

# SILVERTON FLOURING MILLS

## Fruit Tracts, Schools

# LUMBER MANUFACTURE

**James Craig**  
General Merchandise

PRODUCE TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.

Country customers are made welcome at this store, which is headquarters for them at Silverton

**FISCHER FLOURING MILLS**

First quality Patent Flour by the carload or in lots to suit dealers

Feed kept on hand at all seasons

**WRAY'S FURNITURE STORE**

Carpets, Wall Paper  
Mattresses, Bedding  
Jewelry, Silverware.

Everything to furnish a house.

**DRAY AND EXPRESS LINE**

Webb & Moores

All work done with neatness and despatch. Sample room furnished for commercial men. Prompt attention given to all work in our line.

**A. G. Steelhammer**

General Blacksmithing  
Horseshoeing

Repairing of Vehicles and Machinery

**JOHNSON Drug Store**

Drugs and Stationery.  
Prescriptions carefully compounded by graduate pharmacists.

LEWIS JOHNSON Proprietor

**FUTURE RAILROAD CENTER OF EASTERN MARION--RAPIDLY GROWING CITY--ALL PROPERTY VALUES ARE ADVANCING**

Silverton sits in a cozy angle of the Hills, on both sides of Silver Creek. The city now spreads out a square mile and is extending its suburbs by leaps and bounds in every direction. The Waldo Hills are just south of the city, two miles north is the Alqua. Two miles west runs the classic Pudding river and the three valleys are beautiful. Well improved farming lands surround Silverton on all sides. The Waldo Hills, Howell Prairie, and the Abiqua Valley are the richest soils in the world, with a great deal of beaver-dam land. But the foothills are the future gold mines. These rougher and cheaper lands are going into apples—the foothill lands producing the finest winter apples, in color, shipping and keeping qualities.

The Silverton Lumber Co. has transformed Silverton from a sleepy country trading place into a busy, humming, industrial shipping point. Out of 902 carloads of freight going out of here 607 carloads were lumber for 1909—more than two-thirds. Steady payrolls makes a world of difference in the trade of the town which formerly depended entirely on the farms. About \$12,500 a month was added to the payrolls for lumber manufacture alone. Several hundred families are supported from the payrolls of the Silverton Lumber Co. The town has built out towards the mill and on two sides of it. The company is building two miles of road to extend its logging operations in the woods.

The Silverton Lumber Company was organized in 1906 and the mill was started in 1909. It has been running steadily since then with a cut of about 20,000,000 feet a year. The plant includes 14 miles of railroad track, with twenty cars, two engines, five donkey engines and planners and dry kilns. The payrolls include the office and mill force of about ninety men with one hundred men working in the timber and on the railroad. The officers of the company are R. A. Cowden, president; J. D. Casey, vice-president, and W. A. Reynolds secretary and treasurer.

**Started Building Boom.**  
As a result of the establishing of a saw mill here there has been a great advance in the price of property and nearly one hundred new houses have been erected the past year. Thirty new houses are in process of construction at present. A new brick block is to be erected by E. S. Porter of Kenney & Porter; a building is to go up on the Hunter corner; and Sam Ames, Book Brothers, and J. D. Drake may build this coming year. A creamery and ice plant are under construction at present. The ice plant will have an 8-ton machine, capable of turning out about 3000 pounds of ice per day. The capacity of the new creamery will be about 10,000 pounds per month to begin with.

**Public Improvements.**  
Under this heading Silverton can claim to have a pretty good prospect. The county will erect a new steel bridge over Silver Creek in place of the old wooden moss covered structure. The material in the old bridge will be used to build a bridge across Silver Creek between Allen's addition and Geiser's addition. This will be done by a subscription. The most progressive people of Silverton want to bond the town for a sewer system and there is some talk about paving the principal business street from Fischer's Mill to the Southern Pacific depot. The city of Silverton owns a rock crusher and steam road roller and there is to be a good roads congress held here within two weeks to promote public sentiment for better roads.

