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SITUATION OF THE FLAX INDUSTRY

The Salem realtors are taking up the matter of the condition of the flax industry, and at their noon luncheon today they are to have a talk by Robert Crawford, former superintendent of the plant at the Oregon penitentiary.

It is entirely proper that this body of citizens, vitally interested in the growth and prosperity of the city and section, should seek to find ways of fostering and developing the flax industry.

For in that industry is promise of great things. The thing that is giving greatest concern right now is the fact that there is no market for flax fiber; at least no market at a price that would pay the cost of the raw material and the labor of putting it in marketable shape.

Very briefly, this is the story:

Last year the state authorities contracted with the farmers for the growing of flax, at an agreed price per ton; the contracts calling for payment without any reservations. In the spring, it being found that there would be no money to meet these agreed payments, the farmers were called in and the case laid before them. At that time, much of the flax had already been sown, and the land was ready for all or nearly all the rest. It was agreed at that meeting that the farmers should have vouchers, when the flax was delivered. When the flax was delivered, the vouchers were ready, but in such form that all the farmers refused them, preferring to rely upon their contracts and the warehouse receipts for the quantities of flax delivered.

Now what is to be done?

It is a condition that confronts the men engaged in the industry, and not a theory.

L. H. Compton, superintendent of the penitentiary, in whose hands the flax industry rests now absolutely, is working full forces in the flax mill, preparing the fiber for market.

When there is a market—

And he is selling the by-products to pay the running expenses of the plant. What more can he do? What different? He proposes to go on as he is now going. If a market for the fiber develops, the matter will be soon settled. The product will be sold as fast as it can be worked up, and the farmers who raised and delivered the flax will get their money. If no market develops, the manufactured fiber will still be on hand when the Legislature meets a year from January, and that body will without doubt pay the farmers their money.

For the state of Oregon is no welcher. It always has and always will pay its obligations.

What will happen when planting time comes again, next spring, in case no market shall have developed, who can say? Superintendent Compton is saving sufficient seed, and he will offer to contract with the farmers for another crop of flax. Will they contract?

It would be a fine thing if an independent flax plant, prepared to do spinning, could be established here. Still better, one prepared to do weaving. It is likely that the Hays interests, of San Jose, will experiment with hemp on their Labish Meadows holdings, next year. They are able to do big things in any line they may undertake. Perhaps this may be a way out. Or perhaps some splendid organizer might get together enough Oregon capital to put up an independent plant.

But it does not appear now that the penitentiary plant can do anything excepting go on as it is going.

George Satterlee, the auctioneer, in the Pep and Progress pages this morning, puts forward in very attractive and complete form, the idea of a public market for Salem. It is a matter that is at least worth considering.

This territory will be thankful for the proposed freight rate reductions of the Southern Pacific.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Freight rates coming down.

That will help a whole lot.

George Satterlee, the auctioneer, has the floor this morning to tell the benefits of a public market.

Five room house advertised for rent in The Statesman a couple of days ago brought about 50 inquiries. The house shortage persists.

Dibble & Franklin are having a splendid market for their tulip and other bulbs. They are planting more bulbs for next year's growth than they produced this year.

They have the biggest bulb farm on this side of the continent, and they are on the way to having the biggest in North America, here at Salem.

If ways can be devised for another flax mill in Salem, it ought by all means to be done. If the process can be carried to spinning and weaving, there will be no question concerning markets. The new tariff bill will give adequate protection for the manufactured article.

The Albers Brothers mill in Portland is working on a four million pound oats order for the United States government; showing that Uncle Sam realizes the superior value of the quality oats raised in this section; just as the

NOTICE

Owing to the very disastrous fire in our store on October 31, we are now occupying temporarily quarters at corner of High and Trade streets. Telephone same, No. 1374.

We will be able to take care of all needs in a very few days.

Showalter & Jacobs

great breakfast concerns do. Moritz Thomsen, one of the biggest men in the financial and milling world on this coast, is now president of the Albers Brothers Milling company.

Professor Frederick Starr, "internationally noted anthropologist," who is quoted as saying that "there are no beautiful women in the United States," is in danger of becoming known as the notorious anthropologist.

Shakeup Takes Place in Portland Police Circle

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 2.—Chief of Police Jenkins today announced changes in the police department. Captain John T. Moore being promoted to the position of inspector of police, succeeding John Clark, who will be retired by special action of the council.

Six lieutenants were reduced to their former rank. About 30 policemen now on special duty are to be assigned to duty on beats.

Huge Still Uncovered by Klamath County Officers

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 2.—The biggest still ever confiscated in Klamath county was raided last night by Sheriff Low who arrested Edward James, 42 and Raymond Moore on the charge of operating it. One hundred gallons of the liquor in the making, and five gallons of the finished product was destroyed, the sheriff reported. The still was operated in a log cabin on a ranch five miles east of the city, they said. Frequent trips of Jimmy Moore to the ranch and excessive intoxication among loggers on the streets here were said to have furnished clues leading to the raid.

