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ST. JOE LIMESTONE FIRM'S OFFICE HERE

New Company Buys Searcy County Holdings of Memphis Concern.

A general office has been established in Little Rock for the St. Joe Lime and Stone Company, a corporation which has acquired holdings of the Moss-DeVoy Lime and Stone Company, of Memphis, in Searcy county, valued at approximately \$90,000, it was announced yesterday by J. W. Trieschman, secretary-treasurer of the newly organized firm.

The office will be maintained at 120 East Third street, in conjunction with headquarters of the East Arkansas Lumber Company, of which the St. Joe Lime and Stone Company will be another unit. The East Arkansas company at present has 21 plants in Arkansas, Missouri and Louisiana. Mr. Trieschman also is secretary-treasurer of that firm.

President Is Experienced. John O. Wilson, president of the new company, will superintend operations at St. Joe. He has been in charge of the plant since it was constructed by the Moss-DeVoy Lime and Stone Company seven years ago.

Plans have been made for many improvements, which will more than double the output, according to Mr. Trieschman. An additional hydrating plant will be installed, he said, making the St. Joe plant the largest of three in the state.

The mountain of limestone included in the purchase will supply the needs of Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma for 100 years, it is estimated. Agricultural, hydrate and lump lime will be produced. The St. Joe company will be the only producer of agricultural lime in the state, Mr. Trieschman

BATESVILLE'S LIME INDUSTRY

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Limestone is so abundant and common-place in the White river valley that its presence has been more despised than cherished. This drab material which enters largely into the make-up of the rock-ribbed Ozarks, has but lately come into proper understanding and due appreciation by our people for its virtue as a commercial factor in the category of useful minerals, that nature has stored in the White river valley.

The manufacture of lime is now the greatest industry outside of agriculture, that is being carried forward in this territory. There are two centers of production, one at Limedale just outside of Batesville, and the other at Ruddells, on the White river railroad, some distance above this city. The Ruddells plant has been in operation a number of years, operating three large kilns and making an output of some 500 barrels of lime a day. Three years ago, the operators decided to expand and organized the Batesville White Lime Company, preparatory to establishing the new and larger plant at Limedale.

The plant near the city at Limedale is modern in every detail. Six large kilns are installed, three of which are burning wood and three using gas, produced from coal. The use of the latter fuel has but lately been installed. A large hydrating plant, with 300 electrical horse power available, for its operation, forms a part of this equipment which stands alongside a spur of the Missouri

Pacific Railroad branch between Batesville and Cushman.

Stone is delivered into the kilns over a narrow gauge railroad which reaches the quarry two miles distant. This tract passes over the open tops of the kilns, into which the stone is automatically released from the cars.

According to information received from those in charge of operations this company operates 365 days and nights in the year and has an average production of 1500 barrels of lime a day. It serves principally the chemical industries in the South. The pulp and paper mills at Bastrop Louisiana, and Camden Arkansas, get their supply of lime from this company. The payroll for the Batesville plant runs around \$160,000 a year, while \$50,000 a year has been going out to local contractors for fuel. The Ruddells plant payroll and fuel account is about 40 per cent of that for the larger one. Around 150 men are employed at the two plants, not including wood cutters and haulers. The force is composed of people who are natives.

Besides its holdings at Ruddells, the company has 360 acres at Limedale which is underlaid with the strata of limestone that is now being quarried. There is enough stone on these holdings to supply an ordinary plant for a century. The main office and home of the manager, together with a number of neat cottages for the working men, are located on the

quarry property. Also ample provision to comfortably house employees at the plant are made.

The operations are under the management and direction of Mr. Geo. T. Weigart, who had charge of the Ruddells plant many years before starting the larger one. He lives at the works, giving the business his entire attention, which accounts for the great success that it has achieved.

A realization of the magnitude of this industry's importance to the country may be brought more clearly through a glance at the production and employment features of its operation, to say nothing of the large capital invested.

For labor in the quarries and plants, and to pay for fuel, which principally goes to laborers also, there is around a quarter of a million dollars turned loose in this territory by that enterprise each year, equal to what 2500 bales of cotton would bring at \$100 a bale. The revenue coming in from taxes on lands and plant equipment is an item of importance to the county. Taking 1500 barrels daily output for one year, gives an annual production of 547,500 barrels. We are told that the price of lime at retail is from two dollars to two and a quarter per barrel. Taking the first figure as a basis, we find the value of lime output from this district to be a million and ninety thousand dollars when it reaches the consumer. Equal to more than ten thousand bales of cotton at \$100 a bale. Surely no one will gainsay this as an inviting field for mining industry, on the lime production branch at least.

