

# SALEM DISTRICT INDUSTRIES

## SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

THE DAILY STATESMAN dedicates two or more pages each week in the interests of one of the fifty-two to a hundred basic industries of the Salem district. Letters and articles from people with vision are solicited. This is your page. Help make Salem grow.

### WHITE WINTER AND JENKIN CLUB WHEAT, GRAY WINTER OATS, AND OAC NO. 7 BARLEY ARE THE BEST VARIETIES FOR THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Prof. Hyslop, Agronomist of the Oregon Agricultural College, Gives Some Most Important and Timely Suggestions on Grain Growing Here—Holland and Eaton and Rink Varieties of Wheat Come Next in Order—There is No Choice in Oats and Barley; the Ones Named Are Best—Our Grain Crops for 1927 Ought to Be Better Than This Year

Editor Statesman: Next year, 1927, should be a better year for grain. The fall has already started out more auspiciously. With the good rain of last week many of the damaging wheat pests will emerge early, many of the objectionable weeds will be started and the rain will help materially in getting a good deal of good fall plowing done early.

White oats; others contain a lot of black oats, and still others contain a large amount of the obnoxious buck wheat. There is need for considerable work in the improvement of the gray oats of western Oregon. The experiment station is working up several rather hardy strains of the Gray Winter oats, hoping to be able to put out, in the course of time, a harder, better and even type of that grain. Gray oats is particularly useful in connection with the production of feed and milling grain. Gray oats has an unusually thin hull and large plump sweet kernels, adapting it to rolled oat manufacturing purposes.

reported of very serious losses from smut. The writer has been in oat fields having as much as 20 to 30 per cent smut in fields of barley with up to 10 per cent loss because of smut, and a field of wheat was reported this year with approximately 90 per cent smut. It is very difficult to account for the heavy infestation other than a total failure to treat.

Proved Varieties Best After a poor year many farmers are dissatisfied with their results. There is often a tendency to change from varieties that have been good for years, to something new. Many times promoters of new varieties seize on such an occasion to exploit these varieties at high prices. When crops have been poor and the farm returns have not been up to par, is no time to experiment on an expensive new variety that has not been thoroughly tried out.

Inferior Eastern Oats Sold It is surprising that newspaper advertising sells so much inferior eastern rolled oats in the west when there is a better home manufactured product from gray oats. There is probably no other oats grown in the northwest that is its equal. Growing as it does during the cool season and ripening early in the summer, the grain is usually sweet and plump. Oats are better suited probably to the poorer lands than to some of the lands that are a little wet for barley or wheat, although better yields of oats are secured on good land.

There is probably no other farm operation that costs as little and that brings as much in increased yield and better salability of crop than to treat for smut. A great many people are inclined to be a little skimpy in the use of seed. Better have a good stand than a scant one. Our experiments on soils that are rather poor usually indicate that a fairly heavy rate of seeding gets the best returns. Generally seven or eight pecks an acre are best. This applies particularly to wheat and barley, while with oats usually 10 to 12 pecks are considered better.

All commercial varieties obtainable are being tried, or have been tried, at the experiment station, and out of the many hundreds of these only a few may be recommended as standard varieties. What, after all, is a standard variety of grain? What the agricultural college considers to be a standard variety of grain is one that consistently yields better than others and that meets the market demand.

Winter Barley Profitable Another cereal that is attracting a great deal of attention and that is increasing in acreage steadily is O. A. C. No. 7 Winter barley. Winter barley is well suited to soils reasonably rich and well drained. It is not a wet land crop. The advantages of winter barley are that it may be seeded in the fall when there is more time for work. It lives through the winter, except in high altitudes or in the extreme north end of the valley. It ripens quite early before the dry season is on and usually makes a nice large yield of grain. The grain does not have so good feeding or milling quality as Hanchen barley, but is excellent for hogs and other stock feeding uses. The early ripening barley is a very good nurse crop for clover. O. A. C. No. 7 is the best variety.

Heavy Seeding Advised With early sowing very rich soil in fine condition, sometimes a little smaller sowing may take place because stooling is encouraged under those conditions. Where the soils may be a little cold or a little low in available fertility, or where the sowing is made rather late, it is always desirable to use plenty of seed to make up for the lack of stooling. It is particularly desirable that the seed be planted rather shallow so that prompt germination may take place.

The market demand for wheat from the Pacific northwest is largely for white wheat. Red wheat does not sell so well on the general market as white. Of course, if you are growing wheat and selling it to some of your neighbors for poultry feed, there is little difference whether the wheat is white, red, or mixed, but if you are selling through the grain trade and the grain enters into commercial channels, it is important to have the kind of wheat that sells best.