Striking Texas Men to Be Taken Back by Road

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 2.—Federal Judge J. D. Hutcheson late today ruled that the 500 odd members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen of the International & Great Northern railroad who have been on strike since October 22, should be taken back into the employ of the road. The trainmen would go back on probation under the court's decision. After 30 days, if the receiver and officials of the road are satisfied that the men have returned in a spirit of conciliation, the wage scale existing previous to October 22 and full seniority rights will be restored.

Hoover is President of Child Hygiene Society

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 2.—Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, will become president of the American Child Hygiene association during its 12th annual session here this week. He will succeed Dr. H. L. K. Shaw of Albany, N. Y., who retires. Mr. Hoover was elected at St. Louis last year, but until today it was not definitely known that he would accept.

Permanent Charters for National Banks Urged

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The granting of permanent charters to national banks was advocated today before the house banking committee by Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger, who declared that with 20-year charters national banks were unable to compete with state banks, permanently chartered, in the handling of long time trust estates. Many national banks, he said, are surrendering their charters to become state institutions.

Twenty-Five Stockholders in Portland Ball Club

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 2.—Announcement was made today that the transfer had been completed whereby the Portland baseball club was sold to W. H. Klepper and associates by W. W. and Walter H. McCredie. Names of 25 local stockholders in the new enterprise were announced.

"Hate to Do It," Says Woman Bandit; Does it

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—"I hate to do this, but I am driven to it," said a woman bandit today, just before hitting Ray Nafal, a modiste, on the head with a sandbag. Dazed, the modiste dropped in the hallway of an apartment house. Two men stepped up, seized the fashionable gown she was delivering, removed \$1500 in jewelry from her fingers, stole her purse and fled, leaving a drugged handkerchief over her mouth.

TOWNLEY IN JAIL

JACKSON, Mich., Nov. 2.—A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan league spent tonight in the Jackson county jail beginning the sentence of 90 days for the conspiracy to encourage disloyalty during the war.

FUTURE DATES

November 5, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Pacific university.
 November 5, Saturday—Semi-annual meeting of Marion county Parent-Teacher association, High school.
 November 8, Tuesday—Examinations of National Guardsmen for entrance to West Point, 6:00 a.m.
 November 8, Tuesday—Special election in Polk county on \$70,000 road tax levy.
 November 8, Tuesday—Admiral Mayo to address Kiwanis Club.
 November 18, Wednesday—Annual Willamette university cross-country race.
 November 21, 22 and 23—Marion county Teachers Institute.
 December 4, Sunday—Elks Memorial service, Grand Theater.

WATSON WILL HAVE EVIDENCE

Georgian Prepared to Support Charge That Soldiers Were Hanged

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Notice was given in the senate today by Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, that he intended to present to the senate evidence of his charges that American soldiers had been hanged overseas without courtmartial.

He declared he would not be "bundled up in any committee" and have his evidence "contaminated by senators in a report nobody would read but would make his fight in the senate. He

added that he would reserve a decision whether he would appear before the special senate committee appointed to investigate his charges.

Senator Watson's statements today were made in another hour's clash over the investigation when Senator Brandegee, Republican, Connecticut, chairman of the special committee, presented a resolution authorizing the committee to take testimony under oath and subpoena witnesses. The resolution drew sharp comment from Senator Watson and also involved him and Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, in a spirited discussion with several Republicans.

Senator Watson reiterated his charges and declared they had been made in 1918 by former Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, now a shipping board member. He also declared that today he had received letters and telegrams from former service men and soldiers in Philadelphia and New York, supporting his charges. According to his information, "allows other than that pic-

tured in the photograph he presented yesterday had been erected and used in France."

BRENNAN WINS

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 2.—Bill Brennan of New York was given the decision over Dan Dowd of Boston in a 12-round heavyweight fight at Marienville tonight.

Gymnasium Season Opens For Salem Business Men

The gym season for the business men started off with a whoop last night at the Y.M.C.A. Over 50 prominent business men attended the banquet and gave toasts to volleyball, basketball and gym.

Mathis, Curtiss Cross, John Rudd and Allan Bynon. The songs and cheers were led by Ed Socolofsky, accompanied by Mr. Arnold.

The following officers were elected for the year:

Jim Young, president; C. K. Knickerbocker, secretary; Curtiss Cross, treasurer.

Allan Bynon and John Rigdon were elected team captains for the month of November.

