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## BROCCOLI GROWING; A GREAT OREGON INDUSTRY

The Salem Slogan pages of The Statesman today contain a symposium on the broccoli industry in Oregon that is comprehensive—the most comprehensive ever published. It shows the possibility of the development of a great comparatively new industry for this state; and Salem ought to be its market Mecca.

C. W. Kruse of Oswego, a pioneer and experienced grower, sums up the situation by pointing to the ever increasing demand, which can be supplied ONLY FROM OUR SECTION; and he says there is sufficient reward to induce much trial and experimenting on locations suitable for broccoli culture.

George Baertlein of Lebanon, a successful grower, says he prefers a light colored clay soil too poor to grow wheat. He says that this soil, treated to a coat of stable manure, will grow good broccoli; nor the rich sandy soil of the Santiam.

R. A. Busebark of the Roseburg district finds broccoli a profitable crop to grow while developing a young orchard.

Foster Butler of Roseburg says the big thing in broccoli growing is GOOD SEED. He mentions \$400 an acre as the net profit of broccoli growing; this being, however, extreme, unusual and from a small acreage, with home help.

S. J. Kelly of Woodburn is experimenting with broccoli growing. So is J. E. Compton of Broadmead. The Statesman hopes to print reports from these experiments later, also others in this vicinity. In a private letter to the editor, Dr. C. H. Bailey, the pioneer Roseburg broccoli grower, says:

"I am positive that the Willamette valley can grow this crop (which is the greatest money maker in Oregon, bar none), provided the grower has the right seed. Before the war we obtained good seed from European countries, especially Belgium, but for the past five years we have had to depend upon other sources for our seed and have had some tragedies trying to grow this crop with inferior seed. . . . Broccoli belongs to the cabbage family and unless the seed grower is exact and painstaking instead of having a head of broccoli one will have a button about the size of a dollar with pretty little sprouts growing up through it. Last winter the mercury at our place went down to 8 degrees above, which is as cold as it generally gets in the Willamette valley, but only about 20 per cent. of our broccoli was injured. . . . A pure strain of seed is absolutely a fundamental requirement. . . . This year we are packing our broccoli crop of about 40 cars in the California crate averaging 12 to 14 heads to the crate and Steinhart & Kelly, New York, are paying us \$1.75 per crate f. o. b. Roseburg."

Dr. Bailey says in the same letter that, from seed which he himself developed, the crop of C. H. Bailey & Son packed out during the last shipping season 95 per cent. No. 1, the highest score of any one shipping through the local Union; and that the crop netted them \$350 per acre.

In his letter for publication, printed on the Salem Slogan pages of this issue, Dr. Bailey says that two years ago the Roseburg district marketed 90 cars; and that the men who bought it said they could easily have disposed of 1000 cars. With the canneries, Dr. Bailey says there is no reason to expect an over production—and that Oregon should be growing at least 5000 CARS; shipping the best and canning the smaller and imperfect heads.

"Broccoli should be in the home gardens of Salem," writes Prof. Bouquet in a private letter to the editor.

In his recent contribution to the Pacific Homestead, reprinted on the Salem Slogan pages of The Statesman this morning, Prof. Bouquet makes one of the strongest points of all in favor of broccoli growing on the farms. It is the point that the leaves, after the head is taken out, make as good feed for cows as kale, and almost as much to the acre, and that it comes in after the kale is gone.

Another point in favor of broccoli-growing is the one brought out by Dr. Bailey, in which he shows that the fruit growers and farmers must provide more reasonable work for laborers, in order to keep them on the farms.

There is an area of twenty acres or so of broccoli in the vicinity of Independence, only a few miles from Salem, the tract being in the hands of Sloper Bros. The editor did not know of this till too late to get an interview from these people. This will be attempted, however, soon, and it will be well for those interested to watch for this.

All in all, an extremely strong case is made for the rapid development of the broccoli industry in this district—a district that has virtually a franchise on the industry for the whole of the United States.

