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AMERICA'S CHANCE IS OREGON'S CHANCE

"The United States today has an opportunity to build up an important industry, which hitherto has been neglected here, and become the greatest linen manufacturing country in the world. The development of the flax and linen industry, now in a chaotic state due to a disorganization of the flax-growing centers, represents America's chance to salvage something of material value from the war."

"It is a fact that flax grown by a little community of Belgians in the state of Oregon has captured five gold medals at expositions, the awards declaring that the Oregon grown flax was the superior of any for length, strength, and lustre."

"The flax plant is one of the few in which there is no waste. Every part of it can be utilized. Flax is also one of the easiest crops to grow and makes less demand upon the soil than most plants."

The above are paragraphs of an article in the New York Globe and Commercial Advertiser of March 30, under the heading, "America's Chance to Win Flax Supremacy." The clipping was forwarded to The Statesman by Miss E. A. Schultz, 204 Franklin street, who is a Salem girl now in New York.

The article was written to exploit a new synthetic process of retting, discovered by a Mr. Robinson; a process that is said to do the work in two hours that formerly took six weeks or so.

There are a number of short cuts for the treating of flax, some of them of doubtful value, and others with a great deal of merit.

A modern plant would use some of these; and it might try others before adopting them.

But the fact remains, that has been known here since 1876 and before, that the Salem district is the best section of the world, outside of a small part of Belgium, for the production of fiber flax of the best quality—and our flax has beaten the Belgian product in several competitions, like the one at the Philadelphia Centennial.

Our district is now the leading flax fiber district of the United States; and the acreage this year, now going out, will be three times the acreage of last year here.

The only pity is that it might not be this year ten to twenty times as large—

And the time is coming when it will be—probably next year.

HARDING ON ENGLAND

From the World's Work for March: No better guide to Anglo-American relations could be asked than the letter which Mr. Harding has recently addressed to Mr. John A. Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Sulgrave Institute. As definitely committing Mr. Harding to a policy of cooperation it is worth quoting in full:

"Dear Mr. Stewart: The labor of uniting into still closer amity and understanding the English-speaking peoples of the world has a significance of good to all Americans and to all nations and races of the world."

"Destiny has made it a historical fact that the English-speaking peoples have been the instrument through which civilization has been flung to the far corners of the globe. I am impressed not so much by the glory that English-speaking peoples may take to themselves as by the profound duties that God has thrust upon them—duties of being restrained, tolerant, and just. These duties will find their greatest recognition in a united, unshakable friendship and understanding and oneness of purpose—not for the exclusion from brotherhood of others, but for a better brotherhood flowing toward others."

"I believe that when the wisdom of America is summoned to assist the world in building a workable, as distinguished from a bungling agreement or association for the prevention of war, unity of English-speaking peoples will play no small part, not to invade the rights or exclude the fellowship of other nations, but to protect and include them."

"Faithfully yours,
WARREN G. HARDING."

Lloyd George is in a deep hole. But he has been in many, and has always crawled out.

It has been figured out that there were 61 lynchings in the United States during 1920, and

FUTURE DATES

April 8, Friday—Dual Women's debate between W. S. C. and Williams. April 8, 9, and 10—County Sunday school convention at First Methodist church. April 13, Wednesday—Open Forum meeting of Commercial club. April 15, Friday—Baseball, Williams vs. U. of O. at Salem. April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Williams vs. U. of O. at Eugene. April 17, Sunday—Blossom Day. April 18 and 17, Saturday and Sunday—Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Regina. April 22, Friday—Dual Debate between Williams and Williams. May 4, Wednesday—Apollo club in concert with Virginia Ron, soprano, at Armory. May 5 to 8 inclusive—Annual conference of Evangelical Association. May 7, Saturday—Marion County track meet and baseball tournament. May 10, 11, and 12—Baseball, Williams vs. Whitman, at Walls Walla. June 17, Friday—Annual local picnic, Ridge Lake grounds. October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Williams vs. O. A. C. at Corvallis. November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day, football, Williams vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

the statement is made that this is too many. What would be just the right number?

