#### For the Willamette Farmer Flax Culture-Its History.

The great interest awakened in our

antedates the founding of Troy, Thebes, antedates the founding of Troy, Thebes, tain an equal number of grades of im-Athens, or Rome. We find the ancient proved Oxford wool. These wools are Phonicians, who lived contemporane ous with Abraham and among whom he and his descendants lived for two hundred and fiften years-2100 A. M., and 1900 B. C.—were a commercial and manufacturing people. Their capital cities, Tyre and Sidon, were early celebrated for their "textile fabrics and for their commerce in purple and fine linen. "

Liden was the national manufacture of the Egyptians in the time of the Pharaohs, and the prolific borders of the river Nile, furnished from the remotest periods, as at the present time, abundance of the finest flax. They exported their "linen yarn" and "fine linen" to the Jewish Kingdom, in the linen" to the Jewish Kingdom, in the linen" to the Jewish Kingdom, in the days of Solomon—1000 B. C.,—and in the time of Herodotus—450 B. C.—they sent to Greece their "fine linen with broidered work. with broidered work.

It appears from sacred and profane history, that linen continued to form the most estemed clothing in Egypt of Egyptian linen, at least three thousand years old, are preserved in abundance in the numerous swaddling-bands in which the mummies are wrapped till after the Christiau era. Specimens up, and these show that the arts of where they will be allowed to remain en very similar in every respect to the various wheats—spring, fall, etc. what is made now, but some of it is of are has been exercised in the selection of the extreme fineness resembling fine " extreme fineness resembling fine muslin or cambric, " though evidently Oriental Museum last summer at N. Y.

The quantity of mummy-cloth found in the mummy pits and sepulchres of employ it for making paper. From the Egyptiaus, the neighboring nations, the Jews, Greeks, and Romans learned the manufacture of this material, which was held in such high esteem, that it was used as raiment of royalty.

in sacred history is found in Ex. 9. 51.: " And the flax and the barley was smitten in the car and the flax was bolled." This occurred before the Jews were a nation and after Joseph and his descendants had remained two hun-

prophets speak of it incidentally, all through their writings, as though it were a common article of production; and our Savior illustrated his new and sublime doctrines by referring to the "rich man clothed in purple and fine" in the street of the latter being purt floar, was more valuable by about \$7,600. In round numbers the Bowden carried 90,000 bushels, and Messers, Corbitt & Macleay, who loaded and dispatched her, can pride themselves on the fact that no other vessel has ever carried a larger cargo from State; none so large over had bet-"rich man clothed in purple and fine

In modern times, the manufacture of linen arrived at the greatest perfection in afinels; and was not in common use in England till 1253, when it was introduced by the Fleming's, woolen shirt having been worn before that time. In 1368 a company was formed in London for manufacturing it, and Lord Wentworth introduced it into Ireland in 1634. The inhabitants of the Netherlands, however, long excelled England in its fabrication and the finest linens, called Holland, were imported into that country. At present very little is imported, the production of the Irish and Scotch looms being more than sufand Scotch looms being more than sufficient for home consumption. The linen trade of Great Britain has been more than doubled within the last half

It is Safetde in the third degree, if not worse, to suffer a cought and cold to entirely one a completional of East, Blooms of Hardisenth and Car, taken in parts, would cheet a performant part of containing

FINE WOOLS.—Yesterday we called at the St. Charles Hotel to inspect the various samples of fine graded wools which have been collected and arran-State, on the subject of flax-culture and flax manufacture, has induced us to trace up its history and to follow its gradual developement into an article of trade and commerce, not only in our own country and during modern times, but among the most ancient nations of whom we have any authentic record.

The use of linen is extremely ancient and the manufacture of it into garments antedates the founding of Troy, Thebes, f extraordinary fineness, and the exhibition of the same cannot fail to impress the world most favorably with the superior grades of that article grown in Oregon. Mr. Wilkins also has a sample of fine wood cut from the superior grades of the world who now fleece of an improved Oxford lamb only six months old, which for beauty and delicateness of fibre can hardly be dis-tinguished from silk. Mr. Thos L. Davidson, who resides near Salem, has wo frames containing extraordinary fine samples of wool taken from the fleece of a Merino sheep. All these specimens have been selected with exfreme care, and prepared with the utefforts to place before the world in the most advantageous light, one of the greatest industries-wool growing-of this State.—Oregonian.

spinning and weaving had advanced to until shipped East. There are about forty-two varieties of the cereals comgreat perfection; for not only is the linof the varieties of grain and grasses, and none but the very best collected. made of flax; as may be seen in the British Museum and as we saw in the British Museum and as we saw in the British Museum last summer at N. Y. British Museum last summer at favorable climate can produce. These cereals are new arranged in large round glass jars which are kept tightly closed, Egypt is so great, it is said, that it has and the contents excluded from exposeven become an object of speculation to grains can be prevented from shrinkage, and will reach their destination plump and clean. When ready for shipment East, the cereals will be placed in small sacks, appropriately labeled, to prevent confusion and facilitate easy and rapid classification, put that it was used as raiment of royalty. Into tight boxes and sent as ordinary The earliest mention we have of this a sacred history is found in Ex. 9, 51.: gruin is to be taken out and arranged in squaer glass jars, which will enable the varieties to be exhibited most ad-

were a nation and after Joseph and his descendants had remained two hundred and fifteen years in Egypt.

Again it is mentioned in Josh. 2, 6; "And she brought them up to the roof of the house and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the house." The oriental houses were flat-roofed with parapets surrounding, as they are to-day—as we have witnessed—with commodious stairway leading thereto and was undoubtedly used in this instance, for doubtedly used in this in doubtedly used in this instance, for drying the flax, by the heat of the sun. In fact the Jewish historians and labort 360 tons, though that of the latter being the flax of the sun about 360 tons, though that of the latter being the sun about 360 tons, though that of the latter being the sun about 360 tons. our State; none so large ever had bet-ter dispatch. We wish the Bowden as successful a yoyage all round as she has

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more than doubled within the last half century, owing greatly to improvements in flax-spinning. The manufacture in that country may now be valued, it is said, at \$40,000,000 annually, employing 180,000 hands, young, and old.

W. F. West.

Jefferson, Jan. 20th, 1876

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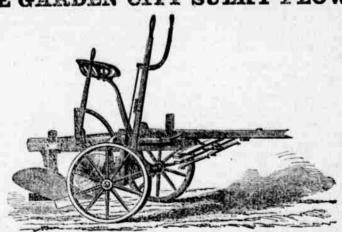
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