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THE FLAX INDUSTRY IS VERY IMPORTANT.

The flax industry is very important to Salem and the surrounding country, to the Willamette valley, and to all Oregon.

Flax growing on a large scale is the key, the foundation, to the coming linen industry, which will now be developed here, whenever plenty of raw material at reasonable prices can be assured.

The penitentiary flax industry is a great help.

It is pointing the way.

And there should be co-operation by every farmer, and every merchant and property holder and laborer.

The Salem Commercial Club could not do a better thing than to get behind a movement for the raising of more flax, and stay behind it.

We need more loganberries, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, etc. That is important, too.

But even more important, if possible, right now, is the growing of more flax. And these things do not clash with one another. One of the world's greatest industries, with its center in Salem, the natural place for it, depends for its beginnings upon the raising of more flax by our farmers. The writer is not speaking withuot authority.

It is interesting disclosure that when the fighting stopped the American army in France ranked numerically next to the French. This of course refers to all forces and not merely to those in action, but if the war had run for another year as many military experts predicted it would do, the American force would have been the largest of all exeluding the Germans, whose strength on the west was rated at somewhat over 3,000,000. Of the allies, when the armistice was signed, the French had 2,300,000, the Americans 1,950,000, the British nearly 1,720,000. The Belgian and Italian armies brought up the total to nearly 6,200,000, giving a potential superiority in fighting strength so great that the German general staff did not exaggerate the hopelessness of the case. These figures of the composition of General Foch's army give a measure of America's contribution toward a certain ultimate victory; they also bring out strikingly the folly of the German militarists who forced America into the war.

There is talk of an extra session of the Oregon Legislature, or a holding over of the present session, for reconstruction legislation. If all the fool bills could be killed off, and all the bills introduced to punish some political enemy, there would be plenty of time to attend to all the reconstruction legislation in the present session—and do all the other work that ought to be done.

The Stayton city council has before it a proposition to furnish the money to build a municipal railroad from Stayton to West Stayton. It is claimed that there is business enough now to warrant this. Then it would surely be a good thing for that Santiam metropolis. Perhaps it might later be extended to Salem.

LEST WE FORGET!

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The captains and the kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The Seattle sympathetic strike seems to have very little sympathy.

It hasn't rained in Taropola province in China for twenty-four years That is surely 100 per cent bone dry

Suggests a friend at the writer's elbow. "Speaking of the car of Juggernaut, consider the relentless water wagon."

Pictures of Lenine and his wife are appearing in the papers. Judging from appearances no wonder he was of few days and full of trouble—Exchange.

If all of the European monarchs are coming to America to return the visit of President Wilson, it will be necessary for congress to create a sort of secretary of entertainment. How would Hon. Jimham Lewis do?

YOU ARE OFF

The government has guaranteed the present prices of wheat until January 1, 1920, so the folks who have been counting on getting an old-fashioned loaf of bread for a nickel might as well blow out the gas and go to bed.—Exchange.

No, you are off.

The government will likely make good the pledged word of President Wilson to the wheat growers of the United States.

This should be done.

SMELT RUN IS ON

We can supply them in any quantity.

FITTS MARKET
444 Court Street
Salem, Ore.

Honesty calls for it.

And a government cannot afford to be dishonest, any more than an individual can.

But it is now figured that the government will lose a billion dollars in making good the pledged promise.

It cannot control the world's market price of wheat.

And the price in the United States will likely go down about a dollar a bushel, and that before long; and the price of bread ought then to go down—and it surely will. And so will a lot of other things, in sympathy.

THE HEDJAZ NOT FOR US

(Boston Transcript)

The statesmen of the kingdom of Hedjaz want the United States to undertake their protection. In the American vernacular the answer to this proposition will have to be "Nothing doing." Protection of Arabia would indeed represent an entangling alliance for us. It is too far away from Pennsylvania avenue and from the principles of the Constitution of the United States. In the matter of the tombs of the prophets, that of Joseph Smith represents trouble enough for us.

Great Britain which freed the Hedjaz from the Turks and restored the holy places of Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem to the custody of their rightful heritors, has benevolently undertaken the protection of this entire region. We shall leave the matter in the hands—her able hands, for Great Britain has done more protecting, and done it with more pertinacity and on the whole with more success, than any other modern nation. The liberties of the Hedjaz will be safe in her hands. Never will the prophet have slumbered so peacefully as with the Union Jack somewhere in view from his lasting resting place.

WHO IS HOOVER?

