

Capital Journal



Story of Cherrians
1938 is another year for the Salem Cherrians—but it is also their 25th anniversary.

"New Pioneers"
A new migration is on the move, and 36,000 Dust Bowl farmers have migrated to the Pacific Northwest in the past seven years.

Section Six

Salem, Marion County, Oregon

Sixteen Pages

Navigation of Stream Began In Early Days

River Traffic Coming Back as Factor in Valley Commerce

Steam navigation is coming back into its own on Oregon waters. Not since the early days in the settlements along the Willamette and Columbia rivers has the outlook for steamboats appeared so promising.



W. G. Allen is the dean of Salem canners. With his father, W. K. Allen, and a brother, O. V. Allen, he purchased the old Salem Canning company in the fall of 1898.

Fruit Canning Industry Center at Salem

Canned Output Shows Variety Of Activities

Salem is center of one of the greatest fruit producing districts in the Pacific Northwest, itself one of the leading fruit producing areas of the nation.



Upwards of 2500 Women find seasonal employment in the fruit and vegetable canneries in and around Salem. Above is shown a typical group preparing pears for canning.

First Canning Venture Fails

Resurrection by Paul B. Wallace of the minute books of the Salem Canning company reveals the story of Salem's first venture in the canning industry.

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Butcher Knife Fails In Hold-Up Attempt

Banks have always been regarded as fair prey for robbers. The Ladd and Bush bank history reveals several attempted holdups. One of the weirdest of these was in 1886, when a lunatic was foiled in a clumsy attempt.

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"City of Salem"—Typical of the style in which early Willamette valley towns turned out to greet excursion steamboats is this view of the "City of Salem," which plied the Willamette river for several years.

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Filbert Output Centers Here

The Pacific Northwest has at least one heritage that has thus far remained safe from the "Grown in California" touch—filberts. Most people know that the filbert industry is centered in the north-west. The center of this filbert producing area is in Salem, where an acre yields as much as 1800 pounds a year.

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