In the preparation of fall grains for sowing, the land is plowed and worked down as early as possible. It is undesirable to get the seed bed worked down excessively fine, especially where the soils are heavy and tend to run together. The land that may be worked down fairly early will get into better condition with the fall rains for an early seeding and good stooling. Of course, too early sowing of either wheat or barley entails some danger of Hessian fly injury. This is especially true this year after the serious fly infestation. It is best to wait until some time in early October for the sowing, unless there should be unusual wet weather or frost early this fall. Generally the best time for growing is October 1 to 15, and the important thing is to sow shallow.

Shallow Sowing Best Grain that is sowed deep in a loose bed is always handicapped and usually fails to make a satisfactory growth. The stands are generally thinner, stooling is poorer and the yields are reduced. One to one and a half inches deep is enough and where the seed beds are excessively loose it may be a good plan to roll the seed bed before sowing.

For the Willamette valley soft white wheat is the most marketable kind that we have. White club is next. Years of experiments at the agricultural college have shown that of the fall varieties, the most dependable, insofar as winter hardiness and yield are concerned, are found in one group. In this group are three varieties which are very similar. The best of these is White Winter. Next come two others that are very nearly alike, "Holland" and Eaton. These three varieties are very similar in many respects in appearance in the field, and in yield. At the experiment station generally White Winter is best.

Harrowing after sowing has little or no advantage. The seed bed should be prepared before sowing takes place. The seed in all cases should be treated for smut. The copper carbonate treatment is the best treatment for wheat, and the agricultural college has a bulletin dealing with that method of treatment. The formaldehyde treatment is still the best treatment for the gray oats and for the O. A. C. No. 7 barley.

These are just some of the high spots. They can be found all over the Salem district. It requires good farming methods to raise good crops of grain such a year as this. Especially wheat. Our oats and barley did very well. But our wheat, on poorly cultivated lands, suffered severely from the hot days when it was in the "milk," and generally from the long dry spell, taking away the moisture.

Director's Department Store is building up a reputation for guaranteed merchandise; conducting a real department store; making steady progress, too. 50c for your old belt on a new one. This is a special feature for this week. For full particulars see the windows of the Scotch Woolen Mills, 429 State St. (\*)

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### Dates of Slogans in Daily Statesman (in Weekly Statesman)

- (With a few possible changes)
- Loganberries, October 1, 1925
- Prunes, October 8
- Dairying, October 15
- Flax, October 22
- Filberts, October 29
- Walnuts, November 5
- Strawberries, November 12
- Apples, November 19
- Raspberries, November 26
- Mint, December 3
- Beans, etc., December 10
- Blackberries, December 17
- Cherries, December 24
- Pears, December 31
- Gooseberries, January 7, 1926
- Corn, January 14
- Celery, January 21
- Spinach, etc., January 28
- Onions, etc., February 4
- Potatoes, etc., February 11
- Poultry and Pet Stock, Feb. 25
- City Beautiful, etc., March 4
- Great Cows, March 11
- Paved Highways, March 18
- Head Lettuce, March 25
- Silos, etc., April 1
- Legumes, April 8
- Asparagus, etc., April 15
- Grapes, etc., April 22
- Drug Garden, April 29
- Sugar Beets, Sorghum, etc., May 6, 1926
- Water Powers, May 13
- Irrigation, May 20
- Mining, May 27
- Land, Irrigation, etc., June 3
- Floriculture, June 10
- Hops, Cabbage, etc., June 17
- Wholesaling and Jobbing, June 24
- Cucumbers, etc., July 1
- Hogs, July 8
- Goats, July 15
- Schools, etc., July 22
- Sheep, July 29
- National Advertising, August 5
- Seeds, etc., August 12
- Livestock, August 19
- Grain and Grain Products, August 26
- Manufacturing, September 2
- Automotive Industries, Sept. 9
- Woodworking, etc., Sept. 16
- Paper Mills, Sept. 23, 1926

### THIS WEEK'S SLOGAN

DID YOU KNOW That the Willamette valley produces the best oats in the world, for milling purposes, and the heaviest oats in the world to the bushel or sack measure; that the great breakfast food manufacturers of the east know this, and would pay still better prices to our farmers if they would organize and improve the quality still more; that this section ought to raise more wheat, too, and more barley and rye, always in rotation with clover and corn and other crops; that there ought to be more general selection of seed, and more drainage practiced, and more tilling and more irrigation; that Salem is now a good grain market, and should be a much better and bigger grain market?

### WE SHOULD RAISE MORE GRAIN; MORE ACRES; ESPECIALLY MORE TO THE ACRE

The Average Wheat Yield Was Low This Season, But There Were Some Very Good Crops, and Oats and Barley Did Quite Well—It Takes Good Farming Methods to Produce High Grain Yields

F. Haslebacher of the Hazel Green district, near Chemawa, on Route 9, Salem, produced this year, in a large field (about 50 acres), wheat that averaged for the whole tract 45 bushels to the acre.