Every urchin licking his dinner plate clean from Barnstable to Tacoma knows as well as you and I and the Belgian refugee in a cellar in Flanders that from beginning to end the food administration is Herbert Hoover. He can hardly be said to have been appointed to the place. He was apparently born for the purpose. He was there looming into the position before anyone ever thought of such a position. What everyone else knew about the business could have been engraved on a ten-cent piece. Nobody knows how he found out. He just turned up fully equipped, a Napoleon of food, handling the entire domestic economy of the Belgian people under the guns and the nose of the kaiser, as if he had been doing nothing else for ten generations.

When we declared war his name was a household word in half the world synonomous with the relief of starving Walloons. He is a man of few words and no similes. But before any food administration was established or administrator was appointed his brief statements were accepted in this country as the final word upon the subject.—World's Work.

Also, Hoover is one of the great men who spent his boyhood days in the classic shades of Salem, Oregon, as The Statesman has said so many times.

He lived with his uncle, Dr. Minthorn, in a modest home out in Highland Addition; he worked in the building that is the present Y. M. C. A. building; he spent some of his time at the office of The Statesman, where his brother, "Tad," worked as a printer; and he attended the Salem public schools.

He was a regular boy; but he was a well behaved, studious fellow, full of ambition.

And there are other Hoovers growing up in Salem now.

Salem is a good place for great men to spend their youth.

THOSE GERMAN COLONIES

The foreign offices of the different allies are not engaging in any wild scrmble to secure possession of Germany's former colonies.

Reports disclose that, under the new era of industrialism, those colonies will be a liability to any country, not an asset.

There was a time when little and primitive peoples were exploited by powerful and sophisticated neighbors, when colonies were taxed into misery and native peoples robbed in the interest of some great military autocracy.

But that condition disappeared with the passing of the great autocratic monarchies.

The following pertinent criticism of the British foreign office deals with present day conditions: "Mandatories might feel themselves settled with enormous financial responsibilities, in an effort to develop their wards, and yet be subject to criticism in the event that they failed to bring them forward."

Yet there was a time when England would have rushed headlong into a European war to gain possession of one-half the colonies which are now a drug on the international market.

Colonization and exploitation were once synonymous terms.

Only a few centuries ago Spain collected enough tribute in her American colonies to build an invincible armada and embark on a campaign of world domination.

And it is interesting to reflect that not one of those exploited American colonies is now a Spanish province.

Under republican forms of government colonies cease to be revenue producers; they will no longer repay the cost of development. This is because development is now conducted along industrial lines and there are no administrative profits for the guardian country. Wards of nations in these days of self-determination are generally wayward and wasteful dependencies.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Big crowds next week.

Merchants' association will meet in Salem next week.

All the hotels are full now, and the private homes will have to furnish rooms to the visitors.

Hotel Marion will list rooms, if you have a telephone and heated rooms. There will be no charge. You owe it to the good name of Salem to help accomodate the visitors. They will be here Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The automobile show and the larger crowds coming to the legislature will also help to make Salem overcrowded.

Seattle strike looks like a fizzle.

And it looks like it ought to be a fizzle, and the ring leaders held accountable for their attempt to do grave injury to an unoffending general public.

A bill to raise corporation fees in Oregon was killed yesterday. Good thing. Invite capital and enterprise; don't drive them away.

No Camouflage In This Story

Says corns stop hurting, then lift right off without one bit of pain

Hospital records show that every time you cut a corn you invite lockjaw or blood poison, which is needless, says a Cincinnati authority, who tells you that a quarter ounce of a drug called freezone costs but a few cents at any drug store but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus without even one little twinge of pain.

You simply apply a few drops of this freezone on a tender, aching corn and the soreness is instantly relieved. Shortly the entire corn can be lifted out, root and all, with your fingers.

This drug is sticky but dries at once and is claimed to just shrivel up any corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin.

If your wife wears high heels she will be glad to know of this.

HONOR ROLL IS GROWING LONG

Many Parents Respond to Request to Send in Names of Men Lost in Service

In response to The Statesman's published appeal to parents of soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in the service to notify the paper of such casualties the honor roll is gradually growing. An accurate list of these names and information concerning them will be invaluable and information concerning gold service stars in both Marion and Polk counties should be sent in as soon as possible.

The following are the names of those from Polk and Marion counties who have made the supreme sacrifice. It includes killed in action, as well as those died of wounds, accident or disease while in the service.

Army—Ivan G. Bellinger, William M. Catton, Edward Gittens, Wayne C. Jackson, Benjamin McClelland, Alfred Deramleau, Ray Mark, Paul Rich, Leslie Tooze, Chester M. Wilcox, Curtis W. Willson, Chester A. Simmon, Aubrey Jones, Ernest Eckerlen, Smith Ballard, Wilhelm E. Ahlgren, Milton A. Kooreman, Thomas D. Cooper, Milton Foreman Benjamin F. Hill, John C. Braden Stanley F. Thompson, Monte Christopherson, Orley B. Chase, James Gardner, Charles M. Woelke, Elton C. Blake, Otis Hayes, Newman D. Dennis, Roy Johnson, C. L. Balard Garrie R. Dwire, Robert V. O'Niell, Charles Russ, Thomas Townsend.