**A Big Shipping Record.**  
According to statistics furnished by E. L. Smith who has been agent of the Southern Pacific Company at this point for twenty-two years there were 902 carloads of freight sent out during the year 1909. A total of 65 cars of merchandise were received and besides nearly a carload per day of broken shipments, averaging about 15,000 pounds each, or a total of 415 cars arriving at Silverton. Among the freight sent out were 61 carloads of hops, 63 carloads of flour and 19 carloads of

live stock. This is a large potato shipping point and also an immense amount of express goes out.

**Two Good Local Banks.**  
Deposits in the two Silverton Banks on April 1st aggregated \$632,446.00; the Coolidge and McClain Bank, organized in 1880, is officered by Alfred Coolidge, president; A. F. McClain, vice-president, M. J. Adams, cashier; Ed. R. Adams, assistant cashier. The heads of this bank are also interested in two banks at Colfax, one at Spokane, and banks in Farmington, Tekoa, and Oakdale, Wash.

The People's Bank, organized 1905, has Marion Palmer for president, O. L. Hatteberg, vice-president; J. W. Hyett, cashier and E. S. Palmer, Lew Ames, McD. Carpenter additional directors.

**Additional Industries.**  
Silverton has somewhere between two and three thousand happy, busy, prosperous people. They are all pretty well employed. There are three warehouses at Silverton, kept by Wolf & Son, Laughmiller Bros., and Wolfard & Co. There are two other sawmills, two flouring mills and two sash and door factories.

**A Live Commercial Club.**  
Silverton has a strong Commercial organization with officers as follows: Millard A. Seltz, Pres., Geo. W. Hubbs, Sec., S. E. Richardson, Vice-Pres., Trustees James Craig, P. L. Browne, and L. H. Fisher. The total membership aggregates about one hundred, composed of two class, active and subscribing members.

**Schools and Churches.**  
Silverton has two fine large public school buildings and a full twelve grade high school under City Supt. Boettcher. There is an enrollment of nearly five hundred in the public schools and a very bright, progressive student body.

Next to Salem, Silverton is about the strongest church town in Marion County, and all the lodges are represented.

**Movement for a Hospital.**  
Dr. F. M. Brooks who has been practicing medicine and surgery here for nearly twenty years is helping along a movement to have a hospital established at Silverton. He has a well equipped office with electrical apparatus and X-ray machine, with a chemical laboratory and dark room for testing eyes. Associated with him is Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, Microscopist from the University of Iowa. The hospital movement is being helped along by Rev. H. M. Mason and Rev. O. A. White of the Norwegian Lutheran churches. There are three of these churches in Silverton, supplying about 1,000 Scandinavian population. This element is steadily increasing, fifty to one hundred families being added yearly. The hospital is being organized as a stock company and not as a charitable institution.

**Lights, Water, and Telephone.**  
Silverton has a water service with a pumping plant taking water from Silver Creek. The city has fire protection in the shape of hydrants, an engine and two hose wagons. The city is lighted by the P. R. L. & P. Co. The Interurban Telephone Company was organized five years ago by P. L. Browne, manager. It has about one hundred miles of line connecting Woodburn, Marquam, Monitor, Mt. Angel, McKee, Scotte Mill, and Molalla and has about four hundred patrons. Two new lines are being constructed connecting up about twenty-five more families.

**Real Estate is Active.**  
A great deal of land in and about Silverton is being cut up in fruit tracts and a large amount of acreage is being platted to orchards. Ranches from a quarter acre to ten acres are laid off in each tract and for a mile or two before you reach Silverton you begin to pass rows of houses on suburban fruit tracts. The biggest sale of real estate on record was made the other day by Anderson & Fry. They sold 152 acres located two miles west of Silverton belonging to U. S. Simmons for \$22,800. The purchaser was Thomas Johnson, recently from Nebraska.

**Has Two Newspapers.**  
The pioneer newspaper is the Silverton Appeal, which has just been sold out by H. E. Browne and

J. B. Hoblet to H. E. Hodges and James Bennett. Mr. Hodges is a practical printer and has worked in the office for fourteen years. He is a son of Capt. Hodges, a well known Grand Army man and village shoemaker.

