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EVENTS FAVORING SALEM DISTRICT

Events are favoring the Salem district in the development of the flax industry here. The natural conditions have always been favorable. The three most important things favoring development here are:

- The world flax shortage.
 - The rising price of cotton.
 - The protective tariff law.
- The world shortage is so serious as to render idle half of the 900,000 spindles of northern Ireland, centering around Belfast, even though a good deal of Italian hemp is being substituted for Russian, Irish, Belgian, Dutch and French flax. A man engaged in the linen industry at Belfast tells a correspondent of the London Times that this condition will persist for several years after Russian flax production comes back—and it may never come back. One guess is as good as another in this respect.
- The price of cotton in New York went up to 31.05 yesterday, as compared with spinning flax tow at 17c in Salem, and the best fiber at 33 cents a pound. There are predictions of over 35 cents a pound for cotton—and for a long time; owing to the ravages of the boll weevil and the shortage of labor in the cotton districts of the United States.

As to the third development, the protective tariff, one is able to glean from correspondence in connection with the working of the penitentiary flax plant, and the proposed extension of the operations there under the new revolving fund law, that the men engaged in spinning flax fiber and weaving flax twines in this country, in various sections, are feeling the effects of the new protective tariff law. They had been having a hard enough time in getting raw materials before—

They are having a harder time now. They were buying in a world shortage, and now they are buying in the same kind of a market, with the additional disadvantage of the tariff duties running against them.

The duty on flax straw is only \$2 a ton, but it is a cent a pound on flax not hauled, and it is from 10 to 40 cents a pound and more on twines; running as high as 63 cents a pound on the finer twines. On gill netting it is the highest duty that can be figured under the law, with an addition of 10 per cent ad valorem—

So the reader may see that the penitentiary plan will be pretty well protected against foreign competition when it gets to the point where it can spin seine twine for the fishermen of Oregon.

Linen cloth is protected up to 35, 40 and 45 per cent ad valorem, and laces up to 60 per cent.

What is going to happen? Spinners and weavers of flax products will have to turn to their own country for their supply. Where will they get it? They can get the fine flax fiber only in the Willamette valley, or in some other part of western Oregon and in western Washington, and perhaps in a small district of northern California.

But why should they ship even the twines spun here across the country, when the manufacturing conditions are better here than in any other part of the United States?

Our country is importing now about \$40,000,000 worth annually of flax and linen manufactures, and about \$20,000,000 worth of flax seed.

This can all be grown and manufactured here in the Salem district, and it can be done on a small acreage; on land that in a proper rotation would not be missed at all in the production of other crops; on not to exceed 50,000 acres of our land—

At least all the flax for the twines and linens, and for part of the flax seed, too; and the rest may be produced in the sections east of the Rockies that grow flax for the seed only.

And this development looks a great deal nearer than it has ever looked before. It will mean a Salem ten to twenty times as large as the present Salem, when the full development comes.

It has cost the city government of New York \$4,700,000 so far this season to shovel the snow from the streets of the city. Those who will live in a city with such a climate must pay the price.

Salem will have seven canneries in operation the coming season. But this will not be all. There will be more from time to time—and there are whispers of more this year.

The increased operation of the flax plant at the penitentiary, and the proposed further extension of its operation, under the new revolving fund law, is attracting attention throughout the country, among men who are engaged in the flax industry in its various branches. All this is bound to result in the further development of the flax industry here.

The members of congress who are making a tour of the world at their own expense are setting a horrible precedent.

Down in Arkansas the legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the teaching of evolution. Another victory for Bryan, but he always carried Arkansas anyhow.

THE REGULATORS

There is a bill before the Oklahoma legislature which would require all newspaper editors and reporters to pass an examination before a state board and pay a license fee of \$10. This is merely another little outbreak of the itch for regulation. What would constitute an examination, anyhow? Some of the ablest news gatherers in the world would have had difficulty in passing an examination derived from a group of college professors. If reporters had to have a license the same as a dog or a married man there would be the dickens to pay.—By a reporter, in the Los Angeles Times.

FUTURE DATES

- March 16, 17, Friday and Saturday—Marion County Sunday School convention at Silverton.
- March 23, Friday—Salem Symphony orchestra.
- March 27, Tuesday—State convention of Benefit Association of Macabees, Senate Chamber, State House.
- April 1—Easter Sunday.
- April 2, Monday—Clarence C. Hamilton, field secretary United Society of Christian Endeavor, to speak in Salem.
- April 13, Friday—Willamette Men's Glee club concert at armory.
- May 5, Saturday—Al Kader temple of the Shrine, ceremonial in Salem.
- May 11, Festival—May Festival, Hayden's oratorio, "The Four Seasons."

Among the last acts of congress was the passage of what is known as the truth-in-fabric bill. If it reduces the crop of political fabrications on the eve of an election much will have been accomplished.

The value of English money is advancing. Of all the currencies unfavorably affected by forces operating during and since the war its gradual rise to somewhere its prewar worth has been most notable. The settlement of the English war debt problem has been a factor in the appreciation of the value of English money.