It is high time the industry were pushed and put to the front as rapidly as careful methods will justify.

## OREGON SHOULD LEAD, NOT LAG

Editor of Statesman:

Professor Thomas of Reed College, Portland, paid a visit to the state penitentiary and in his criticism of the institution, especially in regard to the labor of the convicts, stated that the flax industry offered no future to the convicts as the work of preparing flax straw, i. e., making it into fiber, according to the Professor, is only common labor.

If Professor Thomas will put himself in communication with the Baltic House, London, England, he will learn to his surprise that it requires skill of no mean order to acquire the trade of "scutcher," and, again, to be an expert in "retting" requires greater skill and knowledge.

If men employed in the penitentiary at scutching become proficient, they can on leaving the institution, get from \$5 to \$10 per day, according to their ability.

Twenty-five years ago, when a small company of women, of whom the writer was one, started the flax industry, some intelligent convicts, on completing their terms, called on me, and urged that the work of handling flax should be pushed at "the pen," as they saw in it a means of livelihood, in a new to Oregon not over exploited business.

Today, my greatest regret is to see Oregon, with its stupendous advantages, lag, while Canada, inferior in every requisite for making

high grade flax fiber, exported \$5,000,000 worth of flax fiber to Great Britain last year—and the Canadians are now getting as high as \$3,500 a ton for dew retted fiber in Belgium, the premier flax producing country of the world.

N. B.—The British government has appropriated \$50,000,000 since 1914 for promoting flax culture, in its various colonies. The Canadian government has a standing offer of a bonus of \$75,000 to any company starting a flax spinning mill anywhere in Canada. Two mills have already started; one a Belgium firm. —MRS WILLIAM P. LORD.

## CALENDAR OF GARDEN OPERATIONS FOR GREAT BRITAIN

(Under the head of Horticulture, the Cyclopaedia Britannica, beginning on page 250 of volume 12, contains a calendar of gardening operations for Great Britain. As the conditions there are very similar to those found in the Willamette valley, The Statesman will, on the first Thursday of each month, copy the gist of the matter given by that great authority for the special benefit of the people of this section who should commit themselves to the slogan "More acres and more to the acre;" and this should apply to city people who can get the use of small plots of land as well as to those who live in suburban and farming districts. Following is the calendar for the current month:)

### APRIL:

**Kitchen Garden.**—Sow asparagus, sea kale, turnip-rooted beet, salsify, scorzonera, skirret, carrots and onions on heavy soils; also marrow peas, Longpod and Windsor beans, turnips, spinach, celery, Enfield Market cabbage, savoy, Brussels sprouts and German greens, for succession. Sow broccoli and kidney beans both in the second and in the last week, and lettuce and small salads twice or thrice during the month; sow angelica, caraway, also all sweet herbs, if not done last month. Sow vegetable marrow. Plant cauliflower, cabbages, sea-kale, lettuce; and finish the plant-

ing of the main crops of potatoes; divide and replant artichokes. Propagate all sorts of pot-herbs, and attend to the hoeing and thinning of spinach, onions, turnips, etc. Earth up cabbages, cauliflower, peas, beans and early potatoes. Stake up peas; blanch sea-kale and rhubarb in the open air by covering with straw or leaves.

**Fruit Garden.**—If vines have been neglected to be pruned, rub off the buds that are not wanted; this is safer than pruning now. Protect the finer sorts of fruit trees on the walls. The hardier orchard house fruits should now be moved outdoors under temporary awnings, to give the choicer fruits more space, the roots being protected by plunging the pots. Mulch all newly-planted fruit trees, watering abundantly in dry weather. **Forcing.**—Continue the preparation of succession-beds and pits for cucumbers and melons. Sow basil in slight heat; pot and push on tomatoes and capsicums. Attend to the routine culture of the pinery, giving water and air when necessary. In the forcing-houses, from the variable state of the weather, considerable vigilance is required in giving air. Keep down red spider (acarus) in the more advanced houses by frequent syringings and a well moistened atmosphere. Continue the usual operation of disbudding and thinning of fruit and take care to keep up the proper tem-

