

WHAT TO DO WITH 500 TONS OF HEMP

What to Do With the Flax Is Getting Pretty Well Straightened Out

What would you do if you had 500 or more tons of hemp, and no machinery to work it up? Well, that is the condition of the state flax plant.

Salem Should Tell World Of its Many Advantages

After keeping his weather eye open for years for a city in which to retire and spend the remainder of his days, Salem was found to fill the bill, according to U. S. Crowder, who told the Marion-Polk County Realty association why he located in Salem, at the Thursday luncheon of that organization.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 90. THE WAY MADGE GOT DICKY STARTED AT LAST.

I was up at dawn the next morning, determined not to give Dicky the slightest chance to quibble at any tardiness of mine. He had announced his intention of rising at 6 o'clock for our start at 7—saying rather loftily that an hour was more time than anybody needed. At 6 o'clock sharp, therefore, having dressed Junior and myself for the journey, and put in order for Mrs. Cosgrove's convenience everything in the bungalow, except the bed on which Dicky was sleeping. I went to his bedside and shook him lightly.

as he spoke, evidently preparing to go to sleep again. "Aren't you going to get up?" I asked in as mild a tone as I could manage. "Of course I'm going to get up when I'm good and ready," he growled. "Run along out of here and let me alone."

The Cosgrove family, with Robert Savarin, were gathered on the veranda to see us start, and I was guilty of a furtive, curious look at the artist to see how he was taking Lillian's departure. His pallor was more than usually pronounced, but he waved us a smiling, cheery farewell as we started and I knew that he was making a tremendous effort to play the game as he had promised me. "Don't forget your peaches!" Mrs. Cosgrove screamed after us, and I had a second's misgiving when I thought of Dicky.

Omega Club of YMCA Beats Independence In a close basketball game at the Y.M.C.A. last night the Salem Y.M.C.A. Omega club defeated the Tigers of Independence by the score of 17 to 18. The Independence team consists of high school boys and is a much heavier squad than the local team that won over them. It was a very fast game and until the last minute the score was nearly at tie with the outcome uncertain. Pure fight was the deciding element in the game.

In another game played at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last night the Y.M.C.A. class of high junior defeated the Richmond Tigers to the tune of 11 to 6. The Richmond Tigers is a team made up of high school boys from the Richmond district in East Salem. Gladys says about the only thrill she has ever experienced is being kidnapped.

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BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Welcome February— That means signs of spring. The onion men are to have a big meeting at Labish Center school house tomorrow. That is one of the best onion districts on earth, and the people down there are strong for onions. The meeting will begin at 2 p. m.

Editorials of The People

Let Somebody Explain Editor Statesman: While reading the Statesman last evening I noticed an article in which a motorist traveling from Los Angeles to Seattle was held up by a traffic officer for \$35 for an Oregon license. I would like to know why any officer of the law will do as above mentioned, when there are a lot of cars running around the state with the 1923 Oregon license yet attached.

C & C STORE Starting Saturday, Feb. 2nd, and Ending Saturday, Feb. 9th THE REASON. After this sale we begin invoicing, which completes the second year of our business in Salem. We desire as much cash as possible and as little goods at this invoicing time. HENCE THESE LOW PRICES: Pre-inventory Sale of Dry Goods, Pre-inventory Sale of Groceries, PRE-INVENTORY SALE OF SHOES LADIES' SHOES AND OXFORDS, BOYS' SHOES, MEN'S SHOES, Pre-inventory Sale of Towels, Pre-inventory Sale of Blankets, Pre-inventory Sale of Men's Furnishings, Pre-inventory Sale of Tobacco. Merchandise is tending higher. You will do well to avail yourself of this buying chance from Saturday, February 2nd, to Saturday night, February 9th. Phone 560 C & C STORE 254 N. Commercial

About the Hemp But what about the hemp? The retting of that much hemp has been a bugbear. There is no retting room; there will be none, even with a second tank. The flax machinery is not suitable for working the hemp in its after stages. But there is in California a concern making hemp machinery, and using it there, which may come to the aid of the hemp part of the state flax plant. Perhaps the necessary machinery can be rented, with a view to future sales. The managers of the California industry say they have a machine that will work the hemp into fiber without retting—and into a fiber for which there is a ready market, at a remunerative price. So Robert Crawford, superintendent of the state flax plant, may go at once to California, where, near Sacramento, the hemp machinery and operations may be inspected. Perhaps a way out may be found. Maybe it will be found that it will pay to raise more hemp here, and work it up at the state flax plant. But that is all in the future; though it may be in the immediate future. Just now, the 500 or so tons of hemp, at the penitentiary and stored in barns and hop houses around Lake Labish, is a Jonah to the managers of the state flax plant. If telegraphed inquiries bring the right answer, Mr. Crawford may go to California at once; perhaps tonight.