

FLAX INDUSTRY IN OREGON DEPENDS ON PRESENT EXPERIMENT

Government Expert Says the Product Last Year of High Grade but Poorly Treated.

WHERE ERROR WAS MADE

Plant Allowed to Ripen Too Much and Retting Done at Wrong Time.

The future of the flax industry in Oregon depends largely on the outcome of the state experiment at Salem, according to Frank C. Miles, government flax expert, who returned to Portland this morning after inspecting the flax at the state penitentiary. Mr. Miles came to Oregon purposefully to attend the flax meeting held this week at Eugene, at the instance of the flax committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and to confer with those interested in establishing the flax industry in the Willamette valley. The flax grown in connection with the state experiment at Salem last year was of a very high grade, Mr. Miles said, but owing to mistakes that have been made a high-grade fiber cannot be hoped for from the crop. However, with war prices prevailing, he expressed the opinion that the state ought to get out of the crop the amount it cost.

In the first place, the flax was allowed to get too ripe before being harvested, Mr. Miles said. If it had been harvested sooner, a better grade of fiber could have been expected.

Retting at Wrong Time.

He said the retting should have been commenced earlier in the season, or else have been withheld entirely until favorable weather in the spring.

The 75 tons that were retted last fall are badly overretted, he said, and their value now is an unknown quantity. He said the value will be known only after the straw has been put through the scutching machines.

The remainder of the straw, in his opinion, other than being overripe, is in good condition; and it should produce enough medium grade fiber to cover the cost of the crop.

"The governor and those with whom I talked at Salem realize the mistakes that have been made," said Mr. Miles, "and they expect to profit by them in handling this year's crop."

"I firmly believe that if the experiment by the state proves a failure it will be the end of the flax industry in this valley for many years to come."

Medium Grade at First.

"However, in view of all the conditions connected with the first year's experiment, I think the outcome is going to be very good. It is useless to expect to produce the highest grade of flax fiber the first thing. I believe we must learn to walk before we walk and walk before we run."

Mr. Miles said for the first few years those interested in the industry should be satisfied with a medium grade of fiber, and gradually develop the highest grade. He approved of the new retting process as requiring less expert knowledge, although the highest grade flax cannot be obtained by that process.

Today noon Mr. Miles met with the members of the Chamber of Commerce flax committee at luncheon in the chamber. He will leave tomorrow for the east.

Says Dead Man Wrecked Home.

Hanford, Cal., March 3.—(U. P.)—Alleging that Guadalupe Avila had wrecked his family, Alvino Maldonado, a Mexican, last night shot and killed Avila near here, according to advices received today. Maldonado had Avila arrested last summer, alleging improper attentions to Mrs. Maldonado. Neighbors contend Maldonado was justified under the unwritten law.

Aberdeen Wants Bids.

Aberdeen, Wash., March 3.—Bids were advertised for today for supplying the city with 2,055,000 feet of lumber and 1,500,000 pounds of steel to be used in building the new water system. The lumber must be of best grades. This is one of the largest single contracts ever handled in this section.

Oregon Society to Meet.

The Pipe Organ society of the Emanuel Lutheran church will hold its monthly meeting tonight at the home of its secretary, Miss Mabel Carlquist, 1931 Concord street. The society has been organized about a year, in which time it has raised over \$1200 for the pipe organ fund. At tonight's meeting a program will be rendered and refreshments will be served.

Wilson's Victory In Senate Wins Local Approval

Wide satisfaction with the result of the vote today in the United States senate sustaining President Wilson prevails among Republicans and Democrats alike in Portland.

Many are sending telegrams of congratulation to the president in connection with the message sent by the Journal: Woodrow Wilson.

Washington, D. C. The Journal is delighted with vote in senate upholding your statesmanship and Americanism in connection with international affairs, and congratulates you upon result due to force and sincerity of your convictions which hark back to the days of Washington and Lincoln. From this time another name will be reverently linked with these names.