The Silverton Leader is published by J. E. Hosmer and J. M. Brown and has been in existence for several years. Mr. Hosmer is also the inventor of the gravity hand cultivator, the only implement of the kind in existence.

**A Live General Merchant.**  
Geo. Cusiter has for seventeen years conducted a general merchandise business in Silverton. He has seen the city grow in that time from a mere village of four hundred people to over two thousand population and his annual sales amount to \$40,000. Mr. Cusiter also buys all kinds of farm products.

**The Village Blacksmith.**  
A. G. Steelhammer has for eighteen years been pounding away in the same blacksmith and wagon shop. Jack Riches was his partner up to eight years ago. He now works two men at horse shoeing and repairs everything from a wheelbarrow to farm machinery. Mr. Steelhammer will be a candidate for the legislature on the republican ticket. He says he will go before the people on the direct primary and will support the republican nominees, even if he should not be so lucky as to get on the ticket himself.

**Jeweler, Furniture, Farmer.**  
F. E. Wray has been in business at Silverton for twenty years as a jeweler and in connection with his trade he has been in the furniture business for seven years. He carries a large stock of carpets, rugs and house furniture, and has sales amounting to about \$20,000 a year. He has lately become the owner of a fine piece of farm property which he is improving and making himself a suburban home.

**Has Three Hotels.**  
Silverton has three well kept hotels, the "Silverton", the "Anderson", and the "Wray". The latter was formerly known as the "Cottage."

**Postal Business Increasing.**  
Upon to March 31, 1910, the business of the Silverton postoffice under F. R. Blackerby, P. M., had just about doubled. Stamp sales increased \$800 in the past year. In four years the money order business has increased \$20,000. Mr. and Mrs. Blackerby work very hard to please the public and have a fine standing with the department.

**Pioneer Hardware Business.**  
The J. Hicks Hardware Company is an institution that has been doing business continuously at the same stand for twenty-five years. The Hicks family are among the pioneers of Silverton. One of the brothers, Chas. Hicks, at present being Commander of the Geo. H. Thomas Post Grand Army of the Republic.

**Ames Hardware House.**  
This is one of the largest firms in this line in the Willamette valley. They keep a large stock of heavy and shelf hardware, fencing, and are headquarters for the staple lines of farm machinery and vehicles.

**Silverton Department Store.**  
James Craig has for thirteen years conducted a department store that at the same time is a kind of headquarters for the country people for miles around. Mr. Craig is a champion Silverton booster and good roads enthusiast. An Irishman from Ulster, a country where sprang the ancestors of nine presidents of the United States. Mr. Craig does not confine himself to boasting in the United States, but sends literatures out in all his mail and some of it reaches even Ireland, as will be seen by the following from the Carrick-Fergus Advertiser, a newspaper published in his native town:

**Drugs and Stationery.**  
The Johnson drug store of Silverton is conducted by Lewis Johnson, Ph. G. He holds the double honor being both a University graduate and a graduate in pharmacy. He has met all the requirements of the State Board of New York and of Oregon. He got his degree in the University of Buffalo and then went

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**GEO. CUSITER**

General Merchandise and Produce Taken in Exchange

Coupons With Every Cash Purchase ... of Dry Goods and Jewelry ...

**SILVERTON LUMBER CO.**

Manufacturers

**Oregon Fir Lumber**

Our Specialty

**HEAVY BRIDGE TIMBERS**

In Carload Lots

**John Hicks Hardware Co.**

THE BEST STOCK OF SHELF AND BUILDERS' HARDWARE KEPT IN SILVERTON, AT THE OLD STAND

**Rogers & Kirkwood**

Successors to Brooks' Drug Co.

Prescription Druggists

Twenty-two years' experience. Your patronage solicited.

**S. AMES' Hardware Store**

Our Specialties

Fencing, Paints and Farming Implements