Lime Plant at St. Joe Burns

Owned by Local Capital, Loss May Be More Than \$50,000.

July 31, 1921
Saint Joe, July 31.—(Special).—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, badly damaged the plant of the St. Joe Lime & Stone Company here last night. The plant was owned by the East Arkansas Lumber Company of Little Rock, of which J. W. Trieschman of Little Rock is president.

The plant has not been operating since last December. The plant was St. Joe's leading industry and when operating at capacity employed about 40 men.

There is no clue to the identity of the men believed to have set the plant on fire.

Gilbert Stacy, stockholder and officer of the St. Joe Lime & Stone Company, said today he doubted the loss in the fire at St. Joe would be more than \$50,000, but said it might be much more than that if the entire plant was wiped out. He said he believed the loss was at least fairly well covered by insurance.

Mr. Stacy said he did not have details of the fire. Poor communication with St. Joe had made it impossible to get details clearly. He said Mr. Trieschman had gone to St. Joe Friday morning to make an investigation.

Development of Deposit Of Dolomite Is Reported

5-5-37
Bentonville, Ark., May 4.—(Special).—The Independent Gravel company, of Joplin, Mo., is developing a deposit of dolomite, near Sulphur Springs, on an extensive scale, and it is reported that other quarries in the same locality will be opened. The Joplin company opened the quarry last year, near U. S. highway 71, about a mile north of Sulphur Springs, and for several months the dolomite was shipped to a crusher at Joplin. Several months ago a crusher was built near the quarry. A switch has been built to the quarry and mill from the main line of the Kansas City Southern railway. A bed four feet in thickness is being developed, after the removal of a layer of soil varying from three to 12 feet in thickness. From 15 to 20 men are employed, in day and night shifts, and about 40 tons are produced daily. Dolomite is a carbonate of calcium and magnesium in varying proportions, that of the Sulphur Springs area being mostly a magnesium limestone. It is used as a soil sweetener, and in some processes of glass-making.

WILL MAKE LIME AT WHITE CLIFFS

Florida Company Leases Property From Local Men for 99 Years.

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The Lime Products Company, owners of the limestone deposits at White Cliffs, Little River county, have leased the property to the Marianna Lime Products Company of Marianna, Fla. It was announced yesterday by A. B. Banks and associates, who are interested in the Lime Products Company.

The lease is for 99 years and provides for payment to the Limestone Products Company of a royalty on every ton of lime produced under the lease. The new company has taken charge of the property and plans are being made for beginning production immediately. The new operators will manufacture lime products exclusively.

Construction of a \$2,000,000 cement plant by the Arkansas Portland Cement Company near Saratoga, Howard county, will begin soon, officers of the Nashville, Graysonia and Ash-down railroad said yesterday. A four-mile spur track will be built from the main line to the plant. Cost is estimated at \$100,000 and \$40,000 more will be spent in building a four-mile highway to join the Saratoga-Mineral Springs highway.

The Arkansas Portland Cement Company, controlled by Ada (Okla.) capitalists, recently acquired large limestone deposits in Howard county, where the new plant will be built, and also in Sevier and Little River counties. M. O. Matthews, vice president and general manager of the company, will be in charge of the new plant, and Paul C. Vanzandt, chief engineer of the company, will supervise the construction.

The site is four miles west of Saratoga and about 25 miles west of Hope.

Arkansas Lime Products Company of Little Rock, applied for charter, capital stock, \$10,000; A. M. Lewis, Marianna, Fla.; J. C. Corcoran, Chicago; Lawrence Banks, Little Rock, and the Lime Products Company of Fordyce, incorporators. *Gazette 5/20/28*

Bentonville Firm Is to Install Crushed Stone Plant.

7-20-27
Special to the Gazette. Bentonville, July 29.—Charles D. Haney of the Haney Realty Company has sold to the Altman-Rogers Construction Company of Oklahoma City, the crushed stone for the paving contracts of the company in this territory and the company installed a plant at the Haney limestone quarry west of Bentonville for removal and the preparation of the stone. Fifty thousand cubic yards of stone, to be used during the next two years, was bought at 20 cents per cubic yard, or \$10,000. The material, said to be the best in this territory and passing all state and government requirements, will be used on the seven miles of paving between Bentonville and Rogers, on the two

miles of paving on West A and Eighth streets in Bentonville, and will be shipped by the construction company for other contracts in this territory.

GROUND LIMESTONE DISTRIBUTED HERE

Additional Carloads of Material Will Be Received This Week.

