

Payroll of Million a Month in Salem Is to Be Exceeded This Year

Operation of Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., Plant Is First Item of City's New Industrial Growth—\$12,000,000 Is Conservative Estimate for 1926—More Than Half Industrial, Which Is Unusual and Favorable Condition—Means Exceptional Prosperity Until Population Catches Up With Industries—Factories Here Are New, Growing Institutions, and No Limit to Future Payroll Increase in Sight—Phenomenal Progress Since 1911 Is Recorded in Statesman Slogan Pages—City of 100,000 People Is Predicted For Near Future For Capital City of State

Population To Keep Pace With Industrial Growth

Because of Salem's Attractions as Residence City, People Will Come As Fast As Work Is Created For Them—Contrast To Conditions of Few Years Ago Is Pictured

What will Salem's payroll be this coming year? Judged conservatively, it has amounted to \$1,000,000 a month during the past year, but it must be remembered that starting almost instantly with the opening of 1927, there is to be a substantial increase over that figure—the first item of which is the new payroll of Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., which will be a considerable amount now and will double according to present plans of the corporation, before the year is over.

The present payroll of at least \$12,000,000 a year may be divided into four sections: an industrial payroll of \$6,500,000, a trade payroll of \$2,750,000, a fruit harvest payroll of \$1,500,000, and a state payroll of \$1,500,000. There is also an educational and public service payroll of at least \$500,000, so that only that part of the fruit harvest payroll which is earned virtually within the city, need be considered to bring the total to \$1,000,000 a month.

Obviously, at least half of Salem's people are supported by the industries, a condition which is well above the average of cities and which forecasts a population growth faster than the industrial

growth, which itself is certain to be even more rapid in the future than it has been in the past; and it also presages exceptional prosperity up to the time that the population catches up with the industrial payroll, if the belief that it will catch up is correct.

This belief is based on the fact that Salem was an ideal residence city before its present phenomenal industrial growth took place, and is still a mecca toward which people who desire to live in a clean, attractive city with a high average of citizenship and exceptional educational facilities, look as a place of residence, and to which they will gravitate when its economic progress creates for them the opportunity to make their homes here.

Number Employed Large

Prediction was made a year ago that when Salem's industries employ 15,000 persons, the city will have a population of 100,000. The qualifying part of this prediction is just around the corner, and it is apparent that the industries are growing faster than the population. What should have been said, is that cities which employ 15,000 persons in their industries, usually have a population of 100,000; that the industries warrant such a population and that it will eventually come; but until it does, the people need not be anxious, because in the meantime wealth is being created out of proportion to the number of people who must share it. This is in contrast to the Salem of only a few years ago, when the population was greater than the productive activity warranted.

What this era of progress will mean to Salem in the end, is absolutely beyond present prediction. Most of Salem's present industries are new, they are growing and more are coming. In the past year a number of new factories have been added. One of these is the second linen mill, now commencing operation; another is the Western Paper Converting Co., manufacturing many kinds of boxes and packages specialties from paper. Another plant of similar type is in prospect.

As was pointed out in the Slogan edition of the Statesman in October, manufacturers are gregarious.

"One thing brings another; perhaps many others. The operation of the first two linen mills in Salem will no doubt bring several specialty mills, as soon as these first ones can spin a surplus of yarns of the kinds needed in specialty mills. All the factories make work for foundries and machine shops, and for box and other specialty factories.

Growth Now Rapid

"Salem's industrial growth seemed slow for a long time; was slow. But it seems fast now, and will without doubt be faster and faster from this time on.

"In due time, we will have a million people employed, directly and indirectly, by our flax and linen industries alone."

And an editorial in the same issue stated:

"The Salem canneries in the year 1911 put up about 30,000 cases of fruit and vegetables. The Hunt cannery of this city now puts up that many cases in a three day run, or about 240,000 family sized cans a day, and there are eight canneries in Salem now—

"And the Salem canneries pack over a million cases of fruit and vegetables a year, or about half the pack of the whole state of Oregon; and the canneries of the Salem district use about a third of all the cans used in the Pacific northwest states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho in which to pack fruits and vegetables. And we will have canneries with larger capacity, and more and more of them, to take care of the raw products which we produce and will produce in larger volume—

And our canners do not get all our fruit, by any means. Our dryers get great volumes of it, and so do our barreling concerns, fruit juice makers and other processing concerns, and our fresh fruit shippers.

