

# EUGENE STARTS ON VENTURE IN FLAX

### Soil and Climate of Oregon Declared Ideal for Producing Highest Quality Fiber.

## UNIVERSITY SURVEY MADE

### Chamber of Commerce Has Display Showing Variety of Uses for Product, Which May Add Millions of Wealth to the State.

Flaxgrowing on a modern scale will be undertaken at Eugene this spring, where 300 acres are now being planted under the supervision of Eugene Bosse, of Salem, an expert. High prices for fiber as a result of the European war and a thorough survey of the flax industry in other countries by the school of commerce at the University of Oregon, give much encouragement to Oregon growers.

An object lesson for all interested is offered by the Chamber of Commerce, where the flax committee has an exhibition samples of Oregon-grown fiber and of goods manufactured from it that compare favorably with similar products from other countries where the industry has long been established.

The exhibit is remarkable as showing the growing uses to which the flax plant is put. It contains beautiful fabrics known as crash suitings, novelty yarns and sample mattresses, which are as soft as the finest wools and are said to be the most sanitary and desirable sleeping material in existence.

**Uses Not Widely Known.** Samples of insulating felt, and sheeting for houses, indicate uses for flax straw that are not widely known, while as a pack for stumps the cold climate the highest efficiency is asserted for the products.

The "stuffing" for mattresses is a by-product of the straw mills. The short ends and broken straws are put through a process which tears them apart, emancipates them and turns them out in a white, woolly product that is soft, clean and most attractive, while bedquilts from flax will capture the heart of any housewife.

Exhibits are displayed from the factory of the Flax Fiber-Down Company, of North Tonawanda, N. Y. Safely stored away at the Chamber of Commerce was one exhibit that was considered too valuable to lay out in a public place. It was a set of table linen sent by Mrs. Julia M. Lord, widow of a former Governor of Oregon. Mrs. Lord had the linen made from the first flax grown in the state.

### Wealth For State Predicted.

The Chamber of Commerce flax committee consists of Dr. E. A. Pierce, chairman; William McMurray, Bill Lipman and H. R. Miller, director of the school of commerce of the University of Oregon. The first two members have been at Eugene to encourage due recognition of adding the flax industry to the industrial life of this state, it being held that to do so would mean an annual production of \$50,000,000 and provide employment for 150,000 skilled workers.

Mr. Miller was added to the committee a year ago and he began a world-wide survey of the flax industry through the school of commerce of the University of Oregon. This survey has now been completed and the report will soon be published. It is most favorable to Oregon's claims as a flaxgrowing state.

It will be shown that Oregon has all the necessary essentials for flax culture and manufacture," said Mr. Miller. "First, the soil is all that is necessary in the Willamette Valley and climatic conditions are such as to produce a straw of even texture, such as is grown in the best of European flaxgrowing districts of the world.

**Oregon Classed With Ireland.** "Only Ireland, Belgium and Western Oregon, of all known places that have been investigated, are found to meet the requirements for producing the best fiber. The streams of Western Oregon, also, are of soft, non-mineralized water, such as is necessary for retting the straw.

"Practically all the best fiber grown in Belgium is retted in the Lyse River. One leading manufacturer told me that he had his straw taken to the Lyse for retting and then the fiber is sent to Belfast, Ireland, and made into thread there, the moist, humid climate of that country being most favorable to securing the best results. Oregon meets all of these required conditions and the flax committee is assured that the industry here can be made a great success.

"Russia and Belgium in former times have produced great quantities of flax fiber, but both these countries have no considerable flax production to their credit at this time, due to the war. On account of the disturbed conditions abroad, prices of flax fiber are very high and promise to remain so for many years. Oregon growers are offered from \$450 to \$750 a ton for all they produce. The investigation recently made shows that the cost of producing fiber does not exceed \$150 a ton.

**Proper Caution Urged.** "We do not advise, however, that people start into the business without the advice and assist of experts. The proper way, before Oregon farmers generally become educated to methods of treatment of flax, is to take it up as a community proposition, under the supervision of experts."

This is the arrangement at Eugene this year, where a group of farmers will grow flax under expert supervision. The Chamber of Commerce of this city offered \$1000 to any community in Western Oregon that would undertake to grow from 200 to 300 acres of flax, and would manufacture it and put it in fiber.