Mr. Gerig, on Route 7, Salem, produced oats this year that went about 100 bushels to the acre. Clarence Johnson, Route 7, Salem, had a four acre field of oats that went 250 bushels.

Mr. Haslebacher, mentioned above, had another field of wheat that went 35 bushels to the acre. Mr. Pence, on the Nesmith place, at Rickreall, had a field of barley that went 65 bushels to the acre.

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Current Grain Prices Wheat in Salem is now around \$1.20 to \$1.23 a bushel; oats 40 to 45 cents a bushel; barley \$26 to \$28 a ton, and rye \$1 a bushel.

### GOVERNOR'S FUND USED \$4000 FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS AT LOW EBB

The state agent fund of \$4000 appropriated by the 1925 legislature for the use of the governor in making special investigations in connection with the executive department, has been exhausted with the exception of \$240, according to a financial statement prepared here yesterday.

### SALEM HAS BEEN GIVEN MANY NEW NAMES IN THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS

It Was the Cherry City in Those Times, But Being the Manufacturing, Marketing and Banking City of the Land of Diversity, It Has Been Acquiring Additional Terms of Distinction, and Is Bound to Go Right on Doing That Very Thing

The Salem creed that accompanies this article was written eleven years ago, at the special request of the Salem Commercial club, now the Salem Chamber of Commerce. It was written by Rev. James Elvin, the then pastor of the First Congregational church of Salem, and the chairman of the promotion committee of the Salem Commercial club. Thousands of copies were sent to Salem prospects in the east. Mr. Elvin is now the pastor of the First Congregational church of Helena, Montana, and, with his family, has just paid his Salem friends a welcome visit, arriving last Friday and leaving yesterday, being on a long tour by auto, spending his summer vacation.

The Linen Mill City Everyone is interested in Linens. So just mention to your friends that Salem, Oregon, is the linen mill city. Oregon Linen Mills, Inc. If you want a fair idea of what the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc. will look like when in operation, just drive north on Capital street to Madison turn east a block or so, park and walk across the Southern Pacific track.

Salem has been given many new names since that time, and will have many more in the future; is acquiring them all the time. Being the manufacturing, marketing and banking city of the land of diversity, new names are being and will continue to be added. Pretty soon, Salem will be the sugar city, the capital of the sugar bowl district of the United States. This thing is illustrated somewhat by the following from the current weekly bulletin of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, in which the following paragraphs are found:

A Fine Slogan A year or two ago a school girl gave us the tourist slogan, "Trail 'Em to Salem." This is now used on all the Chamber of Commerce tourist literature. Are We the Cherry City? Years ago Salem was the prune city. Then it becomes the cherry city. Then to advertise the loganberry industry, Salem was nationally known as the loganberry city.

Use Your Imagination Walk into the building of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc. covering an acre or so and then just imagine the following linen making machines which will be in operation when the mill opens: In Main Room-116 Machines 80 looms. 7 spinning machines with 200 spindles on each machine. 1 hackling machine. 1 breaker card. 2 finishing cards. 8 drawing machines. 2 roving frames. 2 reeling machines. 1 yarn dressing machine. 1 yarn beamer. 1 spooler. 4 winders.

A Hop Center For a change, why not say Salem is the hop city, as it really is the center of the largest hop acreage in the United States. The Peppermint City Now that more than 3,000 acres in the Salem district are planted in peppermint and there are many stills throughout the county, why not call Salem the peppermint city?

In The Bleaching Room 1 washer machine. 1 dryer. 1 dampener. 1 calendar machine. 1 beetler. Other Machinery To drive machinery, 137 electric motors. Also motors for the drills and lathes in the machine shop. In the power house, there will be a motor on the pump, motors for the generating set, water circulation system and fuel conveyor. More About The Oregon Linen Mills, Inc. A tunnel will carry all steam, water pipes and lighting wires, from the power house to the main buildings. Big Steel Tank A steel tank capable of holding 100,000 gallons will be constructed. It will be 82 feet above the ground. Main Switch Board The main switch board will be in the power house. It is there that the high voltage current from the power lines will be stepped down to the working voltage and distributed to the main building through the tunnel.