Marines—Charles Auer, Emery Bartlett.

Navy—Kenneth C. Crossan, Joseph Martin, Clarence S. Minker, John H. Neiger.

Nurses—Ora E. Cavitt, Marie Blodgett.

Favorable Report Accorded Multnomah Court Measure

Representative Lofgren's bill providing for an additional circuit judge in Multnomah county by transferring probate business to the circuit court was reported on with amendments by the senate judiciary committee yesterday and the report adopted. The amendment eliminates from the proposed new department all matters relating to domestic relations, hence freer play is given to the pending bill to creat a court of domestic relations.

NEW YORKERS MAY STRIKE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Central Federated union, representing 300,000 New York labor men, decided unanimously tonight to submit to the affiliated unions the question whether they shall strike in opposition to nation-wide prohibition.

GRIFFITHS WINS BOUT

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 8.—Johnny Griffiths of Akron, Ohio, knocked out Eddie McAndrews of Philadelphia in the first round of a scheduled 15-round bout tonight. The men are middleweights

A CHILD HATES OIL, CALOMEL, PILLS FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give "California Syrup of Figs" if Cross, Sick, Feverish, Constipated.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

SALEM WINNER IN CLOSE GAME

Local Basketball Team Defeats Old Rivals With Score of 24-22

Salem high school defeated its old rival Eugene high at basketball last night by a score of 24 to 22. As for excitement, the spectators got more than their money's worth.

Eugene started off like a million dollars, getting two very neat baskets before Salem was under way. Latham and Gill, stars for the locals, then began work and tied the score. Bessonettt, for Eugene, tossed a free throw and Gill followed with two of them and a basket for addition. Gregg and Ashley then took two points each on field baskets. Just as the half ended Eugene retaliated. The score of that half was 14 to 8 with Salem leading.

The second half started with fast teamw ork by Salem, Staley and Latham, each capturing a basket. The following five minutes was taken up by much fouling on both sides, Bryson of Eugene interruptld the monotony and shot a long field goal. Time out was then called and the Eugene center was out on personal fouls, but continued playing by agreement.

More fouling mixed by flashes of team work followed with the score practically a tie.

The line-up was as follows:

Salem		Eugene
Gregg	rfl	Bryson
Staley	lfr	Hill
Latham	c	Bessonette
Gill	rgl	Moores
Ashby	lgr	Johnsop

Evangelical Church Has Election of Officers

The annual election of church officers for the Evangelical church at Seventh and Chemeketa streets, held at the local church, Tuesday evening, February 4, resulted in the selection of the following: Sunday school superintendent, John Lippols. Assistant, C. T. Doty. Secretary, Mrs. Frank Strausbaugh. Assistant secretary, Earnest Zinn. Treasurer, Dea Cooper. Organist, Alta Zinn Assistant organist, Mrs. Amos Plumer. Librarian, Everette Walker. Assistant librarian, Lois Lippold. Chorister, Jacob Stocker, Class leader, Miss Elsie Goodhue. Exhorted, Deo Cooper. Trustees, C. T. Doty and John Lippold. Church organist, Mrs. Frank Strausbaugh.

The society will meet on Tuesday evening, February 11, at 7:30 p. m. for a social time and the annual election of the Young People's alliance. The church will take part in a series of union revival meetings held by the three local Evangelical churches, beginning February 16, with Dr. C. C. Poling serving as the evangelist. Dr. Poling will begin his series of meetings on the 23rd of February, and up to that time the three Evangelical local ministers will preach alternately in the three local Evangelical churches. An organic union between the Evangelical association and the United Evangelical church of the United States is about to be consummated.

GERMANY IS DONE

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Our enemies declare they are fighting militarism, but militarism has been dethroned," Herr Ebert asserted. The speaker took up the armistice terms and branded them as unheard of and ruthless. The whole house was with him when he protested against the expulsion of Germans from Alsace and the sequestration of property. The assembly broke into shouts of indignation as the chancellor referred to the eight hundred thousand prisoners of war still held in captivity. All this, he said, showed anything but a spirit of reconciliation.

"Hunger is preferable to disgrace and deep privation is to be preferred to dishonor," he declared.

Expounds German Rights.

