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## BUILD A PEPPERMINT REFINERY IN SALEM

Salem should have a peppermint refinery. She can have one, if all the growers will join the Oregon Mint Growers' Association; if they will organize 100 per cent. The advantages would be many. In the first place, the full profits would be brought here. In the second place, the product would be standardized, and higher prices would be realized.

The finest and richest peppermint oil in the world is produced in the Salem district.

An oil with 51 per cent of menthol content, against the 36 per cent of the oil produced in Michigan, Indiana and New York, our competitors in this country.

And an oil that ranks at the top for purity of flavor.

So that dealers pay more for our oil than for the Eastern oil.

And the Eastern oil must be mixed with the Oregon oil in order to give it the proper flavor.

Besides, our growers get more pounds of oil to the acre. All these are tremendous advantages.

They give our growers what amounts to a franchise in the profitable production of peppermint oil, for which there is a rapidly growing demand, especially in the candy and gum trades of the United States.

Mint was used in medicine 400 years before the birth of Christ; and perhaps a great deal longer.

But it is only of late years that the demand has grown to enormous and ever increasing proportions.

That the farmers of the Willamette valley are destined to supply the increased demand there is little doubt—because they can do this at a good profit.

Every farmer of the Salem district having the proper kind of soil ought to read carefully all the matter in this issue of The Statesman on the mint industry, and he should consider the following facts:

- Peppermint is a profitable crop.
- Because it is of hardy growth and has fewer natural enemies than almost any other farm crop.
- Because it produces a full crop the first year that it is planted.
- Because it produces a good crop for several years after the first year with very little labor—some growers say ten years.
- Because it does not have to be marketed immediately but can be held without deterioration until market prices are favorable.
- Because the crop is of such small bulk that the cost of hauling to market is practically nothing and the distance of the grower from transportation facilities does not have to be considered.
- Because the oil commands a good price, taking one year with another, which affords the grower a good margin where the land is properly adapted to mint.
- The mint industry is not likely to be overdone, in view of the increasing demand and the higher production and quality of the Oregon article.
- And in some years it will be a bonanza crop.
- And during a series of years it will pay well, as has been the experience of all the older growers, who have been the pioneers of the industry.

Another thing, there are three distinct varieties of peppermint, the Japanese, the Black Michem and the White Michem. White Michem has been produced successfully only in England, Saxony and Syria—and in the Willamette valley. It is the superior kind—its oil formerly selling at double the price of the Black Michem. That is one of the phases of the franchise Nature has given our Salem district growers.

Once more, the Salem district will attain its greatest prosperity when it produces the things capable of being grown here to the greatest advantage and at greater profit than they can be produced in other sections—and there are many of these. Mint is one of them. This line of production will find our people above the level of mere competition. It will put them in a field all their own. Too much cannot be said about this. Too much cannot be said about it—till our people are clear above mere competition, which position their advantages of soil and showers and sunshine furnish them the opportunities to attain.

### CHRISTMAS SAVING PROBLEM

We heard a man the other day object to Christmas saving clubs because money was saved all the year to be spent at Christmas. Even if this were true, it is not an indictment against the club, but it happens not to be true.

The record, as compiled by banks interested in encouraging these minor savings accounts, discloses that not all the money is spent on gifts. The 10-year record of the Christmas funds shows 28 per cent redeposited in permanent savings, 24 per cent used for the payment of taxes, insurance, mortgage interest and other fixed household charges, and the remainder, or less than half, diverted into the coffers of Santa Claus.

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**FIRST BLOOD**

President Coolidge, contrary to all expectations and advance reports, proved the favorite in South Dakota. This happened before the president delivered his message. At this writing it is not known what the message contains, but if it contains the things that are generally expected there is no telling where the Coolidge stock will go. All the balance of the country is waiting for the message, but South Dakota spoke first.

### INTERNATIONAL AMITY

The organization of dining and social clubs is doing a lot to fra-

ternize the world. For instance, the Kiwanis club of Salem is taking steps to place the Canadian flag alongside the American flag, on the theory that the organization is international and therefore there should be amity between the countries. It is fair reasoning.

### A CHEST FUND

The Oregon Statesman heartily concurs on the idea to have a chest fund in Salem. There is too much waste and too much left undone. With the money we are now spending we could get better results. The chest idea is coming to stay, because it is right.

We object as Irene Castle speaks of her "far flung" fame as a dancer. We object the more as we think more of it. In fact the more we think of it the less we think of it. A dancer is a high kicker and "far flung" belongs to missionaries.

