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REPORT OF ST. JOHNS COMMITTEE ON SALEM PAINT FACTORY

THIS CITY SHOULD TRY AND KEEP THIS INDUSTRY HERE IF POSSIBLE.

(From St. Johns Review.)

Below is published the report of a committee composed of P. H. Edlefson and K. C. Couch, who were sent by the Commercial Club to investigate the merits of the Oregon Sienna Mineral Paint Co., which anticipates moving their plant from Salem to St. Johns, and increasing it to five times its present capacity. The Daily Capital Journal of Salem, in speaking of the matter, has the following to say: "The Capital Journal recalls the organized labor that was bestowed on securing the Oregon Sienna Paint industry for this city. That was only a few years ago, but it has grown into a arge and succesful business, with a branch establishment at Portland. Now a committee is here at Salem from St. John to try and secure the paint factory for that live city down on the peninsula. They were sent up by St. John's Commercial Club, which is figuring on how to get the paint factory moved down there. They seem to be favorably impressed, and will make their report to the club Thursday evening."

The report follows:

To the St. Johns Commercial Club, St. Johns, Oregon:

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, a committee duly appointed to investivate and report on the merits of the Oregon Sienna Mineral Paint Co. and its products, submit to you as follows:

The plant is located in the factory district at Salem, Oregon, has good switching facilities with the Southern Pacific railway, and is within a few feet of the new electric line. The main building is 40x60 feet, three stories high, where the various appliances and machinery needed in the manufacturing of paints are distributed, which consists of the following:

6 102-gallon mixers.
1 can heading machine.
1 dry crusher.
1 oil and water pump.
1 dry grinder.
2 100-gallon oil tanks.
5 30-gallon paint mixers.
1 36-inch burr paint grinder.
3 24-inch burr paint grinders.
4 cast color grinders.
1 100-gallon water tank.
1 dust collector.
1 20-horsepower motor, shafting, pulleys, piping, scales and other appliances. Total value, without real estate or cost of building, $4540. Value of stock on hand, consisting of oils, paints, glue, alcohol, turpentine, creosote, varnish, whiting and cans, approximately $9000. The above figures are arrived at by enumerating each item in the factory, and are not taken from any books.

Actual amount of business done from March 1 to November 1, 1908, according to figures furnished by the management, $14,562.36.

Capacity of present plant 100 gallons of finished product during 10 hours, with the help of four men at a cost of $10.50 per day. A net profit of 30 cents per gallon is considered reasonable; netting the concern $30 per day during the busy season with their present limited capacity.

The Oregon Sienna Mineral Co's mine is located near the Willamettee river, in the Southeastern part of Lane county, two miles west of Walker, a station (West) on the Southern Pacific railway, where the company own 62 acres of land, where bornings have been made, and where, through other means of prospecting, such as sinking shafts and tunneling, it has been determined beyond a doubt that a supply is obtainable practically inexhaustable varying in colors from gray, yellow and maroon, from which almost any other color desirable ca be made by proper mixing.

A comparatively easy grade leads from the railway station to the mine, making the cost of transportation insignificant; the present charge for hauling is 75 cents per ton, freight rates from Walker to Portland $1.60, cost of mining 75 cents per ton, total cost per ton $2.10, which is a trifle less than ⅛ cent per pound delivered i Portlad.

Comparing this with other mineral paints, which must be shipped over land or by water, the advantages as to cost are decidedly in favor of the home product. As it is the intention of this company to erect a plant at St. Johns with a capacity five times as great as the present plant, with practicaly the same force employed, only two men more being needed to handle the output, it seems that though the success of this company is assured, inasmuch as the transportation of oils, cans and other materials is considerably reduced. This, however, rests largely with the management, and its ability to get their product before the market, and the loyaty of the Pacific coast people as to a product "Made in Oregon."

All things being equal, this slogan should be made to mean something. The people are ready to buy a home product when it is as good as others and we should not buy it unless it is as good; but here is an article which compares favorably to any other of its kind, and no doubt will have the support of our home people. It has given entire satisfaction wherever it has been applied, as near as we can be able to ascertain. Testimonials, together with an analysis can be had on application fro n Mr. D. H. Weyant, president of the company, who is always ready to furnish any information desired.

Respectfully yours,
P. H. EDLEFSON,
K. C. COUCH.

COMING, THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

One of the daintiest and most picturesque offerings of the season will be at the Grand opera house next Wednesday evening, on which occasion L. L. Carter will present the popular young actor, Mr. Robert Hilliard in the beautiful romance of the Ozark mountains entitled "The Shepherd of the Hills."

The play is a delightful one, possessing all that is quaint, interesting, pathetic and humorous. The first act shows a young man seeking for his sweetheart in the Ozark mountains, where he has followed her, and has every reason to believe that his search is near an end, when he discovers that she is dead.

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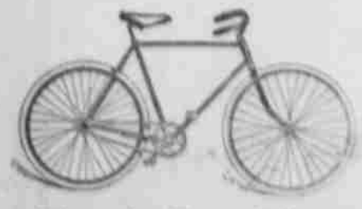

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