The Germans, he said, laid down their arms with confidence in President Wilson and the present free government of Germany, believes it is only its right to enter the league of nations. "We turn, therefore, to all the peoples of the world for justice. We ask that our economic life be not destroyed. The German people have fought for inner self-determination; it cannot be perfected from the outside."

Herr Ebert was cheered when he brought up the proposed union of Germany and Austria. He said that he hoped the bonds sundered in 1866 would again be sealed and asked the house to approve the move.

Following a strong appeal for German unity, the chancellor declared that the provisional government had been the executor of a bankrupt regime.

Four Paving Bills Will Be Reported Out Monday

At a meeting of the senate roads and highways committee yesterday it was decided that the four paving bills of Senators Dimick, Lachmund and Thomas should be reported out of the committee after a meeting following the forenoon adjournment Monday. Indications are that the bills will be reported favorably.

All of the measures are directed at the paving combine. One of them required free and open bidding, another strike at secret agreements, a third requires tahe state highway commission to draw up plans and specifications and place them on file for public inspection prior to issuing calls for bids and the fourth eliminates possibility of 10-year maintenance guarantees.

It is possible that the delegates to the peace conference in Paris are quarreling about who shall have George Creel.—Exchange.

A Reflection of Prosperity

WHEN a man or woman pays a bill by check---someway by the other party there is a feeling of greater respect. He or she has evidenced the ability to do business in a businesslike way.

Get started banking here at the United States National We'll do our best to cause a continuance of the connection.

United States National Bank
Salem Oregon

Still More Bills Are Passed by Lower House

The house today passed the following bills:

H. B. 217, by Edwards—Fixing salaries of officers of Tillamook county.

H. B. 273, by Ballagh—Fixing salary for district attorney of Columbia county.

H. B. 275, by Weeks—Providing for obtaining horticultural data.

H. B. 149, by Mrs. Thompson—Fixing minimum salaries of teachers at $75 a month.

H. B. 199, by Idleman—Repealing provisions in creating immigration commission.

H. B. 195, by Weeks—Repealing bill creating Umpqua River Pilot commissioners.

H. B. 214, by Merryman—Fixing salaries of officers of Klamath county.

H. B. 277, by Dedman—Providing for voluntary committent to insane hospitals.

H. B. 309, by Sheldon—Doing away with minimum sentences.

H. B. 308, by Sheldon—Providing for issuance of paroles at expiration of one-fourth of term, and granting time for good behavior.

H. B. 310, by Sheldon—Making it a felony to escape from penitentiary.

H. B. 315, by Committee on Agriculture—Providing for the extermination of rodents.

H. B. 391, by Woodson (by request)—Removing dehorning of cattle and docking of sheep from provisions of humane laws.

H. B. 405, by Committee on Education—Providing school fund of $10 per capita in counties.

"Own Your Home" Drive to Be Begun in Salem

"Own Your Own Home" is the slogan of the campaign, which has been successfully carried out in other cities and which is soon to be inaugurated in Salem.

C. W. Niemeyer has just returned from a three-day trip to Portland where he conferred with the managers of the movement in that city relative to extending it to Salem early this spring. The campaign is anticipating assistance from the government in the form of loans to be made through a similar method to that applying to federal farm loans.

Recent figures, which Mr. Niemeyer says have been compiled by the Commercial club, show a need for 400 more dwellings in this city.

Forty-four states have adopted the prohibition amendment to the constitution, but all over thirty-six commonwealths were merely chas- -.

HORTICULTURAL BILL IS PASSED

Marion County Fruit Men Gain Signal First Victory in Lower House

The measure for providing for securing of horticultural and agricultural data by assessors as introduced by Representative Weeks and having a strong endorsement amoung Marion county fruit men passed the house yesterday and it is believed will have no difficulty in passing the senate.

Great Difference in Cost.

Think of the difference in cost between taking a professionally prescribed medicine and taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. You know that ordinarily it is considerable. In times like these when everybody should be economical it is well worth saving.

Hood's Sarsaparilla affords the lease expensive of all treatments for the common everyday diseases or ailments of the blood, stomach, liver or kidneys. Many physicians use the same substances as its ingredients for these diseases and ailments, but these substances are better compounded in Hood's Sarsaparilla than they can possibly be in a prescribed medicine which is put up in a small way, with fewer facilities, and when the physician's fee is added costs a great deal more.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is prepared by skilled pharmacists in one of the largest and best equipped laboratories in the world, is wonderfully successful, and highly recommended to those who would recover health and strength with the minimum necessary outlay.

Legislature Adjourns and Members Go to Corvallis

The legislature adjourned yesterday afternoon until Monday. Most of the members of both houses will go to Corvallis today to study conditions at Oregon Agricultural college. The trip is made at each session.

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THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

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