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SALEM'S GREAT STRAWBERRY INDUSTRY

More strawberries are canned in Salem than in all the rest of the states of Oregon, Washington and California. Marion is the leading strawberry county in Oregon—and Polk county is next.

And practically all the strawberries of these two counties are marketed in Salem, besides quantities from parts of Yamhill, Benton, Linn and Clackamas counties.

There are two big problems in the strawberry industry here—

First, the hunt for the right varieties—

Second, the matter of irrigation.

It is likely that the solving of the second problem will go far in the solving of the first; that is, that the general adoption of irrigation by our strawberry growers will bring up the varieties already tried out here so that they will serve all the purposes of the strawberry industry as an industry, in its various ramifications.

That seems likely.

W. H. Weeks, the strawberry plant king of this district, says he will employ irrigation in all his growing in the future. He tried it out with success last year.

W. G. Allen, the dean of the industry here, and the man who has done more than any other in introducing the Trebla and the No. 121 varieties, says in his concluding paragraph that he believes irrigation will solve the problems of the canners. Every one interested at all in this city or this district should read this concluding paragraph—and the whole of the illuminating article of Mr. Allen.

He is no boomer; he points out the pitfalls; and his conclusions are sound. He is no tyro. He knows every angle of the industry, from experience, attended by bitter loss as well as smiling success.

Salem is already the strawberry city of this coast; the center of the greatest strawberry industry in the western country.

But what has been accomplished is only a marker for what may be done, by practicing all the best methods known to the industry and which may be found out by experiments. With the advantages already gained, Salem ought to become the greatest strawberry city in the whole wide world, and that in the not distant future; and the writer believes this will come to pass.

If the growers generally adopt irrigation, and keep up on their toes in every other respect in fostering and improving their yields in both quantity and quality, the labor question will again be a problem, as it was last season, partly due to rapid ripening on account of the long dry spell in growing and picking time—

And these will not be enough available pickers in the fields, nor enough hullers in the canneries and packing plants.

This brings the writer to a point that ought to be considered seriously in Salem. There is too much seasonal work here. There should be more all the year around work. We should have a glass factory to make the containers. We

should make the cartons here. All the boxes should be made here. The labels might be made here. The expansion of our great fruit industry will be limited to some extent by the growth of Salem. It will be more and more a question of help in harvesting and packing times. The King's people are working 500 or more people now, in dehydrating and canning apples. The Starr cannery is working a considerable force in canning apples. There is a good deal of other work going on in the fruit concerns. But there will be a considerable season in late January to May in which there will be a good deal of idleness here. The prudent people of Salem must find a way to avoid any idleness at all, at any season. And this can be done.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Salem is the strawberry city.

Salem cans more strawberries than the rest of Oregon, Washington and California combined.

Did you realize that Salem uses one-sixth of all the fruit cans in the Pacific northwest, did you?

Well, that's so. There are about sixty millions of cans used for fruit in the Pacific northwest now. And Salem uses about ten millions of them.

Eight years ago, there were about twelve millions used. All told, in the northwest. Some growth, eh? Salem is now using nearly as many cans as the whole northwest used for fruit in 1914. And Salem will some sweet day, in the not far distant future, use as many cans as the whole northwest uses now. To say nothing of cartons and glass containers, etc.

If you do not think the Salem slogan work is worth while, stick a few pegs there.

We thought a couple of years back that the Trebla might be the berry to treble the strawberry industry here. It now looks like it will be the 121 to make it 121 times as large as now. The 121 and water; irrigation.

With water and brains, the Salem district is going to grow enough strawberries before long to give every person on earth the fill-in' for strawberry short cake. This will be the long and the short of it.

But we are going to have to build up a city of 100,000 people. To provide the hullers; and then it will take the hull lot of them.

Modern Apartment Rooms Planned by Patton Bros.

A building permit was issued to Patton Bros. in the county recorder's office yesterday for the erection of an apartment house. The upper floor of the Patton block will be converted into an

apartment house, according to H. D. Patton, work to commence immediately.

It is planned to convert the upper story into eight apartments, which will be heated with hot water and contain all modern conveniences. Each apartment will contain a living room, reception room, kitchenette, dining room and bathroom.

The contract for building has been given to Carl Bahlborg and will cost approximately \$8,000. The work is expected to be completed by January 1.

MAY WIN IN U. S. SENATE.



Frank E. Kellogg, Republican of Minnesota, will probably be one of the victors in this year's election for U. S. Senator.

German astronomers with a new-fangled telescope have discovered new stars. They are now looking for the German mark.