How Machinery is Coming Machinery for the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc. has arrived already to the extent of 15 car loads. The second shipment of 12 car loads is now being shipped. The building will be completed September 25 and installation of machinery will begin at once. At Stayton The Oregon Linen Mills, Inc. own the scutching and retting Tyler's Corn Remedy takes the soreness out of those corns you've been trying to rid yourself of for months. Sold only by Tyler's Drug Store. (\*)

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Now We Have It! Salem, The Linen City Wanted Now that Salem is a Linen Mill City, there is need for a new vocabulary. Try These On Your Friends When talking to friends especially from the east, tell them all about the Miles Linen Co., the Oregon State Flax Industry and the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc. In your line of talk, talk as if you were quite familiar with scutching, retting, whipping machines, breakers, Vessot perfection flax pullers. And then if you are referring to the Miles Linen Co. or the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., you will use such words as looms, spinning frames, spindles, breaker cards, finishing cards, roving frames, reeling machines, spoolers, hobbins, beetlers, hanks, calendar machines, dryers and dampeners, winders, reels.

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plant at Stayton. There you will find: 9 sets of scutching machines. 4 breakers. 1 fanning mill. 5 retting tanks with a capacity of five tons of straw each. 8 sets of whipper rolls. Flax shed capable of holding 500 tons of flax, completely filled. Seed cleaning machine with blower system by which chaff and straw is conveyed to the boiler room to be used for fuel. Note: Tow for the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., is received from the Stayton plant and also from the State Flax Industry. No scutching or retting will be done in the Salem mill.

F. L. Wood and Geo. F. Peed, real estate, 44 State. Farms and city property. They bring buyer and seller together, for the benefit and profit of both. (\*) Bonesteel Motor Co., 474 S. Com'l., has the Dodge automobile for you. All steel body. Lasts a lifetime. Ask Dodge owners. They will tell you. (\*)

### FARM REMINDERS FROM THE COLLEGE

Investigations of Freezing Injury to Fruit Trees; Curculionid Worms, Etc.

(The following notes are from a current bulletin of the department of industrial journalism, Oregon Agricultural College.)

The female cutworm moth is said by an Oregon experiment station circular to lay from 200 to 500 or more eggs either singly or in masses. The eggs are usually deposited in fields on or near food plants of the cutworm but are sometimes on buildings, trees or fences. One species, the variegated cutworm, is noted by an experiment station as having preference for the family laundry hanging on the line. All eggs hatch in a few days into another generation of worms which reach maturity in July and August. The adults of this generation are in the fields and gardens from July to October. Eggs from these adults hatch into the overwintering larvae completing two generations a year.

Dairying in the coast district is becoming more of a specialized industry; the operator tending to become a strictly high-class dairy farmer. In the Willamette valley the number of real dairymen can hardly be said to be increasing.

Freezing injury such as tends to produce frost cankers is identified in the spring by the dead bark which usually has a sour odor and often cracks and peels off exposing a discolored cambium and sapwood. Investigations of the experiment station have determined. The discolored parts are black with pear tissues. Sometimes the bark may adhere, shrink and form a sunken area. In either event a new bark is developed beneath the old which scales off. Sometimes the wood is killed while the cambium and inner bark remain alive.

C. F. Brethaupt, florist and decorator, 123 N. Liberty. Phone 180. Flowers, bulbs, floral designs for all occasions. Pioneer and leader in Salem. (\*)

### SALEM, OREGON—THE CHERRY CITY Its Civic Creed

I BELIEVE in Salem for what it has for its cherries, peaches, prunes, loganberries, hops, small fruit and garden truck, its beautiful trees, fragrant roses and other beautiful flowers, for its marvelous agricultural and industrial possibilities, its transportation by water and by rail, great in its rich and varied scenery, rejoicing in its beautiful environment of river and hill and dale and snow-capped mountains, its unexcelled mild and equable climate, its snowless winters and cool pleasant summers, halloved by its rich and valued historical associations.

I believe in Salem for what it is,—for its boys and girls, men and women, shops, offices and stores, handsome public buildings, beautiful happy homes, playhouses, schools and churches, hospitals, trained physicians, patient nurses, expert educators, learned lawyers, earnest ministers, conscientious men of business, faithful chroniclers, industrious workers, never tiring farmers and ranchers, devoted mothers and fathers, and public spirited men and women, for its sympathy, its philanthropy, its hospitality and its neighborliness.

I believe in Salem for what it is to be—for its inspiring vision of tomorrow exemplified in magnificent new school and office buildings and charming new homes and modern improvements everywhere, its well lighted and well paved streets, its hope for agricultural and industrial expansion, a city where each and all may have an opportunity, where none shall suffer for lack of air or food or clothing or shelter, where ignorance shall be speedily transformed into knowledge, where little children shall grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man, where co-operation shall replace selfishness, where a living wage shall be guaranteed to all workers, where all shall work for the welfare of the community, where shall be practiced day by day in truth and sincerity those everlasting definitions of all true religion "Do justly, love mercy and work humbly with God" and "As ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."

Signed..... (\*)