In order to show that England is sincerely in favor of disarmament, she has just ordered the construction of four new battle-cruisers.

President Harding is about ready to announce a remnant sale of the "best mind" suggestions. Some are almost as good as new—never having been used.

One of the early acts of the Harding administration is likely to be the recognition of Mexico and the Obregon government. Everything points in that direction.

It might not be the best choice of words to call Sarah Bernhardt the grand old woman of France, but she is 76 years old and a great-grandmother, has only one leg and is about to fly from Paris to London to take the part

of a 25-year-old love-stricken youth in her new play. Sarah is a wonder.

Still they come—the broccoli growers. Another meeting Saturday evening, same place, Salem Commercial club.

Legumes, next slogan subject. If you have any knowledge of the nodules in your noodle, the slogan editor wants to hear from you.

President Harding is naming a number of Democrats for good things in the administration. Did Woodrow Wilson appoint any real Republicans to places to which there was a salary attached? He did not.

THE STATESMAN IS TAKEN TO TASK BY A FILIPINO

Editor Statesman: Your editorial of March 20th, "A Man's Job," is before us. May we ask, with all respect, just what you meant to convey by your final paragraph:

"But the original program has been so fussed up and emasculated and butchered and botched and fumbled and juzzed, that perhaps General Wood will see that the job would have to be done all over again, under much greater difficulties than in the beginning," etc.

To those who remember the long congressional debates prior to the signing of the treaty of Paris, concluding the war with Spain, "the original program" resulting in the taking over of the Philippine islands by the United States may seem to have been hazy in the minds of many Americans. But the word of President McKinley could leave no doubt as to the final intention:

"The Philippines are ours, not to exploit, but to educate TO DEVELOP AND TO TRAIN IN THE SCIENCE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT." Each succeeding president and each act of congress pertaining to the Philippines since then has sustained that original declaration. The training of the Filipinos in the science of self-government has gone steadily on until today the islands are operating under self-government, self-maintained, self-sustaining, and in every way conforming to the conditions laid down by the Jones act of 1916.

The progress of the islands in the past eight years alone has been conceded by economists and statisticians as 300 per cent over the previous progress. "In education, industry, commerce, music, art and statesmanship," said Hon. James A. Frear, Republican member of congress, "it is a rash man who dares to criticize the wonderful progress of the Philippines." When it is remembered that 22 years ago Admiral Dewey declared the Filipinos superior in intelligence and more capable of self-government than the natives of Cuba, it would seem only reasonable that the Philippine islands should be independent today, when their progress has gone steadily forward and they have established a stable government, in accordance with the provisions laid down for their independence.

We should appreciate a reply, explaining just how the original program has been butchered and botched, etc. While to the Filipinos the long wait has seemed without due reason, yet there has been but one goal that has seemed to be borne in mind by the American government as well as by the Philippine government—the final granting of our free self-government. We do not understand how this has been "fumbled and juzzed"—though we know there are many citizens of the United States who seem to have forgotten the original program, and it is for the purpose of bringing this to their attention, and supplying accurate information as to Philippine progress and prosperity that this bureau exists. Yours sincerely,

—Philippine Press Bureau, J. P. Melencio, Director, Washington, D. C., March 31, 1921.

The above was sent with a request that it be published. The people of the United States will be more ready to give considerate attention to the conclusions of General Wood, after he shall have made his report on conditions in the Philippines, than to the special pleadings of the Philippine Press Bureau, which is confessedly in the nature of propaganda for the complete independence of the islands.

General Wood is now in the Philippines for the purpose of making an investigation upon which to base his report and his conclusions—sent there at the behest of President Harding. The conclusions of General Wood are not likely to be largely influenced by any kind of propaganda.

How has the original program been "fussed up and emasculated and butchered and botched and fumbled and juzzed?"

It was done by the Democratic administration in its eight years of misrule in the islands. Burton Harrison, the Democratic governor general, got rid of most of the efficient men in the public service there; largely by making life so unbearable for them that they quit in nauseated disgust.

