HOW SILICA SAND FROM A NORTH ARKANSAS QUARRY FINDS ITS WAY TO THE WORLD’S GLASS FACTORIES

In Frances Mulholland

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State Investigating Tripoli Deposit Near Beaver.

Special to the Gazette.

Harrison, July 15—A North Dakota oilman has made a discovery of a large sand deposit in the vicinity of Beaver, north of Bunkerville Springs, is being conducted by Howard Miller of Little Rock, of the state mineral survey. A deposit of tripoli in the tunnel near Bunkerville Springs has been uncovered. L. D. Walburn, president of the M. A. Railway, said he asked the state mineral survey for a special investigation to determine the extent and quality of the deposit. The investigation will be carried on for more than 30 days, and after completing the work in Grand County, investigation of mineral deposits along the railroad in Bunkerville and downtown Las Vegas will be conducted. Mr. Walburn said an agricultural lease is expected to be in operation within 45 days on the railway between City and Old Stage, Mo. Walburn said the plant will be operated as a part of the program for soil treatment to grow better pasture and hay crops.

Sand and Limestone for Dam

Availabe Nearby.

Special to The Gazette.

Mountain Home, Feb. 8—Industry in the upper White River valley probably will be increased greatly by the construction of the Northfork dam. Besides an enormous amount of sand and gravel that will be taken from the sand and gravel beds on White River between bus and Herron in Baxter county, the material contracts call for 186,000 tons of siliceous sand, and 40,000 tons of limestone dust. The Silica Products Company, which operates plants at Guymon, Baudin county, and at Everett, Boone county, can furnish this material, and the Silicate White Lime Co. can furnish the limestone dust. The sand and limestone will be used in some of the concrete mix.

Guion Silica Plant Strike Settled

Special to the Gazette.

Batesville, May 30—Mrs. Merrie Duncan, owner and manager of the Silica Products Co. announced today the strike the silica sand deposit has tied up the Guion (Little Rock) plant. The company since April 21 had been on strike and the crew of 9 will return to work Monday. Mrs. Duncan said the company agreed to continue recognition of the old union contract with the workers, who were on strike for 10 cents per hour, and which was scheduled to expire August 17.

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Everton, May 31—Six cars of clean, white silica sand have been shipped daily from the Silica Sand Company plant there, which doubled its production following the closing of the same plant at Guion, due to a strike, since settled.

BIRTHPLACE OF GLASS

Mrs. Davis is shown making glass at the plant in 1876.

The plant has been closed for some time, and is not engaged in defense production except indirectly. The management indicated that the plant will be opened as soon as the work is completed and no future orders are placed.

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Increase of the production to approximately 150 tons per week was made possible by the installation of a new boiler and the increase in personnel. The new drain drawn by the water from one part of the plant to another and then into the air.

The sand, used in the manufacture of glass, is covered by the plants in large quantities in the mountains of siliceous soda, is shipped in paper-rolled boxes from the Everett county via the Missouri and Arkansas railroad. Other uses to which the silica sand is adaptable are building and paving sand, moldering sand, engine (friiction) sand, grinding and polishing sand, and filter sand. It is also used in the manufacture of scouring soap. It goes to consumers in Missouri, Kansas, and California. It is used in the manufacture of scouring soap. It goes to consumers in Missouri, Kansas, Olds, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and California.

Guion Silica Plant Shipping 40 Cars Weekly.

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Melbourne, June 10—The production of the Silica Sand Company plant at Guion is running about 40 cars a week, with the plant operating 16 hours on two shifts daily. The plant recently reopened after being closed several weeks by strike. The firm's plant at Everton has been closed and a part of the force there moved to Guion.

Eveton Silica Sand Plant Now Electrified.

Special to the Gazette.

Harrison, June 10—Electrification of the Everton Silica Sand Company plant has been completed, together with an improvement of the lines and equipment of the Arkansas Power and Light Company to carry the necessary current to the plant for full operations and an increased load required by other Everett industries. The Everton plant recently was forced to work extra shifts because there was a strike among workers at its sister plant at Guion, both plants being owned by Mrs. Martin Dunkin of Batesville. It was decided that efficiency of the plant could be improved by installing its steam and Diesel engine power with electricity.

When the strike at the Guion plant was settled and there was a brief lull in the business, the Everton plant, installing of electric motors was started. The plant will resume full capacity operation with the new equipment.

Silica Plant To Use Electricity.

Special to the Gazette.

Bataville, May 29—The Arkansas Power and Light Company has been clearing right-of-way between Guion on White River, and the Mountain View high voltage line to build a 12,000-volt, electrical transmission line to the Silica Products Company plant at Guion. Albert West, manager of the F.P. and L. office here, said the line would be more than six miles long; and could cross White River at Guion. He said the line would be two wires to complete a circuit. Electric-electric circuits will not be able to utilize electric service because connecting material is not available.