Eugene undertook the experiment, procuring the services of Eugene Bosse, of Salem, and money has been subscribed at Eugene for moving machinery from Salem and arranging buildings for storing the straw, retting, scutching and preparing it for market.

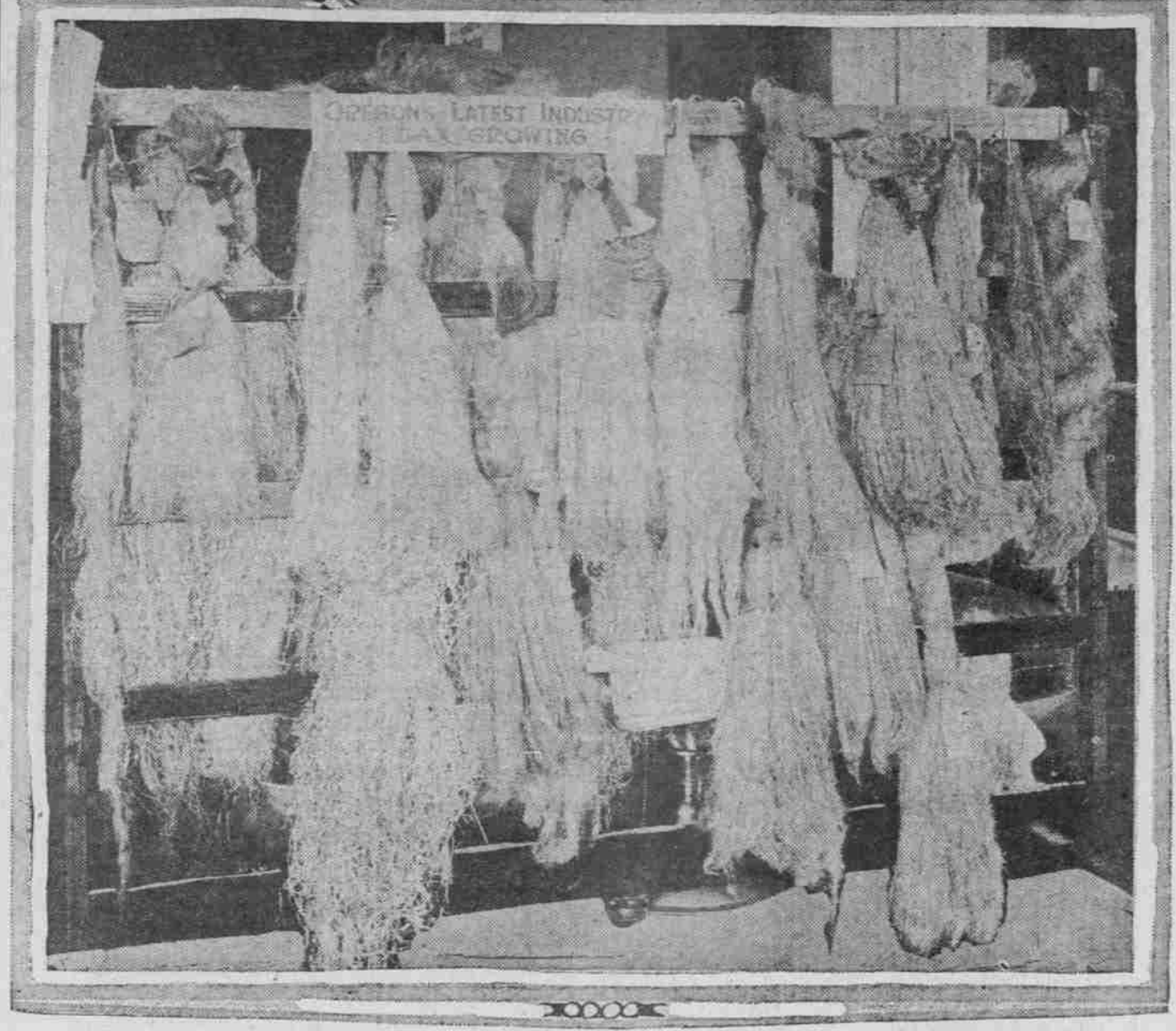
Last season a considerable acreage was grown by the state at Salem and the results were sufficiently satisfactory to warrant going on with the work.

"We are confident," said Dr. E. A. Pierce, that when we make known the profit that may be had from flax culture we will not have the least trouble obtaining a large acreage in the Willamette Valley. Prices now being offered for flax fiber are abnormal, but the fact remains that it is a highly profitable industry at any time."