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WILCOX IS URGED AS CANDIDATE OF LOCAL COMMERCE CHAMBER

Portland Realty Board Asks Wilcox to Consent to Use of His Name.

By unanimous vote, the Portland Realty Board called upon Theodore B. Wilcox to permit the use of his name as a candidate for the presidency of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, at the board's luncheon in the Oregon Grille this afternoon.

The following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, the name of a member of the Portland Realty Board, the Honorable Theodore B. Wilcox, is being mentioned for the presidency of the Chamber of Commerce;

"Whereas, his high standing as a successful business man, his wide knowledge of public affairs, his strong personality, and his executive ability eminently fit him for this dignified position; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the members of this board, individually and collectively, that we urge upon the Honorable Theodore B. Wilcox to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for the office of president of the Chamber of Commerce, firmly believing that he will be the unanimous choice of the members of that representative body.

"Furthermore, during his incumbency, that this board will pledge its hearty cooperation in all matters which tend toward the prosperity of our city and the upbuilding of our state."

Vengeance Caused Murder of Family

Murderer to Be Examined for Insanity; Cashed Forged Check After Deed, Then Burned House and Bodies.

Oxnard, Cal., March 3.—(U. P.)—Louis Fortine, confessed slayer of Rancher Peter Furrer, his wife and child, today he did the killing for revenge because he had been reprimanded by Furrer. The \$250 check he attempted to pass was forged with Furrer's name; after the murder, while the three bodies lay in the little cottage. Later Fortine returned and burned them. An investigation into Fortine's insanity is scheduled to begin this afternoon.

Both Army Bills Are Approaching Report

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—The army bills probably will reach both branches of congress tomorrow.

The house military affairs committee late yesterday afternoon finally approved the bill providing for an increase in the strength of the army, and the senate committee is expected to reach an agreement this afternoon.

The house bill provides an army of 700,000 peace strength, composed of 170,000 regulars, 100,000 federal volunteers and about 430,000 militiamen.

Dodged Law Three Years.

Sacramento, Cal., March 3.—(U. P.)—After dodging the law for three years, Charles Cahen, arrested in Los Angeles, will be taken back to Cincinnati, to face trial on the charge of picking pockets, the extradition being issued today.

COUNCIL IS ASKED TO DENY GRANTING OF A PERMIT TO REBUILD

Complaint Is Aimed at John Clark's Fourth and Stark Street Buildings.

INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY

Commissioner Dieck Says Permit Will Be Denied If Damage Exceeds Half of Cost of Rebuilding.

Charles K. Henry and V. M. C. Silva appeared before the city council today protesting against granting of a permit to John Clark for the rebuilding of structures owned by him at Fourth and Stark streets which were recently damaged by fire.

Commissioner Dieck told the council that an investigation was being made to determine whether the buildings were damaged more than 50 per cent of their cost of reconstruction. He said that if such were found to be the case the permit would be denied, if not the permit would be granted. A number of other persons in the vicinity of Fourth and Stark opposed the granting of the permit.

FIGHT STREET ASSESSMENT

Cost of Improving Seventeenth Street Issue.

The peculiar situation of a city commissioner representing the city in one capacity and being the secretary of an estate opposing the city in another, has arisen as a result of the city attempting to readjust assessments for the cost of improving Seventeenth street between Vaughn and Marshall streets.

Robert C. Dieck, commissioner of public works, also represents the Ainslie estate, which is opposing the payment of assessments proposed by Commissioner Bigelow. He is taking part in the deliberations, however, as a representative of the city.

The street was improved in 1903 and the assessments levied. Several of the property owners, including the Ainslie estate, contended that the assessments were excessive.

IS THERE CEMENT TRUST?

Similarity of Bids Noted by Commissioner Bigelow.

Is there a cement trust in Portland which controls the price of cement? Commissioner Bigelow thinks there is, and notes the similarity of bids for supplying the city with cement. The bids were opened yesterday afternoon and four dealers submitted identical prices. It is probable that the council will be asked to make an investigation.