He took over as secretary of agriculture for the Philippines a man from Kansas, at a high salary, paid out of the Philippine treasury, who thought copra, the

chief agricultural product of the islands, was something to put on your hook to catch fish with; and whose knowledge of tobacco growing, the second agricultural pursuit in the Philippines, was confined mostly to the appearance of the Indian cigar signs in front of the tobacco shops in the sunflower state.

All down the line, the chief offices in the Philippines were filled with that class of "deserving" Democrats from the United States.

A prominent woman magazine writer of the United States, well posted from personal observation and experience on the conditions in the Philippines, said enough to justify the statement that the Democratic administration in the Philippines was about the worst excuse for a colonial government history has ever known. The writer referred to is Eleanor Franklin Egan, and she painted a picture that would justify the terms "fussed up and emasculated, and butchered and botched and fumbled and juzzed," with several additions that would make the paper containing them unmailable.

As to the fitness of the people of the Philippines to be turned loose "on their own" at this time, or in the near future; either for their own good or the good of the world, and the safety and reputation of the United States, there are plenty of doubters. The writer is among them. The recent proposed legislation in the Philippine congress attempting to require all voters to wear pants gives an idea of the preparedness of that people to join the family of civilized and progressive nations. The fact that there are a few officials and politicians in Manila who know how to wear top hats and sign their names to the payrolls does not argue that the nine or ten million people of those islands, many of them still naked savages or half savages, are able to govern themselves in a manner that would be safe for themselves and the world.

Any way, there will be nothing doing, and there ought to be nothing done, along this line, till General Wood is heard from.

In the meantime, the man Melencio, with a name that sounds as sweet as honey and as soft as hot butter, would do well to say to his people, as it was wisely written some three thousand years ago, "Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown."

HELPING OUT.

Eggs have been selling as low as 15 cents a dozen in Missouri, which is the bottom price for more than ten years. A 5-pound hen seems to be more efficient than a 200-pound man in reducing the cost of living.

AN AWAKENING.

The British lord chancellor tells the English brewers that he does not think it even conceivable that any approach to prohibition can take place in Great Britain. That is about the way the Kentucky distillers talked a few short seasons ago. Look at Kentucky now. So dry that it squeaks when an Ohio man crosses over and steps on it.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Broccoli meeting tomorrow night. All the broccoli men should attend, and as many new ones as possible. The more the merrier, and the more profitable for all.

Clean-up and paint-up week in Salem next week. Let the song be, "Everybody's doing it."

The Glad Tidings road, down east of Monitor, will be true to its name, with electric light and power facilities for 16 more farm homes. With paved roads, rural mail delivery, automobiles, telephones, etc., Marion county farms are being made more attractive. That is the way to keep the ambitious boys and girls on the

USE SULPHUR TO HEAL YOUR SKIN

Broken Out Skin and Itching Eczema Helped Over Night

For unsightly skin eruptions, rash or blotches on face, neck, arms or body, you do not have to wait for relief from torture or embarrassment, declares a noted skin specialist. Apply a little Mentho-Sulphur and improvement shows next day.

Because of its germ destroying properties, nothing has ever been found to take the place of this sulphur preparation. The moment you apply it healing begins. Only those who have unsightly skin troubles can know the delight this Mentho-Sulphur brings. Even itchy, itching eczema is dried right up.

Get a small jar from any good drugist and use it like cold cream. (adv.)

STAND GUARD AT WHITE HOUSE DOORS



C. L. Dalrymple and E. M. Senmon, doorkeepers of the White House, who have been on duty at the Presidential residence for more than twenty years.

farms, and thus add to the solid wealth of the country.

It is no new thing to the people of the Salem district to be reminded that we can raise the best fiber flax in the world here. All we need to make Salem the best flax of the United States is a few men who understand the manufacturing of twines and linens, backed by ample capital. And at the same time, the Salem district will take away from Italy the distinction of being the great hemp country. Flax and hemp growing and manufacturing will go well together, and they can go together here, as in no other section of the world.

in the hills are not yet in bloom and those in the lowlands are only beginning to blossom. Reports from Stayton and Turner sections indicate there is some fear of damage there.

