

LINEN PLANTS FOR VALLEY PROPOSED

Commercial Bodies Convinced
Flax Products Should
Be Manufactured.

ACTIVE STEPS TO BE TAKEN

At Eugene Meeting Plan to Send
Representative East to Make
Survey of Flax Manufactur-
ing Industry Considered.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The flax-growing industry in the state of Oregon is no longer an experiment. It is an assured success. This was the verdict of representatives of the commercial organizations of Portland, Salem and Eugene and flax experts, who attended a luncheon at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce today. More than 200 persons were present.

Immediate action to obtain a location for a factory for the manufacture of linen thread, crapes and common grades of linen cloth in the Willamette Valley, together with mills in neighboring cities for the treatment of flax grown in these various communities in preparation for the factory, was decided upon as the next step for the development of the industry in Oregon.

Flax Declared Good.
Oregon-grown flax was declared to produce as good a quality of fiber as flax grown anywhere in the world, and to excel the flax grown in many countries where the industry is carried on extensively.

Members of the Portland and Salem delegations pledged support of the commercial organizations in those cities to a plan to send a representative of the flax interests in Oregon East for the purpose of interesting manufacturers in a plan to establish factories in this state.

After a conference, following a luncheon, it was said that the outcome of the meeting today would probably be the sending of Fletcher Linn, of Portland, East to make a general survey of the flax-manufacturing industry. Some of the speakers pointed out that but one two-hundredths of the flax for flax products consumed by the United States is grown in this country, in emphasizing the possible importance of the industry to the state.

Ireland May Want Flax.
H. R. Miller, of Portland, member of the Portland Chamber of Commerce flax committee and director of the school of commerce at the University of Oregon, declared that the Eugene flax experiment had been successful beyond expectations. He said that Eugene was leading the world in the development of the best methods for handling the growing flax. He spoke of a system of tank retting and artificial drying that can be operated at any season of the year.

Orders for Oregon flax from Ireland in the near future were predicted by Will Lyman, of Lyman, Wolfe & Co., of Portland, a member of the Portland committee.

"This year," said Mr. Lyman, "I have received inquiries in regard to the flax of Oregon, and just last week a letter came to me asking if the sample of Eugene flax I had sent them was a fair sample of the lot, and if so, how many tons could be secured."

"I believe we will very soon be able to announce the first sale of Oregon flax to a mill outside of the United States."

Nathan Straus, of Fleischner, Mayer & Co., a member of the Portland party, said that his firm would be able to place the output of any reasonable number of linen-manufacturing plants.

Failures Declined of Aid.
T. B. Kay, State Treasurer, founder of the Eugene Woolen Mill and member of the State Board of Control, referred to the experiments being conducted by the state of Oregon, and declared the money not entirely wasted, for some of the failures there had taught Eugene and the other communities what not to do.

"The big benefit that will come to Oregon," declared Mr. Kay, "is not in the raising of the flax, for that gives but seasonal employment, but in the establishment of factories that will provide steady employment for men and women of the state."

George Quayle, secretary of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, who has devoted a very large amount of time and study to the Eugene flax experiment, advised against the establishment of a large mill. He suggested mills in various cities each with a capacity of handling the product from 250 to 250 acres, the combined output of the various mills to be delivered to a single factory for the manufacture of thread and crash.

Professor G. R. Hyslop, of the Oregon Agricultural College, explained experiments conducted at the college for the development of the best strains of flax for growing in Oregon.

Dr. T. H. Miller, chairman of the Eugene flax committee, presided at the meeting. Chairman Joseph Koke, of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, declared that Eugene was behind the movement to stay until a great and profitable flax-growing industry has been developed in this state.

Dr. E. A. Pierce, chairman of the Portland committee, complimented Eugene on the success of the experiment here.

Theodore Roth, president of the Salem Flax Fiber Company, of Salem, with a mill at Turner, expressed his faith in the future of the industry.