GRAND Matinee & Night WEDNESDAY NOV. 9

AMERICA'S FOREMOST GIRLIESQUE HARLEQUINAD OF
MARCUS SHOW 1921
 WITH CHARLIE ABOT & ENTOURAGE OF 110
MAIL ORDERS with remittance sent to theatre treasurer will be honored in order of their receipt.
 31st MATINEES—BEST SEATS—NIGHTS \$2.00

Kalouury Bros Two Days, Thursday and Friday, of Real Live Selling **Kalouury Bros**

Bigger Better Than Ever **\$1 DAY and \$5 DAY** **Plan to Spend a Whole Day in the Store**

It Will Be a Wonderful Saving Sale. You Really Must See the Values Put Out on Display to Appreciate How Much You Really Can Save. Remember We Guarantee Satisfaction With Every Purchase Made Here

CORSET
 A very good value—the Youth Line Reduso Corset, **\$5.00**

What You Can Buy at \$5.00
 The Savings Are Extraordinary On the Main Floor

3 yards of good quality pure silk Crepe de Chine, for **\$5.00**
 3 yards of good quality heavy Georgette, for **\$5.00**
 3 yards of all silk Pongee, colors are pink and cream, for **\$5.00**
 4 yards of all silk Messaline, Copen, red, yellow and blue, for **\$5.00**
 4½ yards of 40-inch Serge, colors are navy, copen and red, for **\$5.00**

LOVELY SILK BLOUSES AND WAISTS AT \$5
 A big assortment of good styles in serviceable blouses and waists—materials are crepe de chine, georgette crepe—every one is a good looking model and worth much more **\$5.00**

CORDUROY KIMONOS AND BATHROBES
 A special lot to choose from. Your choice at **\$5.00**

Values on the Main Floor
What You Can Buy at \$1.00
 Big Savings

Women's pure Silk Hose, in black only. This is a splendid buy. We advise you to lay in a supply. A pair **\$1.00**
 Children's fine ribbed Hose, combed cotton yarn. Sizes 6 to 10. 4 pairs **\$1.00**
 Women's Fibre Silk Hose. Special, 2 pairs **\$1.00**
 Women's Cotton Lisle Vests, 3 for **\$1.00**
 60-inch Jap Lunch Cloths, good quality, pretty patterns. At **\$1.00**

SILK UNDERWEAR
 Made of good quality Crepe de Chine; gowns and envelope chemise, each **\$5.00**

Hand embroidered Madeira Doilies, in eyelet designs. Round or ovals, at **\$1.00**
 Chamoisette Gloves in the Slipover styles, at **\$1.00** per pair
 Fancy Silk Ribbons in stripes, checks and floral designs. Extra good value at, **\$1.00** 2 yards
 Leather Purses in the flat envelope styles, each **\$1.00**

Values on the Main Floor

Our Ready-to-Wear Is Filled With Wonderful Savings on Choice Suits, Coats, Dresses and Skirts

Be sure to examine our stocks carefully before making a decision elsewhere

Extra Specials From Our Down-stairs Store

36-inch Cotton Challies and figured Voiles, suitable for draperies and comforters. 7 yards **\$1.00**
 Devonshire Mill Ends. Very nice patterns and colorings. 3½ yards **\$1.00**
 36-inch Colored Stripe Outings. 5½ yards **\$1.00**
 27-inch White Outing Flannels, good quality. 8 yards **\$1.00**

27-inch Colored Stripe Outings, 7 yds. **\$1.00**
 Dress Gingham Mill Ends—some very good patterns to choose from. 7 yds. **\$1.00**
 Apron Gingham, checks, good quality. 8 yards **\$1.00**
 36-inch Shirtings, Mercerized, fine stripe. 5 yards **\$1.00**
 Art Cretonnes, pretty patterns. 5 yds **\$1.00**

Extra Fine Dress Gingham, lovely patterns and colorings, 2 yards **\$1.00**
 Choice assortment of 32-inch Dress Gingham, that mean a big saving. 4 yards **\$1.00**
 A special lot of very good Dress Gingham, good assortment of plaids and stripes. 5 yards **\$1.00**
 A good line of fancy Dress Gingham, checks and plaids. 5½ yards **\$1.00**
 Fancy figured colored Marquisette for window curtains. 3 yards **\$1.00**
 Art Cretonnes, 36 inches wide, good heavy quality, suitable for petticoats, aprons and artwork, 3 yards **\$1.00**
 9-4 bleached Pepperell Sheeting. Good quality. 2 yards **\$1.00**

Good standard Percale, very nice patterns and colorings. 5 yards **\$1.00**
 A special assortment of very desirable Percales, good range of patterns and colorings. 6 yards for **\$1.00**
 Duckling Fleece, suitable for Kimonos, and bathrobes. 5 yards for **\$1.00**
 Pretty striped Shirtings of good wearing, neat qualities. Colored stripes. 5 yards **\$1.00**
 Very fine Madras Shirting in pretty, small colored checks. 36 inches wide. 2 yards **\$1.00**
 A special assortment of fancy colored Dress Voiles in checks, stripes and floral designs. 3 yards **\$1.00**
 Extra large size Huck Towels, good heavy quality. 5 for **\$1.00**

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ALL BLANKETS and COMFORTERS
 will be offered at savings prices. It will be to your interest to come here and get our special prices for these two days only

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Petticoats made of Fancy Sateen. This is a very good value. 5 for **\$1.00**
 Women's Bungalow Aprons, cut extra full. Made of standard, good quality Percale. 2 for **\$1.00**
 Figured Voile, dainty, pretty patterns, 36 and 38 inches wide. Seven yards **\$1.00**