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# Huston Deal Consummated; New Cracker Factory Sure

The Huston deal is at last consummated and within a reasonable time Portland will have a new cracker factory costing between \$125,000 and \$150,000 in operation, employing about 150 people to start with, this number to be increased as business increases. Nobody but those who have been at work on the deal knows how much hard work has been necessary to bring it about successfully. Mr. Moore of the Chamber of Commerce when he came here last January found the matter hanging in the air, having been left over as a legacy from the Board of Trade. Three or four different times they thought they had it all right but something came up each time to spoil it all. Finally it was thought that the failure to secure certain portions of the land fronting on Bedford street would finally defeat the whole thing.

But Mr. Moore and the others did not give up. They secured options on at least a half dozen other lots, had plans made of all of them, the Moulton Engineering corporation doing this part of the work as pure patriotism, well knowing it might all fall down and come to nothing. Every available lot was surveyed and plotted and the building Mr. Huston wanted to build was laid out on each to see how it would fit. The choice finally went to the Winslow property and it was decided that if a strip to the west of the

line including some of the land formerly used as the railroad right of way, could be secured, together with a spur track from the loop line of the Portland Terminal line, which runs around back of the Oaks, it would be not only the best lot, but the only one that did not have some serious "out" about it.

Hon. E. D. Winslow and Henry Deering who owned the land which it was desired to take were interviewed and both of them were willing to sell at a very reasonable figure in order that the deal which means so much to Portland could go through. Hon. Howard Winslow has always been willing to sell his lot so there was no trouble on that score. The deal has been finally clinched and the action of the city government last evening in granting the spur track location was the one thing remaining. Secretary Moore appeared before the city government and stated the case to them explaining that Mr. Huston was very anxious to get started before cold weather so, as to get the walls up and the roof on in order that work could go on on the inside during the winter and the building could be ready for use in the spring.

The next step will be for the Terminal Co. directors to ask the public utilities commission to grant the location which includes a crossing at Winslow street and then work will begin.

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