RECKLESS MUSSOLINI

Mr. Mussolini of Italy appears to be a remarkable man. Other men have led bloodless revolutions and direct coups d'etat and performed other feats like that. But Mussolini is going confidently ahead to do something from which Napoleon would have shrunk with dread and imperious Caesar would have fled in terror. Mussolini has announced that the women of Italy must wear only the plainest and simplest of dresses, sort of nationalized costumes, until the country has grown prosperous enough to permit of individual extravagance again!

Think of it! Did Germany even think of such measures as that in its eagerness to pay off its obligations? Did stricken Belgium at its worst even dare to suggest such a thing? Has starving Russia or the perishing Near East even hinted at such a drastic step to its ladies?

Just after the World war, when clothes were fearfully high France took over some clothing factories near Lille and put out standardized suits for men that was to permit demobilized soldiers to buy suits for about \$11 instead of having to pay \$30 to \$70 for the same quality—but even then there were six styles and colors to select from and there was nothing compulsory about it. And that was for men only. Mind you—France never thought of attempting any such discipline on women.

But Mussolini doesn't suggest, doesn't ask as a favor. He says the women of Italy must adopt the uniform of thrift.

If he can get away with this his place in history is secure.

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The Junior Statesman

SCHOOL STUDY EXPERT

HUMOR PLAY WORK

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For Boys and Girls

Confidence
 Miss S: "I told you to bring a note-book to class."
 A. L.: "I don't need one; I use my head."
 Miss S: "I didn't say a blank note-book."



Against The Rules
 Mr. Smith: "I would like to try on that suit in the window."
 Clerk: "Sorry, but you'll have to change your clothes in the dressing room."

Spiritualist
 Lollie: "I thought Caesar was dead."
 Audrey: "He is, isn't he?"
 Lollie: "No, Mrs. Butler said she teaches him."

Accommodating
 Fat Man (in a movie to little boy sitting behind him): "Can't you see, little fellow?"
 Little Fellow: "Not a thing."
 Fat Man: "Then keep your eye on me and laugh when I do."
 On Her Way
 Tommy: "Mother's throwing plates at father."
 Visitor: "Is she angry with him?"
 Tommy: "No, but she's working up to it."

He Knew Best
 Freshman: "What is the date, please?"
 Teacher: "Never mind the date, please. The examination is more important."
 Freshman: "Well, sir, I wanted to have something right."

Suspicion
 If George Washington was such an honest man, why did they get the habit of closing the banks on his birthday?"

His Job
 Passenger (to conductor of slow-moving car): "Can't you make any faster time than this?"
 Conductor: "Yes, I can, but I have to stay with the car."

Master of Taste
 A: "Must I put the stamps on myself?"
 B: "Suit yourself about it. However, it's customary to put them on the letter."



He Auto Know
 She: "I see in the paper that three persons were killed in a feud."
 He: "Those little cheap cars are dangerous."
 (Jokes for "The Fun Box" are collected from high school newspapers all over North America.)

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

TABBY'S KITTENS
 Tabby was lazy and fat, but Tabby was smart, for a cat. When her kittens were drowned.
 A new family she found—such very strange "kittens," at that!
 We had had Tabby for years.

She was just like a member of the family, and a very spoiled member at that. Tabby usually got just what she wanted. She lived upon calves' liver and cream. We could never go away on a holiday because of Tabby. Of course we had the chickens, too, but we could always get some neighbor to tend to them. Tabby, however, was a different proposition. She positively refused to be boarded out. She wouldn't touch any food a neighbor gave her.

Of course she was a bother, but we were fond of her and couldn't very well get along without her. One day, however, Tabby presented us with four tiny blind kittens. We decided that we couldn't possibly keep the whole family.

Poor old Dad! We drew lots to see who would have to destroy the kittens. And he was the unlucky one. I had decided to back out if it fell to me, but Dad was game. He drowned all four of them.

For two days Tabby moped around. I felt just dreadfully sorry for her, but I agreed with dad and mother that we just couldn't have kept them. It kept us busy every minute taking care of our little chickens. Suddenly our chickens began to disappear. We discovered that four of the newest ones were missing. "What could have happened to them?" Mother worried. "It can't be rats. Tabby catches all the rats."

"Could Tabby have eaten them?" Dad asked, looking guilty. "Oh, surely not!" Mother was hurt that Dad should ever even dream of such a thing. "We've had Tabby for five years and you know very well she's never once done a thing she shouldn't." Just then the hired man came in the back door. "Jumping Jeremy!" he cried. "You can't guess what I found. Come out



and see." Mysteriously he led the way, and we followed him out to the barn. He tipped up to the manger and pointed in. Very curious, we all strained our necks and peered down into the dark. Tabby. Against her dark fur she was cuddling four little yellow balls of fluff—our missing chickens.



PICTURE PUZZLE

BEHEAD: X
 AND LEAVE AN
 NOW
 PUT ONE LETTER IN
 FRONT AND YOU WILL HAVE
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Answer yesterday's: Caraca, cargo, carbon, carava.