It now turns out that when Sinclair Lewis wrote his book, "Babbitt," he unconsciously appropriated the name of George F. Babbitt, an old Boston journalist, who may not be known in Gopher Prairie or Greenwich Village, but is one of the factors in New England life. It will be recalled that when Dickens wrote his "Pickwick Papers" there was actually a man named Pickwick in England, who made all kinds of trouble over the matter. Mark Twain had the same experience in "The Gilded Age," when he used the name of Col. Mulberry Sellers.

MOVIE GOSSIP

BLIGH
Hickman Bessey Stock company and Rudolph Valentino in "A Rogue's Romance."

OREGON
House Peters in "Human Hearts."

LIBERTY
"Man's Law and God's," and other subjects.

GRAND
Coming Saturday and Sunday Rudolph Valentino in his greatest success, "Blood and Sand."

to be at least three forms of amusements which are never questioned by the scrupulous. Laughter, the creating of laughter, is the one purpose of the minstrel, as well as the rendering of tuneful and pleasing songs. The minstrel man has been known from almost the beginning of this world's history and was well known by the writers of Biblical affairs. It is this very characteristic of the minstrel which makes it capable of appealing to all classes and when the famous Georgia Minstrels appear at the Grand theater Monday evening there will be seen hundreds of people in the theater who are not habitual theatergoers.

STAYTON NEWS

STAYTON, Or., Nov. 14.—Mrs. J. L. Quinn took the early outgoing stage Friday for Portland where she spent the weekend. Miss Elma Apple, one of Marion county's efficient teachers, went to Salem Friday where she joined her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Apple, in a trip to Portland. Among the Stayton people attending the international stock show in Portland last week were E. Roy and wife, Miss Ruth Roy, A. C. Thomas, W. O. Cooper and B. G. Baedighimer.

The Stayton high school football eleven went to Amity Saturday where they met the Amity team in a rousing game. The boys came home with a goose-egg to their credit, against six counts for the Amity boys. The Murphy-Gardner Milling company recently purchased a half interest in the Skiff sawmill at Riddle. Mr. Gardner will leave with his family for Riddle in a few days, when he will assume the management of the mill. Mayor Murphy has duties here which will prevent his going south at the present time.

The Brown-Petzel Lumber company lately installed an electric motor and fan, with which an attempt is being made to hurry the process of burning the giant sawdust pile at the mill, which has been slowly burning for some time. Gehlen Brothers have recently purchased and taken over the Nendel interests here, and are preparing to enlarge their rapidly growing feed business.

A benefit card party, given under the auspices of the Eastern Star club, at the Masonic hall on Friday, was a decided success and proved a highly entertaining social function. Ten tables were played, five hundred being the evening's game. Jake Spaniol and Alva Smith tied in combat for high score, and had to play the rubber. Mr. Spaniol coming out victorious. The consolation prize fell to Mrs. V. Lyle McCroskey. J. F. Mounce of Salem has been in Stayton several days this week looking over his right of way survey which was made a few years ago, and working up a little railroad enthusiasm.

amount of rock this season and will no doubt be on the contracting job again next year. H. J. Rowe of the Stayton Light & Power company, made a business trip to Salem Tuesday.

Giles E. Thomas is having some interior decorating done at his farm home one mile east of town.

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Mackay, Cool and Collected Takes Stand in Own Behalf

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 15. John Mackay, charged with the murder of Jack Thomas near his home at Walker Sliding last September took the stand on his own behalf for three hours this afternoon. Completely in possession of himself, the accused man emphatically denied shooting his companion and insisted that he was awakened by cries for help. Mackay then claims that he found a shotgun leaning on Thomas' prostrate form. It was his belief, he said, that either a pig or

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dog brushed against the gun, causing its discharge. The case is expected to go to the jury late tomorrow.

Ernest Wadsworth Longfellow, son of the famous poet, died recently, leaving an estate of \$500,000. But he was a thrifty Yankee, which his father was not. And the son never made a dollar out of poetry.

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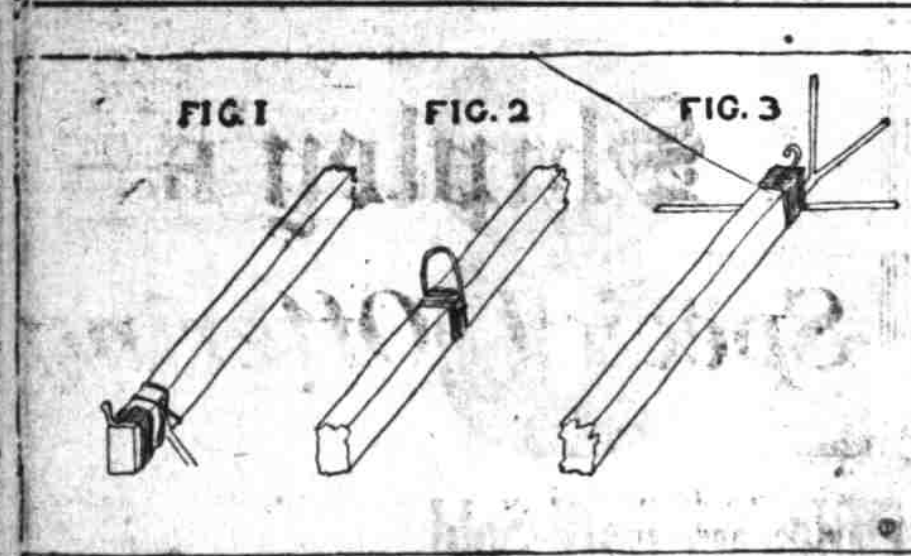