"In other lines of manufacturing there has been great growth in the same period, and it is not too much to say that Salem has already become a manufacturing city of outstanding importance, as

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Salem headquarters of the Portland Electric Power Co., which operates in this city as well as in Oregon City, Hillsboro and St. Helens, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash.

cities of her size on this coast—

"And her more than \$12,000,000 annual payroll for a city of \$25,000, and with her suburbs making up a metropolitan community of something more than 27,000 gives a better showing, according to good authority, than is to the credit of any other city of the size in all the Pacific northwest.

Factories Large

"Salem has the largest paper mill west of the Rockies for the making of the finer grades of paper; and this mill is constantly growing; growing in quantity and average quality of output. It is now finishing an addition to its main machinery building, to accommodate additional machinery that will almost double its capacity. There will be more paper mills in Salem.

Salem had and will have again the largest loganberry juice operations in the world.

"Salem has the only fine fiber flax industry in the United States, turning out fiber of the highest grades for the world's markets. The first plant to spin these fibers for a year, erected by the Miles Linen company, a home concern. This factory makes twines and threads from the yarns, and eventually will weave various linen fabrics. A second linen mill, being erected by the Oregon Linen Mills, Incorporated, will be in operation in a couple of months.

"In due course, we will be settling \$100,000,000 annually of flax products, and employing directly and indirectly in this industry a million people. This development, which the writer believes is as certain as the rising and setting of the sun, will justify a city here of many more than 100,000 people.

"There was built last year the

factory of the Western Paper Converting company, to make boxes and envelopes and a great number of specialties from the paper of our paper mill, and from its by-products. This plant will no doubt eventually employ several hundred people.

Beet Sugar Plant Next

"There is to be built soon in Salem a beet sugar factory; and this will bring many specialty factories to this and other sections of the Willamette valley.

"We will have a potato starch and dextrine and flour factory, a peppermint oil refinery, and others.

"All these things will bring many more factories. There will be a cumulative industrial growth.

"Salem now goes to the ends of the earth with her products, bringing in new wealth year after year, and capable of being continued and increased throughout all the ages of the future.

"There is 'white coal' enough available to fill all the Willamette valley with the hum of industry; a power that may be used and used and that will never wear out, as long as the laws of nature permit the mists to arise from the ocean and to fall in the form of snow and rain to keep the rivers running down the mountain sides.

"Salem will be a big city, and it will be an industrial city, so prepared for by the degree of nature. And thus it will be a prosperous city surrounded by a thrifty rural population—

"And it will be a Gibraltar prosperity, in the land of diversity, in the country of opportunity, where there is seed time and harvest in all the twelve months of every year; something to do and something to sell every-day of the 312 or 365.

"There is no such diversity in any other district in the world; no other district in which there

are so many exclusive opportunities, in crops the cultivation of which amount to a franchise—

"So what we have done so far and what we are doing now furnish only a glimpse of what our children and children's children will do, by merely carrying on and enlarging the lines of endeavor that the pioneers and the people of the present generation have demonstrated are feasible."

FRY'S IS OLDEST STORE

Established in 1882, Business Is Kept Up To Date Always

Fry's Drug store, established in 1882 by Daniel J. Fry Sr., is one of only three Salem businesses which have been in continual existence since that time, the other two being the Ladd & Bush bank and The Statesman newspaper.

The elder Fry arrived in Salem in the above mentioned year, at the age of 23, with goods and chattels consisting mostly of a diploma from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1880.

At that time there were only three other druggists here: E. H. Hubbel, next door to where the Buster Brown shoe store is now situated; Ben Belt, in the store now occupied by the Price Shoe Co.; and D. W. Matthews, one door east of the Patton book store.

In those early years Salem was without a sewer system, and had only a very primitive water system, situated on the river where the Spaulding saw mill now stands; no sidewalks, electric lights, telephones nor street cars, and along with those conveniences it lacked many others which Salem people enjoy today. Horses and walking were the only means of conveyance. A single track railroad ran from Portland to Roseburg.

But even at that time a progressive spirit prevailed among the leading business men of Salem, and it should be added, has prevailed up to the present time.

Fry's Drug store was the first Salem business house to remodel its front and install plate glass show windows in place of the old fashioned displays that were rolled in at night and out again early in the morning for that day's business.

At the present time, Daniel J. Fry, Jr. and Orris J. Fry are owners of the drug store and actively engaged in managing the large and always growing business. It

has grown and still grows because it is kept abreast of the times, taking full advantage of every modern facility and method to keep up to date and render the highest service that can be given to the public, the accommodation which has always been, still is and will always be the chief concern of the men in charge of Fry's Drug store.

All the clerks are graduates of the best schools of pharmacy in this country.

