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MR. MARIS WRITES ABOUT THE BULLETIN

Editor Statesman: My attention has been called to an editorial appearing in a recent issue of The Statesman under the caption "Overlooking One of Best Bets." The editorial is based upon the review of Extension Bulletin 367, entitled "An Agricultural Program for Oregon," as it appeared in the Oregonian. The review of the bulletin, although quite comprehensive, did not include the recommendation on flax found on page 96 of the bulletin and reading as follows: "Flax growing offers great opportunities in the Willamette valley and shows some promise in central Oregon. A lined oil mill in Portland imports practically all of its raw material from Montana and the Orient. Flax culture in the Willamette valley, while very successful is very limited, because farmers believe the crop is hard on the soil. It is not, however, harder on the soil than the production of cereals of equal value."

Our present pork production is considerably below the schedule recommended by the college, as you will note by reading the full text of our discussion of that subject.

We remember quite well, as do also many farmers in the State, the disastrous results which followed an over-production of work in the State some years ago. While we can well afford to take advantage of markets in Alaska and other near by points, we do, as we have indicated, feel that it is not wise to attempt to compete with the corn belt section under existing transportation conditions.

I am giving you this information and sending you a copy of the bulletin so that you will have before you our recommendations exactly as they were put out. Very truly yours, O. A. C. EXTENSION SERVICE, By Paul V. Maris, Director.

The above explanation is gladly printed. The impression given out in the news story in the Oregonian was that the Oregon Agricultural College was recommending that there should be no more expansion in pork production in Oregon; and the editorial in The Statesman contended that there had already been great expansion in the Salem district, and that this was going on, and should go on, as long as there is an expanding market in Alaska and other sections easily reached by our packers. It will have soon been quadrupled in the Salem district, since the opening of the packing house here—of the Valley Packing Company. It has already much more than doubled.

As to flax growing— There is a good deal left out that ought to be in Extension Bulletin 367.

Flax growing for seed for the making of linseed oil no doubt "shows some promise" in central Oregon. But that kind of flax growing is hard on the soil, for the reason that flax grown for the seed alone is usually cut with a binder or mower, and the flax that is left in the ground will not rot easily. Flax is a miracle crop. It grows from the seed in 60 to 90 days, and yet it produces a fiber that will last throughout the ages—has lasted in the Egyptian tombs thousands of years; was found in King Tut's tomb, and in others, in linen of a weave the fineness of which cannot be equalled by the processes of today; the methods of making it have been lost.

But flax in the Salem district, in the Willamette valley, where it is grown for the fiber, does not injure the soil, because it is pulled and the ground left clean.

And the growers know it does not injure their soil; and some of them raise it on the same land for five or six years in succession; though that is not to be recommended as a general practice, any more than the raising of wheat or oats or potatoes on the same land year after year is a good thing.

The farmers of the Salem district raised about \$100,000 worth of flax this year; and at prices that, though not high, were in most cases remunerative; in some cases very profitable.

There could be contracted right now, without a cent of expense other than the printing of the contracts, ten times the acreage of this year, for 1924; and at this year's prices. Inquiries are coming from Linn, Lane, Benton, Clackamas, Yamhill and Washington counties—and every farmer in Polk and Marion counties who grew flax this year would like to have a contract for 1924; and a number of them for much increased acreage.

(Those who understand the situation will agree that the writer knows what he is talking about, in this respect.)

The counties named can grow the flax for an output of flax products running to \$100,000,000 a year, and on acres that are now idle or slacker acres. This would include the seed, as well as the long and short fibers, and upholstering tow, the cow feed and the druggists' and linseed oil supplies; would include the spinning of twines and the weaving of cloth and the making of lace.

For which supplies the United States is sending now \$60,000,000 a year to foreign lands.

If the Oregon Agricultural College would get squarely behind this possible industry, with all its steam, we would very soon see it developed; with linen and other mills and all the subsidiary industries, and the producing end, employing tens and scores and even hundreds of thousands of people.

