

FLAX PROJECT AT EUGENE IS PRAISED

Federal Official Says Much Has Been Accomplished First Season.

HANDICAPS ARE OVERCOME

Results Deemed Satisfactory by Frank C. Miles, of Department of Agriculture, Considering Late Start Obtained.

Indications are that the first year of the flax culture project at Eugene will be a comparative success, notwithstanding the newness of the venture and the handicaps under which any beginning enterprise must work...

Whether it proves a financial success the first year or not, he said, "it appears to give pretty good proof that flax growing can be conducted successfully as a commercial enterprise in Oregon."

The farmers who co-operated with the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Chamber of Commerce worked against the handicaps of unfamiliarity with the crop and the late start that they had.

Enterprise Has Late Start. "The enterprise was put on foot so late that many of the farmers had already planned their Spring planting for other things and could not give over their best land to the flax experiment. They worked against an unfavorable season and various other drawbacks."

Mr. Miles left yesterday for Montana, where he is to inspect some of the flax plantings that have been made. He was in Oregon last March to help launch the Eugene project and his present trip enabled him to see how successful the enterprise had been.

Mr. Miles' testimony has been strongly supported by Dr. Henry Deibel, a letter writer August 22, which has been sent to Dr. E. A. Pierce, chairman of the flax committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Offer to Buy Made. Dr. Deibel, who is one of the foremost experts on the commercial aspects of flax culture, declared that the enterprise at Eugene has been far more successful than was expected and that the committee should not have been disappointed even if the venture had gone deeply behind the first year.

PRISON WILL BE TOPIC

BOARD OF CONTROL TO DECIDE ON QUESTION OF PROBE.

Whether Women at Penitentiary Will Be Allowed Cigarettes May Be Debated.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Action on the resolution introduced by Governor Withycombe, calling for an investigation of the Penitentiary, is expected at the meeting of the board of control tomorrow. The Governor, at the last meeting, asked that a thorough probe, both of the administration and of the plant itself, be made by a committee of three citizens, acting without pay.

During the past week Mr. Olcott and Mr. Kay have been conducting an investigation of their own and their findings may be made known tomorrow. The removal of restrictions on prison chaplains and the permission for convicts to have cigarettes have already resulted from their suggestions.

INTENT TO WED SURPRISES

Relatives Say They Didn't Know of Mrs. Vena Walch's Plans.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—G. J. Slavin and Vena Walch, both of Portland, obtained a marriage license here today.

The taking out of a marriage license by Mrs. Vena Walch and G. J. Slavin, a clerk of Portland, at Tacoma yesterday was a surprise to Portland relatives of Mrs. Walch, including her stepson, who lives at the home of C. F. Walch, 863 East Sixty-sixth street North, Portland.

Mrs. Walch is my stepmother, but I didn't know she was going to get married," said Mr. Slavin last night. "I do not know Mr. Slavin. Mrs. Walch went to Tacoma to live more than a year ago on the death of my father."

ANSWER UNLIKELY SOON

Defendants in Cement Suit Scattered in Country.

An answer to the suit against an alleged cement combine for \$1,500,000 damages, filed in the Federal Court Monday, is not expected for a number of weeks, since legal papers must be served on a large number of defendants who are scattered throughout many states.

plete control of the cement business in the Pacific Northwest is sought by the defendants, with the wrecking of the Portland company as a possible alternative, should the plan fail.

The cement plant at Oswego, the property of the corporation, will be closed down next Friday, it is said, for two weeks at least, and perhaps indefinitely.

The cement company was first projected in 1907 by C. W. Nibley and others, but the plans did not materialize. In the following year Aman Moore effected its reorganization.

The Oregon Portland Cement Company was incorporated August 18, 1915. The construction of the Oswego plant was under the direction of Mr. Moore until last January, when the defendants took charge of the work and the former efficient management of the work, it is charged, was replaced by wasteful practices calculated to bring the concern to ruin.

Officers of the company are: President, R. P. Butchart; vice-president and treasurer, Aman Moore; vice-presidents, M. J. Ballard and Paul C. Bates; secretary, George McDonald; directors, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, James G. Wilson, Wirt Miron, William Johnson, R. P. Butchart, Paul C. Bates, L. C. Newlands, Aman Moore and M. J. Ballard.

LOST WOMAN IS FOUND

MRS. FRED PATTERSON IS RECOGNIZED FROM PICTURE.

Woman Who Disappeared Friday in Portland Says She Slept Under Trees One Night.

NEWBERG, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Fred Patterson's picture in The Oregonian and the story of her disappearance in Portland last Friday, today was the means of bringing her wandering to an end and of reuniting her with her family at Newberg.

Mrs. Patterson, who is 22 and pretty, called at the home of Mrs. Hayes at Sherwood this morning, after a 20-mile tramp from Portland. She asked for a drink of water. Mrs. Hayes recognized her from her picture, gave her food and talked with her. She then put her in an automobile and brought her to Newberg.