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Distribution of ground limestone shipped from Batesville by the Batesville White Lime Company required much of the time of County Agent J. W. Sargent and Dairy Specialist George F. McKinney during the past week, and additional carloads of the material will arrive this week.

A total of 290 tons—seven carloads—has been delivered within the last 60 days in Pulaski county or is en route, Mr. Sargent said. Two carloads went to the Jacksonville community, one will be unloaded at Mabelvale this week and the others were sent to Little Rock. One of these cars was ordered for Mabelvale farmers.

Three carloads are being used for demonstration pastures throughout the county while four were paid for by individuals who have become interested in the dairy program. It was estimated that the limestone will be spread over 145 acres. County Agent Sargent recommends that two tons be used to each acre.

Acreage limed before Christmas will be planted in sweet clover and alfalfa and in some instances in other clovers, but if the limestone is not on the fields until after Christmas, soy beans will be planted the first year and the alfalfa and clovers the second year.

Basic Minerals of Commercial Fertilizers in Ozarks.

2/20/30
Special to the Gazette. Mountain Home, Feb. 19.—Geological surveys of north Arkansas show that this section abounds in natural mineral fertilizer.

Marion, Boone, Benton, parts of Independence, Izard, Stone, Baxter, Searcy, Newton, Madison and Washington counties contain vast beds of limestone, and some of the counties commercial beds of phosphate rock. Two plants of north Arkansas now are manufacturing ground limestone. Phosphate is one of the ingredients in most all commercial fertilizers. Large beds of phosphate stone are found in Independence county, and parts of Izard. Much of it is high grade. There are millions of tons of low grade phosphate, which can be worked commercially by new methods developed during the last few years.

Lime Shipments Heavy From Independence County.

9-4-30
Special to the Gazette. Limedale, Sept. 3.—If heavy stone and lime business is an indication that business is reviving, the future seems hopeful, for the Batesville White Lime Company moved 27 cars Saturday, shipments going to all parts of the Middle West and South. Nine cars were loaded with lime, and the other 18 agricultural limestone, ballast and screenings. It was necessary for the Missouri Pacific to use the switching service of two local freights and one switch engine.

George Weigart, general manager, said that while the volume is unusual, we did not rob prior or future production for sake of Saturday's business, as every day during the month has been normal and future production will be maintained at a normal figure.

11,000 Pounds of Dynamite Set Off at Limedale Quarry.

9-5-30
Special to the Gazette. Limedale, Sept. 4.—The largest charge of dynamite probably ever exploded in north Arkansas was fired yesterday at the Batesville White Lime Company's quarry here. Preparations had been under way for more than 30 days. One hundred sixty-five holes from three to six inches in diameter and 30 feet deep were drilled. These were loaded with 11,000 pounds of dynamite. The shot was discharged with electricity, a wire running to each of the 165 caps. Before the shot was fired it was discovered that the usual 110 or 220 volts would not explode the caps and the Arkansas Power and Light Company installed a special transformer to increase the voltage. The explosion was not heard more than a mile away. Twenty thousand tons of rock were shot down. A small boulder smashed a hole in the roof of the garage at the Lawrence Smith home.

Ten Tons of Dynamite to Be Exploded at Quarry.

4-5-31
Special to the Gazette. Limedale, April 4.—A man-made earthquake will take place here Tuesday, when the Batesville White Lime Company will fire the largest shot of dynamite ever exploded in North Arkansas. The shot will consist of 20,000 pounds of dynamite, a carload, which will be tamped into 60 eight-inch holes on an average of 50 feet deep. The holes were drilled with well drills. The shot will bring down about 50,000 tons of rock. It will cost approximately \$6,000. The shot will be fired with a battery and all the holes will explode simultaneously.

LIME PUTTY PLANT TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Big Rock Stone and Material Co. to Operate in 30 Days.

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Construction of a lime putty plant at Garland avenue and Spring street has been begun by the Big Rock Stone and Material Company, John C. Eakin, sales manager for the concern announced yesterday. Cost of the plant will be approximately \$10,000. It is expected to be put into operation within 30 days.

The plant will effect the hydration of raw lime and the aging of the resultant product to produce a lime putty utilized in plaster construction work. Capacity of the plant when first put into operation will be five carloads of lime, Mr. Eakin said, but the arrangement of the processing bins allows additions, which will double the capacity when needed.

The plant will be the third in the state but only one other is in operation at present. The production of lime putty in a plastic state is a relatively recent development in the building supplies field, Mr. Eakin said. The plant will be modern in every respect.