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MINT INDUSTRY IN SALEM DISTRICT

"Editor Statesman: As I have had several inquiries in regard to the culture of the plant mint, I am writing you to ask if it would be possible for you to publish in your paper or write personally of the culture and care of mint. What land is best adapted to it. Where the nearest mills are for the pressing of the oil, and any other information which would prove of benefit to a prospective grower. If you cannot furnish the information, kindly advise where I may procure same."

The above is one of several letters received lately by The Statesman. There have also been numerous personal inquiries at this office, and the Salem Slogan issues of last year and the year before, devoted to the mint industry, have been exhausted.

Hence a new review of the industry at this time, in a number of articles in this issue. There is also a list of the names of the Willamette valley growers published—half of them in Marion county. Prospective growers may secure personal information from any of these men already engaged in the industry.

Briefly, here are the high points:
 Our district produces a peppermint oil with 51 per cent of menthol content, against 36 per cent for the eastern oils.
 Ranks as high as the best in the world in purity of flavor; higher than eastern oils.

Produces more to the acre.
 Is of hardy growth and has fewer natural enemies than almost any other farm crop.

Produces almost a full crop the first year.
 Produces a good crop for several years after the first with a minimum of labor.

Does not have to be marketed immediately; will keep without deterioration for a number of years.
 Small of bulk; hauling to market a negligible expense.

As nearly "fool proof" as any crop grown.
 Takes very little expert labor.

There is just one limiting factor in the production of peppermint in this district, and that is suitable soil. While this is a natural mint country, and the plants will grow almost anywhere, it will not prove profitable excepting on rich, moist soil, such as slightly sandy first bottom lands near streams and lakes, beaverdams and marsh soils.

The methods of cultivation are explained in articles in this issue, and of distillation; especially the latter, in the article of G. J. Moisan, secretary of the Oregon Mint Growers Cooperative association.

The roots are as easy to plant as potatoes. The roots from an acre will make about ten acres; yearling roots are best.

As to "the nearest mills for the pressing of the oil," mentioned by the correspondent quoted above, these mills, which are not mills but stills, will have to be built for each considerable planting, or near neighbors with small plantings may join in building neighborhood stills. They are not expensive. The Silverton Blow Pipe Co., described in this issue, is a pioneer in the making of peppermint stills.

It is plain now that Salem has become the center of the peppermint industry. That it can be made a great industry goes without saying, because the natural conditions are here.

It is also plain that the industry may be made more profitable and become more quickly stabilized by the closest kind of cooperation. The growers must stick together in every way. They must build a refinery, too, and Salem is the central point for this refinery.

Most of the readers of The Statesman of this morning will be surprised to know that one of the most extensive and best equipped metal working plants in the state is located at Silverton. The article on the Pep and Progress pages describing this institution and what it does and what it has accomplished and how it has grown is an inspiring one. "Business is wherever you make it." That motto has been proven true by the people who have built up the Silverton Blow Pipe company, whose "SIBLOCO" products go all over the coast, and whose skilled workmen are kept busy every day in the year throughout the years.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

A mint of money in mint.

But the industry must be closely organized and stabilized.

When The Statesman said, two years ago, that Salem ought to be the mint center, it was a hope. Now it is a realization. Half the growers in the valley are in Marion county.

What is more, the biggest part

of the present mint boom is in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. This will lead up naturally to a mint refinery in Salem, and the industry will become one of the big things of the Salem district. If it proceeds along the right lines of close co-operation, to guarantee quality and secure fair prices.

Silverton is surely coming to the front as a manufacturing city, and as a solid and growing city in every way. The record of the Silverton Blowpipe company is an inspiring one.

The textile workers of the country are organizing to follow the clothing workers in a big union outside of the American Federation of Labor. This is a poor time for the leaders who direct the forces affiliated with the A. F. of L. to pull off a nationwide strike. They are riding to a fall.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, oldest daughter of President Roosevelt, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for United States senator from Ohio, in opposition to Senator Pomeroy, who is said to have "smiled broadly" at the prospect. It seems a rather natural reaction.