Mrs. Patterson said that she slept under the trees somewhere near Portland; that late one night she partly recovered from her lapse of memory and started on a night walk home. She has been married three years. Her husband is a bookkeeper.

Since Mrs. Patterson's disappearance the Portland police and her husband had been combing the city and a reward of \$50 was offered for her discovery.

Mrs. Patterson came to Portland with her husband Friday. That afternoon Mr. Patterson left her with friends and went to transact some business. When he returned he found that she had gone, leaving word that she would meet him at the Young Women's Christian Association. When he went to the association to meet her he found that she had been gone about 15 minutes.

HUGHES CLUB FORMED

COTTAGE GROVE MEETING MARKED BY MUCH ENTHUSIASM.

Elbert Bede is Elected President and Mrs. Clara A. Burkholder Vice-President—Speeches Stir.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—At a rousing meeting last night a Hughes Republican Club was organized with a membership of 145. This will probably be increased to 200 or 300. Elbert Bede was elected president, Mrs. Clara A. Burkholder vice-president, and Worth Harvey secretary-treasurer.

O. H. Foster, of Eugene, delivered the principal address of the evening. He did not mince words in showing the deficiencies of the present Administration. He named the things for which a good citizen should stand and said that the party in power had fallen down on all of these. He was frequently applauded, especially in his references to Charles Evans Hughes, the Republican standardbearer. Mr. Foster referred to the tariff question in detail and cited figures presented to prove that but for the war thousands of men would be walking the streets begging for work under a free-trade tariff.

Fred E. Smith, also of Eugene, made a short talk along much the same lines and paid a glowing tribute to the Republican nominee, whom he characterized as "the kindest, most intelligent, most warm-hearted, most cordial man in politics today, and the only man since the days of Washington actually called to serve his party."

Colonel W. G. D. Mercer, of Eugene, had charge of the organization work of the club. Walter L. Toose, of Salem, who made a stirring address, represented the National Hughes Alliance and as the result of his talk the local club voted to affiliate with the National organization.

WORK ON HARBOR SOUGHT

Eugene Chamber Wants Improvements at Siuslaw Mouth.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Efforts by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce to secure further improvement of the harbor at the mouth of the Siuslaw River, with a view of obtaining lower freight rates for Eugene, were advocated at a meeting of the trade and commerce bureau of the Eugene chamber last night.

D. E. Moran, chief of the bureau, said "This will put us in a position to get cheaper rates than we could by shipping by way of Coos Bay or by way of the Columbia."

RAILWAY SURVEYORS MOVE

Strahorn Party Begins Work in Fort Rock Valley.

BEND, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The Strahorn surveying party which has been engaged in running lines in the vicinity of Burns has moved to Fort Rock Valley, according to reports brought in today, and will complete the only unsurveyed portion of the proposed lines at once.

The party has begun work at the head of the valley, near the timber line, and will work south toward Silver Lake and to a junction with the survey already completed in that neighborhood.

Hoppleckers Start Out. LEBANON, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The usual exodus of hoppleckers from Lebanon and vicinity for the Polk County hopfields has begun and hundreds of families who make the hop-picking season their annual vacation, as well as taking in some surplus money for winter, are now on their way. By next week all the yards will be in full operation.

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"If we can catch the person responsible we will prosecute him to the limit," said Deputy District Attorney Burke today. "The statute providing for a fine and imprisonment for destroying a public highway will teach such as he that roads are not laid, merely to be cut up."

The theory that some paving company, anxious to obtain a test of the county-laid paving, is responsible is advanced by local authorities. The plan of a county laying its own hard surface has encountered decided opposition from the camps of some paving contractors, who are said to be anxious to test the paving.

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LUMBER FIRM LACKS CARS

Hillsboro Company Appeals to Public Service Commission.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Appeal for relief has been made to the State Public Service Commission by the C. H. P. Lumber Company, of Hillsboro. Lack of cars to conduct logging operations and to take care of ship-ment is alleged. The company originally had 12 cars for its logging department, but the Southern Pacific took six of them, hampering the work.

The present tract the company is working on must be logged off before January 1, 1917, or the firm will lose stumpage rights. Docks are crowded with unshipped orders and the firm's capital is tied up in orders which it cannot deliver, it is asserted.

LIBRARY BODY FORMED

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LEBANON, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The library of Lebanon, which has been conducted for several years by the local W. C. T. U., has become a permanent public library by the organization of a library association. The association has been incorporated by the following persons as trustees: Frances H. Millsap, Alice B. DePew, D. A. Reeve, Dr. J. G. Gill, Sigurd Landstrom and Alice Snucker.

Articles of incorporation were signed at a meeting of the board of trustees last night, and will be filed with the Secretary of State in a few days.

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By Midnight

Tuesday August 15th

Up to midnight August 15, a period of 7 1/2 months, we sold and delivered more United States Automobile Tires than we sold during the entire twelve months of 1915—last year.

By August 16, we had passed, by several thousand casings, the sales total for 1915,—itself a year of steady sales increases.

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