The Oregon Statesman


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| try of opportunity, has many,strings to its industrial bow And one of the most important is the seed industry. Much progres has already been made, but this is |  |  |
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| Much progress has already been made, but this is only an earnest, a smattering of what will in due time come to pass. Here are a few items: |  |  |
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| Red clover seed comes back this year and goes over the |  |  |
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| a half million dollars; with promise, through the aid of of the booming sheep breeding industry and the help of agricultural lime, of running to a million dellar annualcrop in a few years- |  |  |
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| And we are growing the kale seed for the whole United |  |  |
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| And the onion seed' and sets for all the territory west of the Rockies, and some for the country beyond- |  |  |
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| And we have the only district in this country where vetch seed is produced profitably- <br> And we supply great quantities of heavy oats for mil- |  |  |
| And we supply great quantities of heavy oats for milling and for seed- |  |  |
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| And we have recently established long leads in our Hungarian and purple vetch'seed - <br> And in both English and Italian rye grass seed we are developing a large business- |  |  |
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| And we are just entering a big field in string bean seed, with large acreage around Independence and Turner and other sections- |  |  |
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| And in many other lines we are making ambitious beginnings and splendid showings. |  |  |
| There is no doubt now about the superier ${ }^{\prime}$ quality of |  |  |
| tulip bulbs, and in all the other bulbs of commerce we have made splendid beginnings. This branch of our seed industry is eapable of practically unlimited expansion; will justify the use of enormous capital bringing handsome returns. |  |  |
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| 1 . A number of years ago, when he was county agent of Marion county, Luther J. Chapin said: "Seed growing is an industry which has not been given the prominence which |  |  |
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| the natural conditions obtaining in this section warrant. The Willamette valley is well adapted to the production of high |  |  |
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| elasss seeds, not only of the more common farm crops, or grains, but also of flower and garden seeds. The various types of soil, several of which may be found in a very limited area, and the usually dry summers, adapt this locality to the production of high priced flower and garden seeds."At the time, that was like a voice crying in the wilder- |  |  |
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| ness. But rapid changes have comepeople begin to sense the rreat futuThere must be volume |  |  |
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| There must be volume, and a certainty But these things are entirely possible. |  |  |
| The seed industry of which Salem is the center now runs several millions annually; but it is capable of vast development. <br> The opportunities are great; they are world embracing. |  |  |
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| O. Dickinson, a pioneer seedsman, demonstrated in the long ago that the Salem district was ideal for the production of quality garden and flower and grass and grain seeds. |  |  |
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| He raised them here, and found a market for them, While his business was a considerable one for the pio- |  |  |
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| neer days, the present opportunities are immensely sreater. <br> This industry brings new money, from long distances, |  |  |
| by utilizing our sunshine and our showers and the fruitfulness of our soils, properly organized to do the work that they are by nature calculated to do. |  |  |
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| There is need for the enlisting of large capital in our seed industry, with certainty of handsome returns- <br> And there is need for organization- |  |  |
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| And there is need for organization- <br> Men of vision are needed. Leadership is called for, |  |  |
| to tirect the operations of the land and the products that the wide world demands and will come to demand in mounting millions of tons. running into an annual output that will help to make this the most populous, richest anđ most happy valley under the bending skies. |  |  |
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| The Statesman is happy to be able to announce that Geor ge B. Guthrie, builder of the splendid Elsinore theater, has effected an operating combination with the West Coast |  |  |
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| Theatres, Inc., under which the business of the Elsinore, Oregon and Grand theaters here will be rendered uniformly |  |  |
| successful, giving to the Salem public a diversity of high class attractions throughout every season. Mr. Guthrie deserves much at the hands of the people of Salem. He of grcat things for this city in the line of high class entertainm ints. The Statesman speaks for all Salem in. wishing Mr. Guthrie and the people with whom he has become associated great good fortune. |  |  |
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| e in fing finer than the work of developing : great seed industry. There is first the man, like Luther |  |  |
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| Burbank, who develops new and more useful and beautiful forms of vegetable growth, in infinite variety: Then the |  |  |
| man who brings them to successful growth. Next the one who exploita and develops the markets, We have them all here, and need them all, in bullding up what will be a major |  |  |
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## industry, compared with the big undertakings of this and other countries. The reader who lives at a distance will find health, The reader who lives at a distance win find health, growing beautiful and useful things. No other land cand gre lat and

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