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A DREAM BEING REALIZED
The dream of a peppermint oil refinery for Salem is being
realized; the refinery is already here, though for the present
scattered under three roofs; and the present capacity of 25
pounds an hour is to be increased to 225 pounds an hour, by
machinery already purchased; and the plant will in goed
time be assembled under one roof-
It will be an up to date refinery, manned by competent
help.
This is a great advance-
It is a far greater advance, or the beginning of it, than
appears on the surface. It means the beginnings of a
gigantic drug industry for this district, for this valley.
Thereare some 59 vegetable drug plants which are treated
like peppermint oil in distilling and refining; all the es-
sential oils, that are or may be grown to perfection under
our soil and climatic conditions-
And there are all the perfumes; even attar of roses.
Do you get the vision now?
We have here the edge on the other mint districts of
this country by about 50 per cent; perhaps more. We have
it in lower priced lands, cheaper overhead; in the larger
quantity of oil to the acre; in the greater menthol content,
and ester content; in superior flavor-
All these; and the same thing holds true of all our crude
drugs, or nearly all of them. In some of them, to a higher
degree. This is the testimony of experts. It is not mere
opinion.
If the reader wants to get a glimpse of the possibilities,
he is invited to read the Slogan article under the heading
beginining with the words, "Salem Now Has." If you have
any sort of interest in Salem or this section, you will get a
thrill from the facts recited in that article. The dream out--
lined there is caming true.




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