Peddlers Get Extension.

Peddlers in foodstuffs will be allowed to pay a \$5 license fee for the month of March instead of a full quarter, by an ordinance passed by the council today. Owing to the weather conditions, many of the peddlers have been unable to do business, and the ordinance gives them an opportunity to carry on their business without paying a full quarterly license.

May Bar Parking of Autos.

Automobile and other vehicles may be prohibited from parking on Washington street between Third and Tenth streets, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night. The question was discussed by the council today and was looked upon with favor. The question was referred to City Attorney La Roche for investigation.

Harry Gurr Appeals.

Harry Gurr, sewer inspector, recently dismissed by Commissioner Dieck on a charge of permitting defective sewer work to be done under his supervision, has appealed to the municipal civil service board for a hearing. He says that he is no more responsible for the alleged sewer defects than are others in the department of public works.

Slaughter Houses Affected.

Slaughter houses near the city are to have 90 days from March 1 in which to make changes in their plants as required by the recently adopted meat inspection ordinance, according to Chief Meat Inspector Chase.

Patrolman Is Suspended.

Charged with loafing while at work, Patrolman C. F. Howard has been suspended from the police force for 10 days. Notice to this effect has been sent to the municipal civil service board.

Prisoners Needed to Operate Rockpile

At Least 25 More Men Wanted to Run Plant at Kelly Butte at Its Full Capacity.

Appeal for more prisoners to be put to work at Kelly Butte quarry was made today by Superintendent W. A. Hatchel. Hatchel says at least 25 more men are necessary before the county's rock plant can be operated to its full capacity. He suggests that prisoners from the county jail be sent to Kelly Butte.

Most of the prisoners have been employed at the Butte since it opened three weeks ago. The city has been unable to fulfill its agreement with the county to furnish enough men to keep the plant in operation at full capacity. The county has hesitated about sending county prisoners to the rockpiles, as experiments have shown that road material can be produced 50 per cent cheaper with hired labor than with free labor.

POWDERED BEER PUT UNDER THE BAN BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Federal Authorities Will Be Asked to Stop Shipments Through U. S. Mails.

Beer is beer, whether in powdered or liquid form. This is the opinion of District Attorney Evans, who will ask the federal authorities to take a hand in an effort to stop shipments of powdered intoxicants into Oregon through the mails.

Oregon, according to the district attorney, has fallen hard for powdered beer, hundreds of quarts of which may be shipped by mail in a small package.

This product so far has come chiefly from a Cincinnati firm which represents in advertising literature that sale and distribution of powdered beer cannot be stopped by any dry law.

Returns on liquor affidavits were made to date by Wells-Fargo Express company to County Clerk Coffey. The company handled 2775 shipments during the month of February. Virtually all of these came from California, and only four from Oregon beer. The total affidavits in January were 754.

Steamship companies and other express companies have not yet reported. Most of the beer used in Portland comes by the water route.

Wholesale Grocers Fined.

Hudson & Gram, wholesale grocers and importers, were fined \$10 in the federal district court this morning for a violation of the pure food and drugs act. On information it was shown that they had shipped sweetened cocoa under the name of "Liberator's chocolate." Assistant United States Attorney Beckman conducted the case for the government.

Jury Unable to Agree.

After being out 23 hours a jury in the case of the United States against Arthur V. Smith on a charge of larceny from a boxcar, was unable to agree and was discharged in the federal district court this morning. Smith was alleged to have stolen a quantity of automobile tire inner tubes.

PLANS FOR ANOTHER SHIPBUILDING PLANT NOW ARE LAUNCHED

Yards Are to Be Located at Linnton; S. M. Mears Admits Negotiations.

Negotiations are under way for the establishment of another shipbuilding plant in Portland for the construction of "composite" steamers, the plant to be located at Linnton. The interests back of the project are the Columbia Engineering Works and the Smith & Watson Iron Works.