### Pendleton May Acquire New Park.

PENDLETON, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—Pendleton is to have one more small park if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the heir to the Frank E. Clifton estate. It is announced that if the city is willing to take over the charges assessed against the property for paving, the Clifton estate will be sold to the city, the triangle at the intersection of Court and Webb streets in the eastern part of the city. The charges are thought to be about \$150.

## STRIKING SHOWING OF POSSIBILITIES OF NEW INDUSTRY ON VIEW AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.



FLAX FIBER AND FINISHED PRODUCTS FROM PLANTS GROWN IN OREGON.

## OUTING PLANS GROW

### Details Being Arranged for Salesgirls to See Highway.

## COMMITTEE HAS LUNCHEON

### Use of 800 Automobiles Is Sought to Carry 4000 Women to Visit Scenic Beauties Along Columbia Route.

Portland's thousands of attractive sales girls in motored cars will visit the Columbia River Highway, according to the plan of the committee of prominent business men of the city headed by R. D. Stone. The workers are preparing to obtain automobiles and take the sales girls on the trip next Sunday, April 16.

Members of the committee met at luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon for a thorough discussion of plans. It is expected to have at least 800 cars to carry the 4000 girls. A thorough canvass of the city will be made and all car owners will be asked to assist by donating the use of machines for the trip.

**Machines to Bear Posters.** An attractive sticker poster will be issued and put on the wind shields of machines as fast as they have been pledged for the trip. This will serve as an attractive way of advertising the trip and will assist in preventing any overlapping of work on the part of the various committees.

The start of the excursion will be from some of the prominent downtown corners at 9 o'clock next Sunday morning, and the 10 o'clock because they open at that hour in the afternoon.

## COLLEGE SONGS, MUSIC AND WIT TO RING OUT

### Michigan Student Talent to Be Much Feted Day Preceding Their Entertainment in Portland by University Club—Programme Tuesday Night.



Midnight Sons Quartet, University of Michigan Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

THE programme as offered by the University of Michigan Glee and Mandolin Clubs at their concert Tuesday night, April 11, contains many excellent college selections and songs that have been presented by the different musical clubs of the university.

The Midnight Sons Quartet, composed of Messrs. Hartesveldt, Kerr, Westerman and Carlson, will present many specialty songs and sing several popular melodies. The quartet has received much praise for their musical ability and comic interpretations, and together with the Varsity Quartet, which is composed of Messrs. Davis, Grover, Wilson and Hiett, round out the programme at the concert next Tuesday night.

The concerts given at Minneapolis, April 5, and at Great Falls, April 7, were great successes, and if the same

will be worked out so that there will be no delay.

A route will be decided upon and there will be men patrolling the route and the Columbia River Highway during the day to prevent any congestion of traffic difficulties. Three motorcycle patrolmen from the Portland force will assist so that there will be no possibility of outside motorists interfering with the excursion.

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**Harvard Scholarship Won.** WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—Professor R. P. Bona, of the English department of Whitman College, received word today that he had been awarded an Austin scholarship in English at Harvard. This scholarship of \$300 is given to members of the faculties of other schools who wish to do post-graduate work in Harvard.

**Irrigation Election Contested.** MADRAS, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—Several farmers of the north unit irrigation district have filed a contest of the election held in this district on March 20. They have been spending much time since the election hunting

## FISHING IS FINE

AT MANY POINTS ON Southern Pacific Lines IN Western Oregon  
Reports Received From Local Agents of This Company Show the Following Fishing Conditions:  
**MCKENZIE RIVER.**—Many parties report large catches in this river, trout taking the fly. Take 1:30 A. M. local sleeper to Eugene and stage, Eugene to Thompson's 10 miles.  
**CORVALLIS.**—Several parties out Sunday on Mary's River and came back with large catches of fine trout. Streams full of them. Wrens and Sumner Station best place. Possible to ride over and fish all the way back.  
**WHEELER.**—Fish biting best in Salmonberry River, near Enright, and in Foley Creek, just east of Wheeler. Daily round-trip tickets on sale to all Clatsop County points. Train leaves Portland at 7:45 A. M.  
**CUSHMAN.**—Trout reported biting fine in North Fork and Main Sluiceway River. Train leaves Eugene daily at 7:20 A. M. For more information call at City Ticket Office, corner Sixth and Oak streets.

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