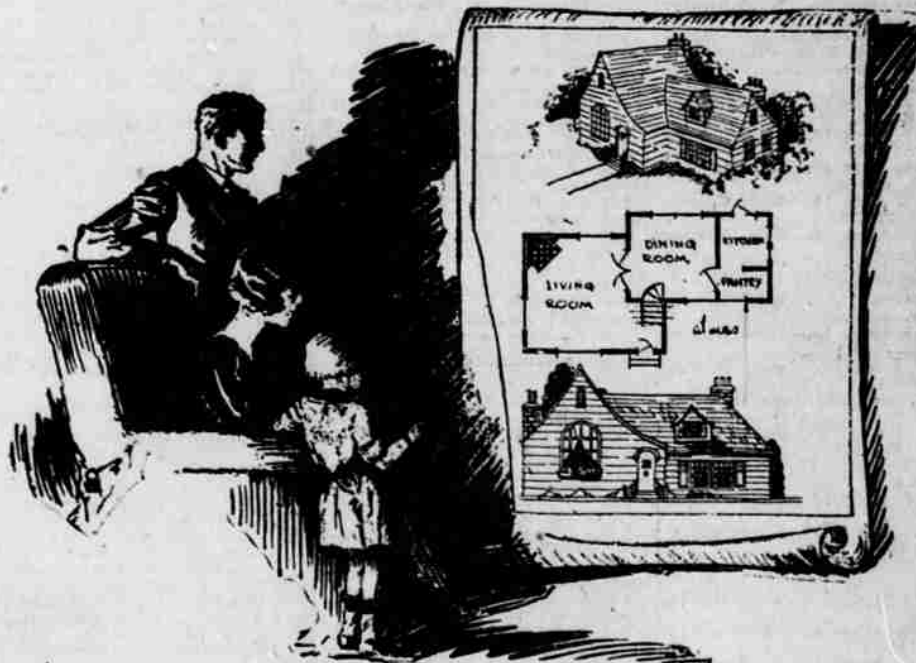
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