There is always a reason for the success of any man or business, and in this case it is the following of the strict rule of keeping up to date and giving the best possible service to the patronizing public.

NURSERY HERE SUCCESS

Growers in Irrigated Sections Like Valley Seedlings

That the Willamette valley is an ideal place to grow fruit trees from seed was demonstrated anew within the last month, when fruit growers of the irrigated sections of Washington contracted to have R. W. Mathis, of the Cherry City Nursery, grow 10,000 Wenatchee Moorpark apricot trees.

Trees shipped to points in many sections of the northwest during the past year were in all cases satisfactory, Mathis reports. Letters expressing enthusiastic approval of these trees were received from every grower.

Mathis, who grows all of the trees and plants that he handles, has had years of experience in the nursery business, in which other members of his family have been engaged for an even longer time.

terials and equipment. Administrative costs accounted for 4.7 per cent, interest and principal payments on bonds 7.8 per cent and miscellaneous expenditures amounted to 6 per cent.

The amount of money raised for road purposes in that year was only \$664,424.571, as compared to the greater amount expended, for \$115,656,721 was available as a balance from the previous year's operations.

Of the amount raised during 1925, 43.5 per cent was raised by means of the motor vehicle license fees and gasoline tax, 30 per cent from the former and 13.5 per cent from the latter. Sale of bonds accounted for 21.3 per cent and federal aid 13.9 per cent. Funds transferred to the state by the counties amounted to 10.8 per cent, and the balance was received from miscellaneous sources as follows: Taxes, 3.3 per cent; appropriations, 5 per cent; miscellaneous 2.2 per cent.

Although the year's expenditures were slightly greater than the previous year's total, \$665,665,207, the balance of \$130,956,191 carried over into 1926 was even greater than that of the year previous. The rate of construction remained about the same as the year before.

Eugene—Fruit Growers have shipped 20 cars dried prunes and still have 10 cars.

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MOON JEWELRY TO MOVE

Takes Store Room In Oregon Building—To Remodel

The jewelry store of Claude C. Moon, established within the past year on Court street, will move to larger quarters early in February, in the room in the Oregon building just west of the theatre entrance.

This store room is to be completely rearranged, with a balcony and wall cases on all sides. The repair department will be in the rear. Moon specializes in watches, diamonds and gift goods.

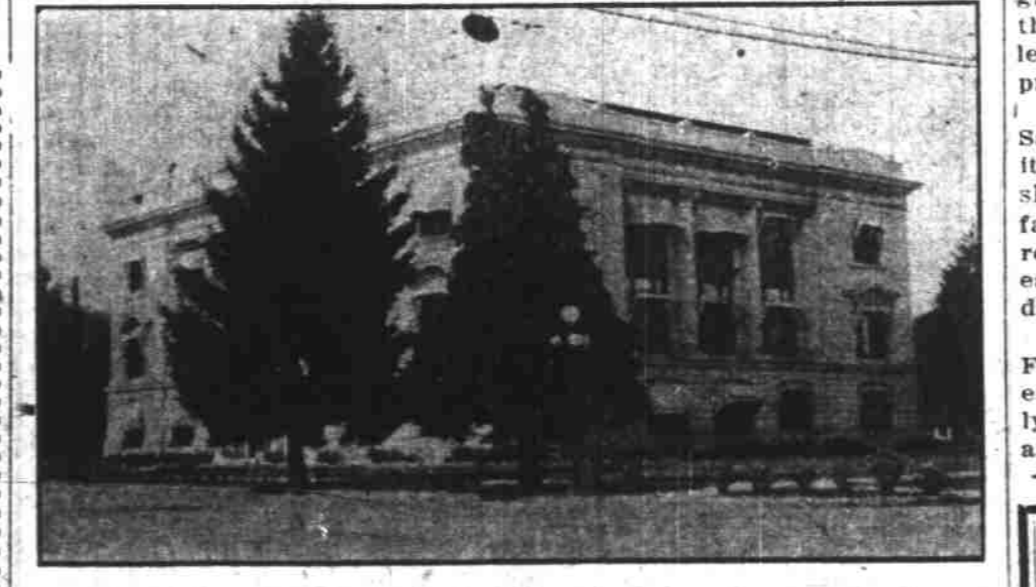
ROAD WORK EXTENSIVE

State Spends \$649,125,101 On Highways In Year

Automobile travel has become so essential a part of the life of all Oregon people, that the state spent \$649,125,101 on roads and bridges in 1925, according to reports from the highway department to the bureau of public roads, recently made public. Of this amount, 59.6 per cent was spent for new construction, 18.4 for maintenance and 3.5 for ma-

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