perature that he had made a million dollars, thus to throw away money on fine raiment. But I think that Mr. Wiedner did very well, anyway. The only way I can think of to find out about the acreage, etc., would be to get in touch with the pickle people in Portland and get the addresses of growers to whom they give contracts. Another thing is garlic. But I hesitate to introduce the subject. Oregonians are not garlic eaters, but there is no reason why they should not be growers. It does well here, and if sufficient were raised to make shipment of a carlots, it would be taken by the wholesale dealers, who must send it out of the state to find people who will eat it. I saw quite a bit of it in the warehouses in Portland in 1917 when shipping was interrupted on account of the war. Maybe we could send some overseas, as apparently they don't get filled up very fast over there and a little garlic ought to go a long way. France and Italy are large consumers. And my mother even likes it, and has a few spears of it in her garden, which she looks at very longingly, sometimes, although she has been given to understand that if she eats any of it we will have a divorce right away. It looks like garlic as it grows in the garden, the tops being finer than onions, and I think when dried it is like grass for when the curing is going on it is braided like a rope. The bulbs are not as large as onions, but resemble them.

The only growers I have heard of are Franklin & Dibble, just over in Polk county, and I have forgotten whether it was a million dollars or a hundred dollars they made. It was a lot of money to get from one acre of ground, anyway. It requires more skill, and painstaking toil, to raise it than other crops, although the recent introduction of new weeder and cultivators has lightened the back-breaking features of it to some extent. We have one cherry blossom out, but I think it will need a warm run to its feet if this is a sample of the weather necessary to make March "Go out like a lion." But it came in like a lion, and has snorted around like a buffalo more or less ever since, just turning nice and warm enough to lure you out with your garden seeds, and then coming down cats and dogs and blue blazes, just as you were getting ready to brag about your vegetables.

I suppose when you have the paper mill issue, that will include all about Marion county's timber resources: reforestation, etc., and the fact that Oregon has one-fifth the standing timber in the United States, and that the wrecked cities of the war zone ARE TO BE REBUILT WITH OREGON LUMBER, tra la la! Grand, isn't it? Well, the calf calls. —ELLA McMUNN.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Big thing, broccoli.

Good for men, good for cows.

Good for the canneries, too.

It will prolong the working season.

It will make two profits for dairymen: from the heads for market and the leaves for cows.

And it will help make possible the running of the canneries for longer seasons.

The pioneer grower at Roseburg says it is more profitable out there even than prunes, at the present high prices.

The beauty of it is that our section has a franchise on the broccoli industry. The markets of the east want it, and more of it, and there is no other place to grow it to perfection.

Prof. Bouquet of the O. A. C. says every one of our farmers should

grow some broccoli.

Dr. Bailey says its leaves are better for cows than kale. And there is a lot of "kale" in the development of the industry.

Next week, the Salem slogan editor will try to prove that every farm should have a silo; and that Salem is naturally the silo center of this section.

CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY.

Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield avenue, Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup. Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets.—J. C. Perry.

ELLA McMUNN WRITES (Continued from page 1)

about something nice and pleasant like cucumbers.

A. G. Peterson of Monitor raised seven acres of them five years ago. With this patch and some others near by there were sufficient to make a shipment of a car nearly every day, and always a half car for a six weeks period. He planted in May with weekly cultivation until the cucumbers set on pickling last until October 4. A pickling concern in Portland took all that were raised. An inch and a half was the limit for smallness and as much larger as he wished to let them grow. The large ones were cut up with cauliflower, onions and spices into chow-chow and I think the baby ones were put up in mustard for the fancy trade. Mr. Peterson cleared \$300. This was a fair return for seven acres, five years ago, when you could get quite a basket of things for that, and have 35 or 40 cents left.

Another man, William Wiedner, had seven acres near Wheatland about that time, and that fall I saw him with an all wool, up-to-date perfectly swell suit of clothes. If it were this year, I should naturally

FUTURE DATES.