Among the Portland residents present at the luncheon were: O. M. Clark, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; J. M. Scott, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Company; Dan C. Freeman, of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad, and Mark Woodruff, assistant secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

KLAMATH GRAND JURY SITS

Two Alleged Murder Cases Are Under Investigation.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The new Klamath County grand jury is composed of William Barke, foreman; J. R. Dixon, C. Bowman, L. Griffith, Charles Elkins, John R. Hagenstein and George Shell. All are farmers and stockmen. It is thought it will complete its investigations this week.

One of the most important cases is that of Henry Hobbs, charged with the murder of Edwin C. Way. Mrs. Hobbs also was held by the County Court recently to await the action of the grand jury.

There is a charge of murder against William Doyle, also.

PYTHIAN ELECTION UNIQUE

Albany Husband and Wife Head Coordinate Organization.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A

husband and wife have been chosen as the presiding officers, respectively, of the local lodges of Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters, co-ordinate organizations for men and women. In its semi-annual election Monday evening, Laurel Lodge No. 7, Knights of Pythias, elected Fred Fortmiller chancellor commander for the ensuing term. Mrs. Fortmiller was elected most excellent chief of Alpha Temple No. 1, Pythian Sisters, last evening.

This situation is said to be unparalleled in local lodge circles and perhaps is unique in the state. In different cases both husband and wife have served as the executive heads of their respective lodges in this city, but not at the same time.

CYRUS H. WALKER IS 78

OLDEST LIVING WHITE MAN BORN WEST OF ROCKIES CELEBRATES.

Veteran of Indian War Engages in Farming and Fruitraising, and is Hearty Albany Citizen.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Hale and hearty and giving every evidence that he will celebrate many more birthdays, the oldest living white man, born west of the Rocky Mountains today attained the age of 78 years. He is Cyrus Hamlin Walker and resides near this city.

The scene of his birth was the old Whitman mission, near Walla Walla, Wash., which was made historic later by the famous Whitman massacre. His father, Rev. Elkanah Walker, and his mother were missionaries here at the time of Mr. Walker's birth. A year later they were sent to the Spokane Mission and remained there until 1848.

With his parents Mr. Walker was living in Washington County in 1864, when, because of trouble with the Indians, the First Oregon Infantry was organized. Mr. Walker enlisted and became the First Lieutenant of Company B. He was mustered out July 23, 1866, after a service of 19 months.

In 1877 Mr. Walker was appointed clerk at the Warm Springs Indian agency and remained there for 15 years. In 1892 Mr. Walker came to Albany. Since coming here he has engaged in farming and fruitgrowing.

BANKERS MEET HERE TODAY

Group One in Oregon to Discuss Substitution of Notes for Cash.

Nearly 100 Oregon bankers will be in Portland this morning to attend a convention of Group 1 of the State Bankers' Association. The meeting will be held at the Multnomah Hotel.

E. E. Flood, assistant to the president of the Exchange National Bank of Spokane, will be one of the principal speakers. William MacRea, manager of the Portland branch of the Bank of California, will discuss the plan to substitute Federal Reserve notes and other forms of paper money for hard money on the Pacific Coast.

All the visitors will be guests at noon at the Portland Clearing House Association at the Multnomah Hotel. This afternoon they will visit the stock show.

TAX DELINQUENCY GAINS

Clarke County Has \$85,000 in 1916 Compared to Previous Year.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Approximately 12 per cent of taxes went delinquent December 1, according to estimates made by the County Treasurer, L. G. Conant. About \$65,000 in taxes were levied for 1916, and should have been paid by December 1. However, it has been found that there remains to be paid more than \$85,000 in taxes on this roll. This is much larger than last year.

On the same date last year \$66,016.33 in taxes were delinquent. These taxes now delinquent will draw 15 per cent interest until paid.

STRIKERS GET OTHER JOBS

O.-W. R. & N. Not to Fill Places of Machinists Who Walk Out.

The group of union machinists who quit their jobs at the O.-W. R. & N. Company's Albina shops last Saturday because three of their number were discharged have not returned to work, and it is probable that they will not return. About 82 men were in the group. Most of the men have found work in the shipbuilding plants and in other industries employing machinists.

Officials of the O.-W. R. & N. Company say that the places of the men who quit will not be filled, as they were about to cut down their forces for the winter.

