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PUBLISHED REFERENCES

..... Union COUNTY

..... Unclassified AREA

..... ELEVATION

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..... ROAD OR HIGHWAY

..... DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) .La .Grand .Concrete .Pipe .Company

Address ... Box 255 La Grande, Oregon

..... D.W. Kline, president

OPERATOR ..as above owner.....

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

La Grande Concrete Pipe Company

To accompany report by
N.S.W. dated 4/11/46

The buildings and some of the equipment is rather oldish, but Mr. Kline, the owner, manager-president, is young, alert, and seems to be very much on the ball ---- especially so as regards paying attention to the quality of the concrete products manufactured. In this connection the impression is that he is very attentive to the preparation of his mixes and to curing and the fact that a very substantial amount of his business is, and has long been, with the State Highway Department is significant. I know that he stands in well with the regional office force at La Grande and incidentally he has the only large concrete pipe testing gadget in Eastern Oregon. Incidentally also, he is currently supplying all the sand and gravel for the highway bridges now being built down on Muckles Creek in Lower Powder, and I know that Mr. Stockman specifies this Grande Ronde sand for the construction of large city resevoirs, etc. While it is not truly great stuff as far as sand goes the nation over, still it is singularly "the tops" as far as Eastern Oregon is concerned.

It is difficult or impossible to estimate what the plant's capacity is for either sand or gravel or concrete products because as Mr. Kline puts it, there is not enough business in any one field to warrant or sustain continued exclusive work thereon. Thus, he works on a sort of a contract basis and if the order of the day is for crushed gravel and his stockpiles are low, the cement plant itself may shut down or work with but a skeleton crew. Thus also, if a substantial order for pipe comes in he hires more men and runs that part of the business too. Seemingly he has an adequate reserve of skilled labor willing to work on an "on call" basis. In other words a latent capacity exists here for taking on and delivering fairly large orders.

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La Grande Concrete Pipe Company (Diversified concrete products) Union County
Unclassified District

Owner-Operator: La Grande Concrete Pipe Co., an Oregon Corporation, Box 255, La Grande. Mr. D. W. Kline is President. The pit and plant are situated at Island City.

Location: The sand and gravel is dug from a pit in the Grande Ronde River in T 29; R 58E; S 34, and the plant is situated by the railroad tracks in Island City about a quarter of a mile from the pit.

History: This company was established as a concrete pipe works in 1921, but its activities now include excavation and filling on a contract basis; production of both sand and gravel and crushed rock; and the manufacture of a very specialized and diversified line of concrete products.

Discussion of products: The sands obtainable here come from a pit in the river which is seasonally replenished, and natural river sorting provides a relatively clean good grade of sand here. Bulk shipments of this sand have been made to Baker and even more distant points because of its reportedly excellent qualities in comparison with the general run of Baker County sands and gravels.

The company produces a full line of culvert, irrigation and sewer pipes, and concrete building blocks from standard brick size up to a 6 x 8 x 12 inch unit. In addition they specialize in and are equipped to produce a very attractive line of re-inforced street markers with sunken names and numbers, meter boxes, manhole units to order and manhole covers, etc.