Lawyer — I would like more time for my client, your honor.

Judge — Certainly, I was going to give him five years, but I'll raise it to 10.—Baltimore American.

FIRE USED ON PINE BEETLES

Tremendous Damage Done By Pest in Klamath Forest Area

Pine beetles that are causing serious destruction to the forests of Klamath county will be fought with fire, according to H. K. Eberley of the state forestry department who has returned after attending a meeting at Klamath Falls where the problem was discussed by forestry men and timber owners. Action will be taken under an act of the 1921 legislature, which, however, made no appropriation for the purpose.

The method is to fall the infected trees, peel off the bark, heap it in a row under the tree and burn it. This destroys the eggs which are now in the larva state.

Timber on the Klamath Indian reservation, in the national forest and in private holdings is seriously infected and the destruction by beetles is said to be greater each season than by fire.

Fruit Not Injured, is Opinion of Orchardist

Growers in the vicinity of Salem do not believe the frost of Wednesday night or other frosts have damaged fruit here to any appreciable extent if at all. The reason is that cool weather of recent weeks has kept back the blooms. Prune and other trees

pin or knife into the flesh. Not only hard corns or soft corns but every kind of corn or callus surrenders to "Gets-It" and peels right off. It takes just a few seconds to sweep the pain with two or three drops. Go to your drugist today. Get a bottle of "Gets-It." Costs but a trifle everywhere. Your money back if not satisfied. Mfg. by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago. Sold in Salem by J. C. Perry and D. J. Fry. (adv.)

DR. O'NEILL'S EYE TALKS

THERE ARE FEW NORMAL EYES IN THE WORLD

EMMETROPIC eyes meaning those that are normal in youth are rare. Most eyes have not the proper focusing accommodation. When these defects make themselves apparent no time should be lost in consulting a competent authority. Our optometrist will search out for you in scientific fashion the eye troubles that are interfering with your vision and we will make glasses to correct them.

"Appeal to O'Neill"

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Dry Goods Department We make a specialty of Standard Merchandise. Our goods give satisfaction. We correct all errors. Our prices have been reduced to conform to the lowest wholesale quotations.

Black Cat Hosiery, ladies' pure silk hose, per pair.....\$1.25 and \$1.00

Black Cat Hosiery, ladies' silk lisle hose, per pair.....50c

Black Cat Hosiery, girls' silk lisle hose, per pair.....60c and 50c

Black Cat Hosiery, boys' hose, best made, per pair.....60c and 50c

Black Cat Hosiery from.....25c a pair up

R. & G. Corsets. Popular Numbers. New Low Prices. 8 oz. Duck, yard.....28c Outing Flannel, yd. 15c

New Voiles, beautiful colors, per yard.....47c to 60c

Black Sateen Petticoats.....\$1.50 and \$1.00 Children's Play Suits.....75c

Men's Furnishing Department Stocked with the best merchandise. Full lines of union made furnishings, including socks, suspenders and underwear. Not how cheap, but how good, is our motto. Khaki, whipcord and corduroy clothing. The best quality to be had.

240 and 246 Commercial St.

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One of The Biggest Events In Our History—The

Spring Shoe Sale

Just to show the range of low prices we quote the following. You can't afford to miss this opportunity—

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| Ladies' Pumps and Oxfords | \$2.25 to \$8.35 |
| Ladies' Shoes | \$3.65 to \$9.95 |
| Men's Dress Shoes | \$1.65 to \$9.35 |
| Men's Work Shoes | \$2.85 to \$13.20 |
| Boys' Shoes | \$3.19 to \$1.60 |
| Children's Shoes | 83c to \$4.85 |

SPECIAL

Men's Brown Blucher, new toe, Goodyear welt, fine grain leather insole, rubber heels.....\$5.95

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