That is where the Oregon Agricultural College is "over-looking one of its best bets," if not its very best bet, as was asserted in the editorial of The Statesman under discussion.

THE GREEK UPREAVAL

No country in the world has been more unfortunate in the last ten years than Greece. Its foolish king, influenced from Berlin, guessed the wrong side in the war. In due time he lost his throne, and his son was installed in his place. The son was not wholly to blame for the situation however. The father precipitated a war with Turkey, and lost everything, even honor. King George has never been successful as a ruler and has been trying to make his escape. In the meantime Greece has been in constant turmoil, and has been the victim of more than one international shell game. Finally the people have become tired and are preparing to start a republic.

and with the departure of King George from Greece, only fifteen are left doing business. The king business is not flourishing very well over there, but it is getting all it deserves.

The idea of a king is a big man, bigger than any of his people, smarter than his people, more far-seeing than any of his people, able to divine what the people want, and when it is best for them, gives it to them. The present generation of kings have no conception of kingship. They have been without service, and as a result, about two-thirds of them have lost their thrones.

DON'T DO IT

Some time ago an official in the eastern part of the state was contacted to count down to sell

large quantity of liquor in his possession. He was granted a stay to fix up his affairs and is due in jail early in January. An effort is being made to get Governor Pierce to pardon him. It occurs to us that if there ever was a case undeserving of pardon, it is this one. This man ought to be an example and yet he showed himself a beast. He ought to be a respectable citizen, and he showed himself a sluggard. The pardoning power should always be used with discretion, and never used to free a man from just punishment. He was in a position to know better. Governor Pierce owes it to the decency of the state to refuse to pardon this official. The man should be forced to give up his office. We must take this prohibition law more seriously.

A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD

The Oregon Statesman has been interested in the Hollywood neighborhood near this city. It seems to be almost an ideal place. There are twenty-one houses there. They have a community club, modern conveniences and are living happily. It is in no sense a colony. It is just a contented neighborhood. We shall have more to say about this neighborhood in the future.

BUNGLED ALL THROUGH

The case against Dr. Wrightman was a stupid error all the way through. In the first place, there was no evidence enough to convict. No man ought to be arrested on any charge unless the officers have the evidence, at least where they can lay their hands on it. In the second place, a man who was irresponsible and had contributed nothing to make Silverton a better place to live is said to have influenced the governor to seek the humiliation of the district attorney. Governor Pierce blundered seriously when he listened to his selfish friend and took the case away from John Carson. The case was forced to trial and the attorney general's office did not have time to prepare. Mr. West is not a skilled criminal prosecutor, and he did not have a fair chance in this case and it is not right to criticize. He does not profess to be a criminal lawyer. A miscarriage of the entire case makes travesty out of justice and sickens the hearts of those who desire to see justice done.

GERMAN CHILDREN

It is unfortunate that there is so much distrust of Germany that hungry children are disappointed. Since the war the Germans have been more unfortunate than even in the war, they have blundered so much. Yet they have done wonders in holding themselves together and meeting the opposition they have had to meet. A few Germans who ought to be shot for treason have made huge fortunes, but the majority of the people have not been so fortunate. There is no doubt as to the real hunger of German children in parts of the country. America can show itself big by helping. When a little child cries for food he is a poor stick who refuses on account of a disagreement with the father. No matter what they did in the war, or if the people have blundered since, the cry of the babies must reach our hearts and cause a humane response. It is not fair to let a German child suffer because of any disagreement we had with the government. It is not America's way.

NO TRIFLING

When the senate refused to confirm one member of the shipping board President Coolidge withdrew all three appointments. There was some disappointment in this as one of the men, Fred Haney, was an Oregon man, but the general public will admire the spunk of the president. He does not propose being trifled with.