Militiamen Expect to Cruise.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Fourth division naval militia-men of this city expect to see at least five of their number go East next summer for a cruise on the Atlantic under the provisions of the new orders pay bill which allows 12 of the most efficient members of each state naval militia to cruise on the Atlantic. The Aberdeen division boasts the possession of the crack engineering division in the state.

Sanitarium Patient Escapes.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—During the temporary absence of an attendant, W. D. Moore, who suffers recently from a nervous breakdown while en route from Roseburg to Kennington, his mother, escaped from a local sanitarium at 9 o'clock Monday morning. He was captured two hours later. Mr. Moore wore only his night robes, and suffered considerably from the cold. Mr. Moore owns considerable property in Douglas county.

Centralia Prepares for Christmas.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Captain Hook, commanding the local corps of the Salvation Army, yesterday issued a call for donations to the Army for its annual Christmas relief work. A Christmas dinner will be furnished every deserving poor family in the city. The local lodge of Elks also is at work on their Christmas charity plans. A charity ball will be staged by the lodge on the night of December 15.

California Becomes Rancher.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—F. J. Hoffstedt, formerly a resident of Santa Ana, Cal., arrived in Roseburg yesterday to assume possession of the ranch which he recently purchased from E. S. Barker. The ranch contains 187 acres and is situated on South Deer Creek. It is adapted to general farming and stock-raising and is considered one of the most valuable ranches in Douglas county.

Mrs. Christie Dies at Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Nellie Christie, 28, a native of Lewis County and a member of one of the county's pioneer families, died Monday in a Centralia hospital. The funeral was held this afternoon at Alpha. Mrs. Christie is survived by two small children, her mother, Mrs. Ottilia Smith, and four brothers and four sisters.

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MISTAKES YIELD PROFIT

Executive Points Out How Experiments Conducted by State, Despite Errors, Have Aided Others Doing Like Work.

lowing its growth, and scutched and handled the following winter.

"This much I am certain, from our experiments, is necessary to handling flax successfully.

"No farmer in the state need feel discouraged from the difficulties which we have had at the State Penitentiary.

"The experiments at Eugene, while on a smaller scale than those conducted at the Penitentiary, are the best examples to the farmer as to what may be done along the flax line in Oregon. They have been successful and are well worth studying by those desirous of ascertaining just what may be done with flax in this state as an industry of profit for the rancher."

Roseberg Health Officer Named.
ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Dr. B. R. Shoemaker has been appointed City Health Officer at an annual salary of \$800. In presenting the matter to the Council, Mayor Rice said Dr. David N. Roseberg, State Health Officer, while on a visit here recently, had threatened to force the city to appoint such an official in the event it was not done voluntarily.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Regardless of misunderstandings and unfortunate situations which have marked the development of the flax project at the Oregon State Penitentiary, Governor Withycombe is optimistic for the future of that industry among the farmers of the state, as well as for the industry fostered by the state government.

Acknowledging the difficulties which have been encountered and that the state has been unfortunate so far in its experiments, his outlook for the future is of the cheeriest kind.

Governor Is Undiscouraged.
"Decidedly, I see in the flax industry one which has a great future for the farmers of the state," said the governor, when queried as to what effect he believed the difficulties over flax culture at the penitentiary might have on the growth of the industry in the state at large.

"Not at any time have I felt that the flax industry would prove a failure," he continued. "As frequently I have pointed out, the prime object was to establish an industry in the state and to open the eyes of the farmers to the fact that flax might be raised in Oregon at a good profit.

"Secondarily, but as a prime object for taking up the work at the State Penitentiary, it has been our purpose to develop a means for giving the convicts employment for the winter time. Idleness at the Penitentiary is to be condoned at no time; it is the most serious phase of the prison work, to keep the prisoners occupied at some wholesome form of employment.

Dry Retting Favored.
"Our experiments have led to where I am satisfied that the flax must be handled a year after its growth. Dry retting during the summer is the only feasible method I can see for that portion of the work. The flax must be stacked in sheds under cover from the weather; be retted in the summer fol-



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