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MAKE THE TWINE FOR OUR FISHERMEN HERE

It is very fortunate for the future great linen industry of Oregon that the flax mill at the Oregon prison is to be made more active. Under the impulses and with the help of the British government, following its policy of building up a self-contained empire, 300,000 acres of flax were harvested in Canada last year. Six new linen mills were built in that country. Machines have been invented by the British for pulling the flax, knocking off three-fourths of the cost of this process. They have adopted methods of scutching that enable them to do this work at one-fifth the former cost, in the old way. The product of 8000 acres of the best flax raised in Canada last year sold for \$7,000,000.

But the Canadian flax averages in the markets only about one-third the price offered for the best Oregon flax. Our growers have that much lead. Our manufacturers will have this lead. Farmers have already contracted to furnish to the prison mill the product of about 325 acres of flax. That will take all the seed on hand. In case the crop is a good one, that will take about all the room available for storage at the prison. But there should be more seed and more room for storing, and more acres.

We must get into quantity production, in order to attract manufacturers here. The fishermen of Oregon are being charged \$4 a pound for their seine twine. It takes \$4000 worth to make a fishing net. The net lasts but two years. The state of Oregon should relieve this situation, soon. The prison flax mill now runs at a profit. Manufacturing seine twine, it would run at a larger profit, and still cut the price to the fishermen in two; perhaps in two again. This would help to reduce the prices of fish to the consumers of the state; and no one would be injured, excepting the plutocratic profiteering manufacturers of the seine twine. Shoe thread is \$6 a pound now. Perhaps there would be an opportunity at the prison to take a crack at that profiteering price.

With the new methods of pulling and scutching and manufacturing, the time is now here for a linen mill in Salem—one that would make coarse as well as fine linens. This is a coming great industry. It is bound to come; because we can raise the best raw materials in the world. Wanted: First, a way to get a larger acreage of flax taken care of at the prison; this year. And still more next year. Second, a man with organizing ability to get a linen mill started in Salem.



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Tell The Statesman what you know about potato growing. It is important.

A cabinet crisis is reported in Belgium. Sounds like old times. We are getting back to the normal.

Boys and girls, are you getting ready for the great essay contest of next Friday, the 20th?

It will be soon that some of us can only secure meat for mechanical, medicinal, religious and scientific purposes.

The Democratic party will be the defendant before the people in the coming campaign. There will be nothing to "deplore" in their platform.

We do not care to be crabby; but really that 60-day limit within which prices were to drop in the opinion of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer has expired.

The sultan of Turkey has contributed over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat to the relief of the starving people of Armenia and other parts of the empire. He must be turning Christian.

The railway men's threatened strike has been put up to the president. That settles it. They will get what they want; or terms leading to that end. And the public will pay.

The campaign for the \$10,000 fund for the Salem Commercial club, to put that organization in condition to properly carry on its work, is going along well. It must be finished, to the last dollar. It is most important.

TWO VIEWS ON MEXICO.

Vicente Blasco Ibanez, who has been visiting the United States, has praised "the recent policy of the United States government with regard to Mexico." That policy has been of such forbearance and forgiveness to more than 70 times seven times, that it has led to a condition described by Gen. R. L. Howze, U. S. A., commanding in the El Paso district, as "the apex of shameful-ness."

Senor Ibanez, writing best sellers thousands of miles away, has not had to suffer like Americans from Mexican depredations. His ranches, if he has invested his "Four Horsemen" gains in land, have not been raided by bandits covertly encouraged by Mexican officials; his women relatives have not been insulted by leering bandits, as some American women have been, nor have any of his employes met violent death in the manner of workers for oil and mining companies slain by Mexican troops.

All these crimes have gone unavenged, a fact which seems to please the much-touted author, as nonresistance appears to be a part of the "watchful waiting" policy Ibanez has spoken of so favorably.

The visitor says that the policy has been the means of largely abating the distrust felt for the United States in Spanish-American countries. But another arrival in this country, Dr. P. B. Altendorf, who disclosed the Carranza-German plot to invade the United States, asserts that Mexico has an implacable hatred for this country. He knows far more than Senor Ibanez regarding the true conditions across the border and we prefer to accept his view rather than the telescopic impressions conveyed by the writer of glorified journalism.

FOREIGN FINANCE.

Europe already owes the United States over \$250,000,000 for interest past due. This is of itself practical argument against any program of further loans on the part of the government.

What American corporations or individuals can be persuaded to do for the financial relief of the old world is another matter.

They should have every encouragement save the absolute guarantee of our government, for everything they can do to put Europe on a peaceful

FUTURE DATES.

February 8 to 14—Boy Scout week.
February 13, Friday—Commencement for mid-year graduating class at Salem high school. Prof. A. R. Sweetser, speaker.
February 14, Saturday—St. Valentine's day.
February 16, Monday—Spanish War Veterans basket social at armory.
February 18, 19 and 20—Salem Automobile show.
February 19, Thursday—Children's eugenics test at Commercial club.
February 22, Sunday—Washington's birthday.
February 23, Sunday—French government awards, through American legion, memorial certificates to relatives of soldiers who lost lives in war.
February 25, Monday—Federal inspection of Company M, National Guard of Oregon.
February 25, Wednesday—High school alumni meet for organization.
February 25, Wednesday—Cherry City bakery to entertain Rotarians at banquet.
September 27 to October 2—Oregon State fair.

and productive basis would stabilize and enhance the investments the nation has already made.

There is no objection to Wall street financing the world's industry, but the treasury department has done its share. There may be appropriations or loans for suffering humanity, but not to sustain political authority. The governments of Europe must learn to stand alone, else they do not merit maintenance.

LONG DRAW OUT.

There may be some argument for the German contention that her war offenders should be tried before a neutral court. Usually a criminal would desire a change of venue from the scene of his crime and it would be hard to find an unprejudiced jury in England or France.

But if the malefactors are tried in Switzerland or some other neutral country the hearings might string out indefinitely and the purpose and lesson of the tribunal be lost. If the usual court procedure is followed and the defendants are given a separate hearing there will be business enough for the courts for the next century.

JUST AS GOOD.

Scientists declare that goat meat is as good as mutton and only an expert can tell them apart.

Not being an expert there is a feeling that we have nibbled at many a namesake of Billy Bryan in the guise of a lamb chop.—Exchange.

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I'm The Ragtime Soupe, Glad to Say, And A Ragtime Bum In A Ragtime Play

I'm Ze Ragtime Chef I Jazz and I Cook, Take My Lessons, From Ze Ragtime Book.

I'm Ragtime Marietta, Bound in Silk and Lace, My Figure is My Fortune, To Say Nothing of My Face.

I'm A Ragtime Villain, I Kill'em by The Pairs, I Meet My End, Alas—Alas— In A Daring Fight—UPSTAIRS!

MABEL NORMAND
IN
UPSTAIRS
A Ragtime Romance
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The profiteer has at last been found. He is the other fellow. Salem will go on the map in larger letters with the raising of that \$10,000 for the Commercial club, mostly for publicity purposes.

The sympathy of all Salem goes out to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fitts in their sorrow over the loss by accident yesterday of their boy, Clifford. Who wound up Mr. Bryan's alarm clock? In the old days much that now passes for wit would have been classified as smut.

England seems to be laboring under the delusion that we took over the South American trade to hold for her until she was ready to handle it again. There is no reason to doubt the report that Wilhelm is becoming repugnant. It started in his head years ago.

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