There has always been more or less play on the part of the senate, but President Coolidge seems to be deficient in the sense of what is commonly called humor, and hence he takes seriously the rejection of the man he names. Mr. Coolidge does not make appointments recklessly, he makes them after mature deliberation, and we have an idea that the senate will not get far on puerile objections.

The country is early learning that there is a real man in the White House.

WOOD UNDER FIRE

The Oregon Statesman is not sorry that General Wood has been put under fire. We have such confidence in his administration that we know how it will come out before a single witness is examined. However, there is one disagreeable feature, and that is that the ambitious and designing politicians of the Philippine islands will seize upon it as a weakening in the home of the governor general.

General Wood has been under fire before and his record is too good to be besmirched at this time. His investigation will bring out the clearness of his record. At the same time it will cast a stigma upon the opposition at Manila.

NOT SERIOUS

The Woodburn Independent, usually as sane a paper as we have seen, takes seriously the vaporing of the Oregon Voter in its efforts to stir up the strongest

Cap'n Zyb

Here are a couple of stunts which are so simple that they are almost foolish, but which are amusing and baffling. First, place your index finger of your right hand, so that it runs



along the bridge of your nose. Invite some friend to try and pull the finger from the nose using as much strength as he has—only pulling steadily without jerks or starts. It is impossible to remove the finger—you may be pulled around the room, but the finger will stay just where it was placed. Another stunt of the same sort is to put your hand on the top of your head and ask some one to try and remove it, using a steady pull—it just can't be done. —CAPN ZYB.

accompanies such an alliance, and I resolved to gamble upon the latter theory.

"A representative of the law," I said, trying not to be too stilted, "but I am here to help you, not to hurt you. Listen!" I used the word with observation has told me is almost necessary when talking to certain types of mentality. "Smith is through, done for. He has no more power over anybody. He has run away, and if the officers catch him he will be taken straight to prison. He can never hurt Mr. Kronish or you any more in any way, and nothing he can say against you will be believed if you only are willing to help the law."

Her eyes, large, unwinking, had been fixed on me while I spoke and remained steadily gazing at me when I finished. I realized that she was weighing me, and I gazed squarely into her eyes, tensely willing her to believe me.

"You swear Smith has no more power?" she asked at last.

"Where is your husband?"

"I swear it," I returned promptly, with as much solemnity as though I were upon a witness stand in a courtroom.

"All right," she said at last. "I believe you. What do you want me to tell?"

"Where is your husband?"

"If he got away, he has run through the woods to a place down the road, where Smith has a—has a—"

THE BOYS AND GIRLS STATESMAN

The Biggest Little Paper in the World. Edited by John M. Miller.

Snoppyquop Land

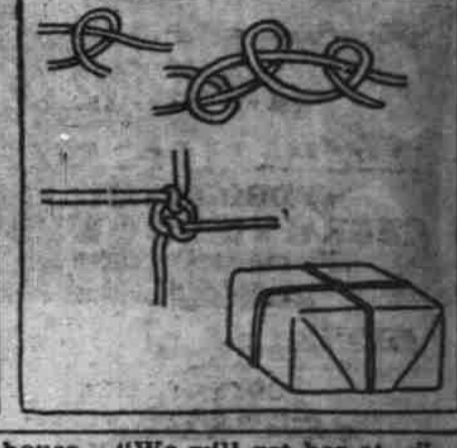


"'Twas the night before Christmas," and all through the Boys and Girls Statesman not a creature was stirring except the Jigedies and the editor of the Animals' Newspaper, who were all terribly excited because Snoppy Claus was coming. And what did Snoppy Claus have for the good little boys and girls? A nice, new left-handed roller skate stop signal for Peter Puzzle, a hand-embroidered Fun Box for Randy Riddle, a real four-cylinder picture products map for the Young Scientist, and a solid gold stem winding paint brush for Andy Andrews. I hope the Snoppy Claus doesn't get wet, for it looks as if it might reinder.

A Murray Xmas to all, and to all a GOOD NIGHT!!!

