

State's Investment In Salem Territory Passes Six Million Mark

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Our Bean Industry
 We produce here in the Salem district a superior canning bean, and can grow a larger tonnage than can be turned off in most sections. Our growers who understand the production of beans and have the right location are doing well; especially those who can have some irrigation for their canning beans. We could build up a great business in growing and canning superior salad beans. We also grow beans for the dry bean market, and can profitably increase our output.

Our Blackberry Industry
 Our blackberry industry is among our great and promising ones, owing to the Evergreen, which we may call the Oregon blackberry of commerce. It is not a native. But its coming was accidental; perhaps the seeds were carried hither by birds. The Evergreen is the great blackberry of commerce. It is the only berry that stands up in the can—absolutely. It takes little sugar. It is the ideal blackberry pie berry, and is so regarded.

It has two great virtues for the grower. It produces great crops; as high as 16 tons to the acre; perhaps may go to 25 tons or more. The vines persist. They do not seem to grow old. Salem

do Hills farm a black Tartarian cherry tree that is perhaps 68 years old, and it has never missed a crop since it began to bear. The three greatest sweet cherries in the world were originated



WALTER M. PIERCE
 Governor of the State of Oregon.

in the Salem district—the Bings and Black Republicans and Lamberts; and the other great sweet cherry, the Royal Ann, has been brought to perfection here—and one of the most useful of them all, the Long Stemmed Water-

York market in 1919 and 1920; at \$6.85 in 1919 and \$7.38 in 1920. Our Anjou pears topped the Chicago market at \$4.71 a box and \$4.54 in car lots in 1920.

Our Winter Nellis topped the London market at \$7.10 a box in 1920. Our pears made top price scores in the English and big eastern markets last year.

There should be 20 times the present acreage of pears, and they should be principally the Bartlett, Bosc and Clairgean varieties, and all nondescript varieties should be grafted to these.

The Gooseberry Industry
 From the standpoint alike of the profits they may have on these bush berries on their own account, and because they mesh into the scheme of succession which is very important for the Salem fruit district; and because there is no other locality in the world so favorable to the production of the highest quality of canning gooseberries, with large average yields, the fruit growers in the Salem district ought to raise still more gooseberries. Growers here have produced 9000 to 16,000 pounds to the acre; and

even at the rate of 25,000 pounds to the acre on small plots of ground; selling as high as 15 cents per pound, or at the rate of \$3750 to the acre. An experienced grower says 8000 pounds to the acre is a reasonable average expectation. This is the leading gooseberry center in the United States; will remain that

so. Oregon is the greatest gooseberry state in the Union, in point of tonnage canned.



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fact, the whole Willamette valley, is a very good corn country. It depends upon the selection and acclimatization of seed, and upon the preparation of the seed bed and cultivation to hold moisture during dry seasons—

And under the leadership of these men, and through other agencies, there has been a wonderful increase in corn growing here in the past few years—

Until Marion has become the first Oregon county in the production of corn, and Polk county is a close second to Marion. The Salem district is the leading corn section of the Pacific northwest.

There are reports of production as high as 75 and more bushels to the acre, and good farmers say 50 to 60 bushels ought to be common.

Jesse Huber, an outstanding authority, has raised corn in Ohio and Oregon, and he says that, with proper seed selection, a yield as high as the average crop of eastern corn can be matured here. He has raised 80 bushels to the acre near Salem. The average yield for the whole of the United States is around 24 bushels to the acre.

There is no agricultural interest in the Salem district that will

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The Cherry City of the World
 Salem was named "The Cherry City of the World," years ago—the writer believes it was by A. F. Hofer, at that time the secretary



THOMAS B. KAY
 State treasurer, and public spirited citizen.

of the Salem Commercial club, now the Salem Chamber of Commerce. Anyway she was entitled to that distinction and has worn well the title and deserved the honor and earned the emoluments. The cherry industry here had early beginnings. County Judge J. T. Hunt has on his Wal-

houses, is of Salem origin; useful because it is the pollinizer of all sweet cherries, while itself, a cherry almost equal in quality to the Royal Ann. (And add the honey bee, for the cherry pollen is not carried by winds; it must be carried on the wings and legs of insects.) Given the proper pollinizer and the honey bee, and the sweet cherry industry is a reliable industry in the Salem district—given also ample manufacturing and shipping and cold storage facilities.

Then there is the sour cherry—the Montmorency cherry which adds to the value of the industry here.

Nature has by election made Salem the "Cherry City of the World," and man is doing more and more to confirm the title. Maraschino plants are here now, and other manufacturing plants are coming, and the whole wide world will come to acknowledge Salem's primership in the cherry industry.

The Salem canneries make big packs of cherries; and there are large shipments of barreled cherries for the maraschino trade making up about the same quantity of the fruit—besides large consumption in other ways.

The Pear Industry
 The Salem district is the world's pear paradise.

Bartletts are partly if not wholly self-fertile here and nowhere else. Pears are free from blight here and nowhere else. We have more pear friends and less pear enemies than any other district in the world. We have the cheapest pear land in the world. Our Bosc pears topped the New

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