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702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

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PENDELTON PUMICE PRODUCTS CO., (Building Blocks)
Office----Rt. 1, Box 103 A
Plant-----1600 S. E. Byers St.
Pendleton, Oregon

Unclassified District
Umatilla County

OWNER-OPERATOR: Mr. James L. Hinds

GENERAL:

This company is producing building blocks. Equipment consists of an elevator which takes the aggregate to an overhead mixer of $\frac{1}{4}$ yard capacity which discharges into a custom made vibrator-type block machine. Two hole blocks are produced in sizes 4 x 8 x 16; 6 x 8 x 16 and 8 x 8 x 16 together with half sizes of each. Aggregate was originally obtained from Idaho, but is currently being acquired from the Volcanic Materials Company, Walter A. Larsen, Bend, Oregon. This aggregate is pumice and costs \$3.30 per ton f.o.b. with the present freight rate being \$0.17 per 100. One ton of pumice amounts to approximately two yards.

Blocks retail for 4 x 8 x 16-----20¢

6 x 8 x 16-----23¢

8 x 8 x 16-----28¢

Although this ^company has been in production since in the summer of 1946, the plant construction is not entirely completed. Blocks produced thus far have been sun-dried under spray, but two 10 by 40' steam rooms are nearing completion and blocks will be given a 24 hour steam curing in the future.