MAILING TIPS

Lost in the mail—a perfectly good Christmas present—because the sender tied it hurriedly with a loose strand of cotton string which gave way before the package was scarcely out of his sight. The string used to tie the package need not be great in amount, provided it is strong. Hemp twine is best to use, a single strand serving to hold the paper on the package of average size and weight. A square knot made with two pieces of string as in the picture below is a firm one that will not give way. Practice it on a scrap first, then when you get the wist of it, tie your package with it. Lay your string on the table and make the first loop, then draw the end loops around as in the diagram. Pull both ends at once and a strong square knot is the result. A fine wrapping does not make a fine gift any more than fine feathers make a fine bird, but the best gift is the one complete in every detail, both of content and appearance. Watch, therefore, that your paper is smooth and clean and that the strings appear to have been tied with care.



house. "We will get her at—"

A shout from the lawn brought us swiftly around facing in that direction. From the woods at the side strode Dicky, hatless and dishevelled, but with a certain air of jauntness which he never loses, holding firmly by the arm the rotund little figure of Kronish. (To be continued)

OREGON STATESMAN AUTOMOBILE CONTEST

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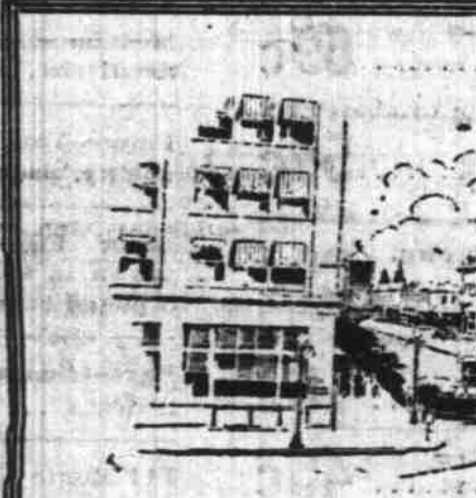
Table listing names and vote counts for the Oregon Statesman Automobile Contest. Includes names like Allen, Martha; Barrill, Mary; Beckendorf, Mrs. A. L.; Brady, Ruth; Blixeth, Olaf; Barlow, Herbert; Cook, Leslie; Cummings, Evelyn; Dearinger, Erma; Edwards, John; Ely, Raymond; Edmondson, Paul; Eschleman, Mrs. Bert; George Koehler; Gwynn, Harold; Gilmer, Faith; Hunt, Bill; Hirsch, Richard; Hamby, Henry; Hileman, Katherine; Johnson, Eunice; Klonsen, Henry; Lewis, Edward; Luthy, Miss A. M.; McCoy, Maurice; Mitchell, Nellie; Newgent, Howard; Paulus, George; Pauntala, Nellie; Price, Chas. H.; Peebles, Jesse; Pence, Viola; Plant, Harry; Snook, Frank; Safren, Morris; Sains, Elmer; Varley, Joh.; Ward, Connell; Weir, Leo.

COUNTRY

Table listing names and vote counts for the Country section of the contest. Includes names like Bates, Mrs. C. F.; Bradley, Robert; Berchold, Joseph; Barry, Mrs. Joe; Darling, Grace; Dennison, Mamie; Gough, Blanche; Gilson, Nellie; Harper, Edwin; Haworth, Evelyn; Hochberg, Mrs. Florence; Kintz, Angeline; Kinzer, Ralph; Mason, Ethel; McClellan, Mrs. T. M.; McGraw, Henry; Manonah, Mabel; Morrison, Mrs. Carl; Muller, Mrs. Carl; Pectz, Hazel; Reid, Erol; Russell, Glenna; Stalling, W. H.; Speaker, Robt.; Sturgis, Francis; Thompson, Mrs. G. N.; Teal, Mrs. Albert; Turnbull, Robt.; Vandermark, Lee; Willey, Clara; Wall, Margaret; Zielsch, Vera; Shafter, Isabelle.

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