S. M. Mears, president of the Portland Cordage company and one of the principal officers of the Columbia Engineering company, admitted today that the negotiations had reached such a stage that it is highly probable that the shipbuilding plant will be established.

The yards at Linnton would be along the Columbia Engineering Works' property, with a river frontage of about 900 feet. This is sufficient for berth room for between 15 and 20 vessels at a time.

Under present plans, the machinery for the vessel would be built at Smith & Watson Iron Works and the hulls by the Engineering company.

Plans are being drawn for the construction of two launchers which would have a capacity for 2,000,000 feet of lumber each.

The value of the two plants involved, with some additions as ship construction requires, will be in excess of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Mears intimated that formal stage of incorporation would be reached before very long, though final decision has not been reached.

McLemore Measure Reported for a Vote

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—Complying with President Wilson's request for a showdown on a warning to Americans not to travel on armed ships, the house foreign committee today reported the McLemore warning resolution this afternoon, and recommended that it be tabled.

This affords the house an opportunity for a clear cut vote on the warning proposal, which probably will come tomorrow under a special rule which will limit debate.

Avoided Complaints.

Redwood City, Cal., March 3.—(U. P.)—Thelma Neal's parents instructed Raymond Buchignani of San Francisco not to keep her out after 11 o'clock at a dance here. The hours sped so swiftly that it was midnight before he realized it. Then he decided to wed the girl, so the parents would have no objections.

A. F. FLEGEL TO SPEAK AT MEETING ON NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING

Membership of Woodrow Wilson League Grows Very Rapidly.

MUSIC ON THE PROGRAM

New Names Are Steadily Being Added at Headquarters at Sixth and Washington Streets.

The Woodrow Wilson league will meet at 8 o'clock next Wednesday night at library hall. A. F. Flegel, who was the Democratic nominee for congressman from Multnomah county at the last election, will be the principal speaker. Several musical numbers will be on the program. The membership of the league is rapidly growing, as not a day passes that new names are not added to the roll at the league's headquarters at 410 Merchants' Trust building, on Washington at Sixth street.

New Filings Today.

Salem, Or., March 3.—James T. Jefferson, Astoria, member of the last legislature, today filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination for district attorney of Clatsop county.

W. T. Miller filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for district attorney of Josephine county. Circuit Judge Eakin of Astoria filed for renomination as the Republican candidate for Columbia and Clatsop counties.

W. O. Sims of Sheridan filed for the Republican nomination for representative from the Thirteenth district and Chris Schuebel of Oregon City seeks a similar nomination in the Sixth district.

The Republican nomination as circuit judge of the Thirteenth district is sought by Wilson S. Wiley of Klamath Falls.

M. A. Biggs of Burns filed for the Democratic nomination for district attorney of Harney county.

Republicans Are Busy.

Hood River, Or., March 3.—Election in the office of district attorney for Hood River county is being sought

by many Republican candidates. Attorney John Baker, who was deputy district attorney under Fred Wilson, has announced himself as a candidate, and friends of E. H. Hartwig are urging him to enter the race. It is understood that Attorney A. F. Reed is being solicited to become a candidate. Attorney E. C. Smith, who at one time stated that he would be a candidate, said today that he had withdrawn from the race. Judge A. J. Derby, the present incumbent, is the only candidate on the Democratic side and his friends of both parties say that he will be the winner in the November election.

Wilson Anniversary Observed.

The third anniversary of the inauguration of President Wilson will be celebrated at Ontario, on the eastern border of the state, Saturday night when a meeting and banquet will be held by friends of the president. A Woodrow Wilson league also is to be organized at that time. P. Monroe Smook is to be the principal speaker of the occasion.

E. V. Carter Urged.

E. V. Carter of Ashland, is being urged by the Medford Mail Tribune and others in Jackson county to become a candidate state representative to succeed the late Representative W. J. Vawter. Mr. Carter was formerly speaker of the house and is considered one of the strong men of southern Oregon.