China Pheasants Scarce in Polk County this Year

DALLAS, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Dallas pheasant hunters are experiencing the poorest luck in years. Never before have China pheasants been so scarce as they are in Polk county and the Rob White quails, on which the season is also open this year, seems to have disappeared with the pheasants. Large numbers of hunters who went out the first day reported that they got but one or two birds, where in former years they got the limit the first day of season.

We are feeding the Russians because Lenin taught them to cook nothing but their own goose.—Exchange.

FUTURE DATES

October 21, Friday—Guild dance at Armory.
 October 30, Sunday—Laying corner stone, of new Salem hospital.
 November 8, Tuesday—Examinations of National Guardsmen for entrance to West Point, Salem Armory.
 November 21, 22 and 23—Marion county Teachers Institute.
 December 4, Sunday—Elke Memorial service, Grand Theater.

PERSONAL MENTION FROM AMITY DISTRICT

AMITY, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The East Side Sewing club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Roy Tallman where the afternoon was spent in quilting. Refreshments were served during the afternoon by the hostess. Present at the meeting were Mesdames John Switzer, J. E. Northway, Alfred Deareve, Earl Tallman, William Weston, Fred Walling, Henry Tallman, Fred Schaefer and Harvey Brothers. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Brothers on the afternoon of Friday, October 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prater are rejoicing over the arrival of a 10-pound baby boy. The young man's name is Roy Eugene.

Bert Tovey of Corvallis spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Miss Addie Martin was home for the week-end. She is teaching in Dallas.

Mr. Ray Clement is spending the week in Roseburg with her parents.

William Yarnes, who has been making his home in town the past year has rented the W. Key farm southwest of town and will move to the place this week. This farm is the largest in this immediate vicinity, comprising over 500 acres.

Misses Edna Strout, Hope Bridgwell and Freta Henderson, all students of O. A. C., spent the week-end visiting friends and relatives.

The wedding of George Wood and Olive Bockes was an event of the week. Both are Amity young people, having lived here most of their lives. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wood, while the bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bockes.

T. C. Richter and H. J. Richter transacted business in Lafayette Tuesday afternoon.

W. M. Richter is conducting the meat market this week during the absence of Mr. Hintzen, the owner.

Roger Rees, who is now employed in Salem, spent Sunday here visiting with his family. He anticipates moving to the capital soon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Libby are the parents of a bouncing baby

boy, who made his appearance Monday of this week.

Sam Stewart and family of McCoy were among those transacting business in McMinnville one day this week.

Mrs. Robert Jones of Lebanon spent Sunday here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cole.

Chairman, August P. Risser; secretary, J. R. Craven.

Another meeting of that body will be held as soon as a special committee appointed by Chairman Risser and composed of F. J. Craven, Walter Ballantyne and H. A. Joslyn has gone over the city's books for the past three years and made a report of the expenditures.



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Toasted

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and also outlined the proposed expenditures for the coming year.

Members of the budget committee are as follows: Mayor U. S. Grant, councilmen N. L. Guy, Walter A. Muir, Carl Gerlinger, C. B. Sundberg, J. R. Alford, R. S. Kreason, Floyd D. Moore, W. A. Thornton, C. N. Bilyeu, F. J. Craven, J. R. Craven, August P. Risser, Walter Ballantyne, Conrad Straif, Eugene Hayter, H. A. Joslyn and Walter Williams.

Ohio is all puffed because she leads all of the states of the country in the number of cities of 200,000 population and over. The list includes Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Akron. California has three cities of that size—Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oakland. New York has three of the 200,000 class and over—New York, Buffalo and Rochester. Massachusetts has

seven cities each with a population in excess of 100,000—Boston, Worcester, Springfield, New Bedford, Fall River, Lowell and Cambridge. Ohio has several such cities, Columbus, Cincinnati, Toledo, Columbus, Akron, Dayton and Youngstown.

"Esther," questioned the teacher of a member of the juvenile class, "what is the difference between electricity and lightning?" "You don't have to pay nothing for lightning," came the prompt reply.—Everybody's Magazine.

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 MOTHER BIRD,
 THEY'LL FLY AWAY—
 SEE
 "THE OLD NEST"



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