We notice that there is an unusual loyalty in Coos Bay. It is not only a town loyalty, it is a bay loyalty, because an inhabitant of Marshfield or North Bend will register from Coos Bay while away from home. It is a splendid idea.

### CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY

Send this ad and ten cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive a 10 cent bottle of FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR COMPOUND for coughs, colds and hoarseness, also free sample packages of FOLEY'S PILLS a diuretic stimulant for the kidneys and FOLEY'S CATHARTIC TABLETS for Constipation and Biliousness. These wonderful remedies have helped millions of people. Try them! Sold everywhere.—Adv.

## Cap'n Zyb

Went around to see Johnny Weissenmuller, world's greatest swimmer yesterday to see what he thought about boys. Well, sir, he's a regular fellow, not stuck up a bit because he holds more than fifty world's records in swimming.



Johnny said, "Whenever I race I always like to see a lot of fellows in the crowd because I can always swim better when I hear them yelling at me to come on."

During the summer Johnny has taught many fellows to become good swimmers and many more have learned just by watching him. When he swims he goes so fast that the big waves roll out on each side of him, just as they do when a speed boat cuts through the water.

When the younger boys come into the tank at Johnny's home pool at the Illinois Athletic club in Chicago he plays around with them at tag and other games. He also does stunts and starts a game of follow the leader—each fellow trying to see who can make the biggest splash.

When I finished talking to

Johnny he said, "Do you wish to race?" The illustration shows how we looked at the start. I'm not going to tell how far ahead of me he was at the finish but it was plenty.

With one exception, Johnny Weissenmuller keeps in excellent training. That one exception is when he eats "hot dog" sandwiches, and gee, how he loves 'em!

—CAP'N ZYB.

### BITS FOR BREAKFAST

There is money in mint—  
 Not a mint of money; but it is a reliable industry for this district—

And our mint growers would be "sitting on the world" if they would go into the association 100 per cent strong, and build a refining plant.

They would then get the highest prices paid in the United States; get all there is in the industry; stabilize it, and be able to increase the acreage to the full extent of the available profitable markets.

No other section of the United States could stand up in competition with the Salem district; because we produce the highest quality, the most pounds to the acre, and the mint with the highest menthol content. The mint, after the oil is distilled, is good stock feed, too. There is no waste.

You will not get pinched if you build a mint distillery. There is no moonshine in peppermint oil. It does not take a bootlegger to sell it. The candy and gum men and druggists and manufacturers of toilet articles will take all we are likely to produce for a long time. Salem has all the makings of the mint center of the world. All on earth that is required is complete organization and cooperation. The rest will follow as the sparks fly upward.

# The Animal Statesman



## MONKEY SHINES ARE BEST

A GUESSING TRICK TO PLAY AT A PARTY  
 Mystery games are good ones for a party. You may have some time been baffled one in the trick which two people, a leader and a guesser, who are "in cahoots" play on the crowd.

The guesser leaves the room, far beyond earshot, while the crowd agrees on an object! When the guesser returns and the leader asks, "Is it this? Is it that?" The

The most wonderful thing about the Salem district is the fact that nature has given our people so many franchises, or possible products that amount to franchises; things that we can produce of better quality or to better advantage or at greater profit than other districts. Mint growing is one of these franchises about which there can be no question or argument.

The copies of the filbert Slogan edition are exhausted. Getting low on some others. These Slogan issues go everywhere. Even the Oregon Agricultural college people direct inquiries to send for them. They are on file in several



## MIKE, THE MOUSE IS CAUGHT IN A CLEVER TRAP

A THIEF WHO HAS BAFLED THE POLICE FOR MONTHS WAS TRAPPED LAST NIGHT BY DETECTIVE PUSSYFOOT. MIKE IS ACCUSED OF STEALING CHEESE STRAWS.

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The nut growers are having a profitable and interesting time. They are the pioneers of one of our greatest industries.

### FUTURE DATES

- December 5 and 6, Wednesday and Thursday—Cherrian Music Box Home Grand theater.
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- December 7, Friday—Floral society meet.
- December 12, Wednesday—Annual Reformation ladies' night.
- December 12, Wednesday—Fourth Annual banquet of Company M, 168th Infantry.
- December 13, Thursday—United Artists dance in Odd Fellows hall.
- December 14, Friday—40 & 8 Commemorial at Silverton.
- December 23, Tuesday—Christmas day.
- February 23, Saturday—Dedication of statue "The Circuit Rider" in state house grounds.
- January 1, Tuesday—New Year day.
- January 4, 5, and 6—County judges and commissioners of Oregon to meet in Salem.

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