Tichenour Is Candidate.

Frank B. Tichenour of Port Orford, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination from Coos and Curry counties. The Coquille Sentinel says it is reported that S. P. Peirce, the present representative, will not be a candidate to succeed himself since Mr. Tichenour is going to run.

Caplan Trial Continued.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 3.—(U. P.)—The murder trial of David Caplan, alleged Times dynamiter, was continued today from March 14 to April 3 by Judge Willis. The motion was made because of the illness of Edwin P. McKenna of San Francisco, associate counsel for the defense.

Wife Got 25 Cents a Day.

San Francisco, Cal., March 3.—(U. P.)—Complaining that her husband, though drawing \$150 monthly salary, squandered only two bits a day upon her and told her he would provide only bread, butter and shelter for her, Mrs. Evelyn Murdock sued George L. Murdock for divorce.

Oregon City License.

Oregon City, Or., March 3.—A marriage license was granted Thursday to Beesie E. Dickenson and Christopher C. E. Vick of Liberal by County Clerk Harrington.

Bulgars Attack Greeks.

London, March 3.—(U. P.)—Bulgarians and Greeks are battling near Matzkonko, the Bulgarians taking the initiative, according to a Central News dispatch received here from Saloniki.

GOVERNORS DECLARE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE GIVEN ALL SUPPORT

Congress Should Uphold the Hands of Chief Executive in the Present Crisis.

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—If the replies of seven Democratic and two Republican governors to a United Press query today are indicative of public sentiment, the American people do not believe congress should take a hand in the international situation.

Every reply to the following query sent out by the United Press was in favor of Wilson.

"We are requesting all governors to give their interpretation of public sentiment in their states as to the course congress should take on President Wilson's letter to Acting Chairman Fou of the house rules committee, requesting a vote on a resolution to warn Americans from armed ships. We would greatly appreciate your statement."

A number obviously thought it unwise to make any comment, but sample of the replies received was the following from Governor Withycombe, of Oregon:

"At this time of international crisis I believe congress should uphold the hands of President Wilson, who essentially must administer matters pertaining to foreign relations."

Governor Alexander of Idaho answered: "The issue should be forced and congress should show the world that America stands united with President Wilson in sustaining laws built up through centuries, but threatened with destruction in the European chaos and war passion."

From Governor Stewart of Montana came the following: "Montanans generally are in sympathy with President Wilson and sympathize with his efforts to prevent involving America in war. Trusting to his wisdom, they are not disposed to 'rock the boat.'"

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Milwaukee Couple Seek Divorce.

Oregon City, Or., March 2.—Charles Wolf on Thursday filed suit for divorce against Sarah Wolf. They were married at Milwaukee, Or., December 29, 1915.

Don't Let Soap Spoil Your Hair

When you wash your hair, be careful what you use. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain purified coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright and fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff. (Adv.)

If Too Fat Get More Fresh Air

Be Moderate in Your Diet and Reduce Your Weight. Take Oil of Koraen.

Lack of fresh air it is said weakens the oxygen carrying power of the blood, the liver becomes sluggish, fat accumulates and the action of many of the vital organs are hindered thereby. The heart action becomes weak, work is an effort and the beauty of the figure is destroyed.

Fat put on by indoor life is unhealthy and if nature is not assisted in throwing it off, a serious case of obesity may result.

When you feel that you are getting too stout, take the matter in hand at once. Do not wait until your figure has become a joke and your health ruined through carrying around a burden of unsightly and unhealthy fat.

Spend as much time as you possibly can in the open air; breathe deeply, and get some pure, clean, fresh air. Any druggist a box of oil of koraen capsules; take one after each meal and one before retiring at night.

Weigh yourself every few days and keep up the treatment until you are down to normal. Oil of koraen is absolutely harmless, is pleasant to take, helps the digestion and even a few days' treatment has been reported to show a noticeable reduction in weight. (Adv.)

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