April 1, Thursday—Marion County Veterans' association meets at Woodburn.  
April 2, Friday—North Salem Improvement association regular meeting at 8 p. m., Highland school.  
April 3, Saturday—Triangular debate, Willamette university, McMinnville college and Pacific university.  
April 4, Sunday—Easter.  
April 7, Wednesday—Library lecture recital, "American Music," by Willamette university school of music, Public library.  
April 18, Sunday—(Tentative) Blossom day in Salem.  
April 19, Sunday—Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Moosejaw.  
April 17, Saturday—Debate between Willamette university and College of Puget Sound.  
April 20, Tuesday—Registration for voters closes.  
April 21, Wednesday—Willamette Glee club concert at Grand Opera house.  
April 23, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Pacific university.  
April 30, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Oregon Agricultural college.  
May 14, Friday—Debate between Willamette university and Oregon Agricultural college.  
April 30 and May 1—"Awakening of Spring" pageant Opera House, hospital benefit.  
May 21, Tuesday—Intercollegiate debate, Willamette vs. O. A. C.  
May 21 and 22—Nineteenth annual convention of Oregon State Association of Master Plumbers, in Salem.  
May 28, Wednesday—William Howard Taft speaks at armory.  
June 11 to 17—Officers' schools for Oregon National Guard at Vancouver and Fort Stevens.  
June 19 and 20—National geyser-tour motorcycle events in Salem.  
July 6 to 20—Annual encampment of Oregon National Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.  
June 22, 23 and 24—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine in Portland.  
June 23, Wednesday—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine to visit Salem.  
June 24, 25 and 26—Portland Rose Society.  
July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.  
September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.



## CONFUCIOUS AND THE COBBLER

Confucious left a pair of shoes with a cobbler to be mended.

When he went for them the shoes had not been touched. The cobbler's wife had thrown red pepper in his eyes, for reasons of her own, and the man could not see to work.

So Confucious gave him a pair of glasses, his eyes were healed, and he fixed the shoes.

Not only that, but a squint, which he had in the beginning was also corrected by the glasses.

It is further related that his wife made a great disturbance over it. She had married a man with a squint and now he had none!

The Chinese sage recounting the story quaintly observes, in conclusion, that the cobbler continued to wear spectacles.

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## LIBERTY TODAY TOMORROW and SATURDAY



MR. AND MRS. CARTER DEHAVEN IN "WHY DIVORCE"

I have the honour to be very respectfully, sir, your truly. "H. KUSTER, Hasselbrookstr 2W., Hamburg, Germany." SHE FEELS LIKE A NEW PERSON. So many women suffer from kidney trouble without realizing the cause of their sickness that this from Mrs. S. E. Mills, R. R. 5, Konia, O. will be read with interest: "After taking Foley Kidney Pills I surely feel like a new person." Aching back, rheumatic pains or other symptoms should be given prompt attention.—J. C. Perry.

## DELAWARE TO STAND FIRM

Wire Sent to Mississippi That Amendment Will Not be Ratified at Dover

DOVER, DEL., March 30.—News of the ratification of the proposed constitutional suffrage amendment by the upper branch of the Mississippi legislature aroused intense interest here today and spurred the suffrage workers to greater efforts to obtain ratification by the Delaware assembly. The legislators were urged not to let the southern state beat them out in the race that suddenly developed between the two states.

The opponents of ratification were no less active and when the legislature adjourned for the day the situation was described by leaders of both sides as virtually unchanged.

The revised statutes committee, under which the joint resolution had been referred, voted today four to three to report the measure out "on its merits." The negative votes were cast by democrats. It is generally expected that a vote will be taken in the house tomorrow. T. Coleman DuPont, Republican national committeeman, and United States Senator Ball were in conference today with the Republican members of the senate and house. Both urged the legislature to vote for ratification but at the close of the conference Representatives Loyd and Lord said there had been no change



## Dorothy Phillips

In "THE TALK of the TOWN"

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