Hoxie with his newest invention, the Hoxie autophone, a device that reproduces the human voice with all variations of tone by means of a film similar in many respects to the ordinary motion picture film. When Thomas A. Edison was taken to Hoxie's experimental room in the Schenectady plant, which he had not visited in twenty-five years, he marveled at the invention.

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MODEL AEROPLANE BUILDING



How to Finish the Motor-Base

(This is one of eight lessons which will tell how any boy can make a complete model aeroplane which will fly under its own power. Warren DeLancey, writer of the articles, was formerly president of the Illinois Model Aero club, a group of boys who build and fly their own models and who hold nine of the ten world's records for model aeroplanes flying. Clip these articles until you have the complete set, including the directions for flying your machine.)

The skids at the front of the motor-base, upon which the model aeroplane rests when it is upon the ground, are made of bamboo split from a fishpole. The sticks should be about the size of the large end of a toothpick. Four of them are needed, each about three and one-half inches long. These sticks are bound flat to the motor-stick, two on each side, as shown in the drawing last week.

Bind Skids to Motor-Stick
The first two are bound 1-2 inch from the front of the stick, and the others 1-2 inches to the rear of these. The tips of each pair are bound together, as shown in the diagram just mentioned. Now if these skids are held in the steam coming from a kettle and the tips spread about two inches apart, it will be found that they will remain in this position when allowed to cool. This makes a firm landing-gear for the model.

Figures 1, 2 and 3 show respectively the propeller bearing, a wire loop which guides the rubber and is called a "can," and the rear hook to which the rubber is fastened. All these are made of music wire, size number 10. The loops can be made very neatly by bending the wire about something round with a pair of pliers.

Make Propeller Bearing
The loop in the propeller hanger, Fig. 1, should just fit the shaft for your propeller and should be entirely closed. Bind the hanger with silk thread firmly to the front of the motor-base. The wire loop or "can," Fig. 2, should be 1-4 inch in diameter and placed in the middle of the motor-base, where it keeps the rubber, when wound, from buckling. The hook at the rear, Fig. 3, serves as a place to hook the rubber, and should be bound firmly in place. This completes the motor-stick. (Next week: "How to Make the Wings")

Hazel's mother, throwing up her hands in mock horror. "Of course," giggled Hazel. "Don't you believe I should take the prize? I think 'hard times' parties are such fun. They seem to go with fall, weather and doughnuts and pumpkin pies." She pulled her bedraggled shawl around her, bringing it down tightly over her head, blew a kiss to her mother, and started off. She wore an old red dress, faded and patched, torn stockings, and a broken pair of old hiking shoes. As a finishing touch she had drawn some black lines under her eyes and daubed white powder heavily over her usually rosy cheeks. A blast of cold wind struck her, and she scooted down the street. Fortunately, she had only two blocks to go, and she was to stop for Anne on the way, so she wouldn't get very cold.

When she came to the corner and started to cross the street, a big closed car swooped down on her and she stepped back out of the way. The woman driving the car stopped it with a jar, said something to the fat lady with her, and, to Hazel's surprise, opened the door and stepped out. "You poor, dear child!" she cried, with quivering chin. "You look half-frozen. Just get right in here and I'll take you wherever you are going."

Hazel drew back, startled. Then she decided, with sparkling eyes, that it would be sort of a lark to let them drive her up to the party. How the girls would laugh when she told them her story! So she looked up at them appealingly and said, with a little shiver, "Thank you, so much. I'm just going up another block to see about some washing for mother."

The lady helped her into the car and closed the door. Hazel told her the address she wanted to go to. Away went the automobile. "Oh," exclaimed Hazel, a few minutes later, "you've passed the house!"

"Indeed we did, my dear," rodded the lady. "I'll explain why you're late when we take you back, but first I'm going to take you up to my house, where I've a dress of my niece's that I think

PICTURE PUZZLE

MAKE A WORD CHAIN OF FIVE WORDS FOUND IN THIS PICTURE—



Answer to yesterday's: Scent, stain, shawl, stick, skirt, shoes, stockings, shirt, sleeves, shoulders.

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