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SEVEN OUTSTANDING REASONS WHY THE TIME IS OPPORTUNE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LINEN INDUSTRY HERE

There are seven outstanding reasons why the time is opportune for the development of the linen industry in Salem; in the Salem district; in the Willamette valley—

To commence this development at once.

First, the protective tariff rates are favorable.

Second, the price of cotton fiber is now about equal to the price of flax fiber in this country. Cotton fiber is higher than flax fiber in Belfast; around \$900 for cotton fiber and around \$600 a ton for flax fiber.

Third, the flax industry is well on the way to development in the Salem district, through the operations of the state flax plant and several private concerns. The foundations of a linen industry are laid here.

Fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh: For fifty years the linen industry was at a standstill as regards new methods and inventions in the handling of the crop and the manufacturing of the products. In the past few years these things have come to pass: Fourth, the invention of a successful flax pulling machine. Fifth, the discovery of a successful method of warm water retting.

Sixth, the very recent invention of a scrutching machine that will allow the work of one man to perform the work of six men with the machine it replaces.

Seventh, the development of chemical and mechanical bleaching.

We may be on the verge of an eighth reason, completing the circle of mechanical ingenuity to render the cost of the production of linen goods cheaper than that of cotton goods; with the value in wear and strength and durability immensely in favor of the manufacturers of flax—running from three to a dozen times the comparative value, all in favor of the articles made from flax. It is this:

Flax may be pulled by a machine, eliminating expensive hand labor; cutting the cost in two, and in time cutting it in two again, besides making it possible to grow flax in a large way by individual farmers. It may be retted with warm water, cutting down the cost immensely. It may be scutched at a sixth of the former cost. It may be bleached at a nominal cost, compared with the expense of former methods.

But there is no way as yet to artificially dry the flax after retting, preparatory to scrutching. Every experiment in this line has resulted in taking away some of the strength; and robbing it of some of its "nature," or availability for easy spinning. Many experiments have been tried. Many are being tried. The great Belfast manufacturers now combine in maintaining a research department, for every branch and phase of the industry. The discovery of the right process of drying may be made in Ireland. It may be made in Canada, where experiments are being tried, or in Michigan, where such a process is in use, at Duluth, with the coarser eastern fiber for making Klearflax rugs and articles of that class—but not found entirely satisfactory.

Or the discovery may be made in Salem, for Robert Crawford, superintendent of the state flax plant, is about to begin an experiment in this line; and he believes he has the magic secret in his mind.

Any way, the discovery is sure to be made; nature's secret will be found out.

Then, within a very short time, it will be possible to put linen manufactures on the market to compete in price with cotton goods—

And this will lead to a tremendous development of the linen industry, in all lands where fine fiber flax can be grown and manufactured; and even in such districts as that of the Belfast section of Ireland, which must import most of its fibers or yarns.

But especially in the Salem district, where all the conditions are right, both for growing and manufacturing. There are very few such districts in the world; not one in the world quite up to all the marks as the Salem district.

"Now is the accepted time," as the revivalist would say. We must use our opportunity or lose it; or at least run the risk of losing it—that is, the opportunity first named—the favorable protective tariff rates.

Let us here in the Salem district develop a linen industry that will turn out \$100,000,000 annually of linen manufactures and the by-products of flax manufacturing, and supplying the home markets, and the favorable duties will be retained.

There is no time to lose. There is risk in delay. There is no reason for delay. The capital can be had here in Oregon for the first mill; a million and a quarter to a million and a half—about the same as the cost of the first installation of a paper mill. A smaller initial amount, really; with a considerable sum for keeping a year ahead of the raw materials. Except for this, less than a million dollars would suffice.

The first mill will pay; it will pay big. Then others will follow. They will come fast, representing every phase of the industry. Then we will be on our way to becoming the Belfast, the Linenapolis, of North America, with a million people employed directly and indirectly in the industry.

OREGON IN SPRING

Spring is upon us, the time of the year when the dull, frozen world has so far thawed out that the flowers and fruits have raised their heads and are becoming exceedingly beautiful. The voice of spring is in the air and the sense of it is around about us like a blessing from heaven. Nature is lifting up its head and the voices of its children are calling us to look, look, look! And as we look down upon the delicate little flowers, the first to defy the cold, strangely, they do not shiver. They give no indication of the peril through which they have gone. They look as sweet as the first-born looks to its mother, and as full of hope as life. The dead stocks of yesteryear are not pretty lying on the ground, but they are the reminders of what to expect for the season.

As the spring advances, these broken stalks will gently and quietly return to the earth to enrich the soil for the coming crop. The early flowers do not look brave; they look rather pitiful; they are so sweet, so delicate that they arouse in us a feeling of tenderness closely akin to sadness, and we think of the little baby that died, and the sweet little flowers remind us of a lock of hair kept as a remembrance of the little body sleeping in the earth forever.

Spring is the season of hope, the season when men take on new courage, when they feel like doing big things, things worth while. It is a growing season when the sap comes up in the tough old trees, just as new energy comes into the lives of old men and makes them again ambitious to take their places in the world and go on. There is an urge to plow and to

plant, an urge to be a part of the growing, advancing, energetic world. It is great to live in Oregon in spring, to see the new bloom, to feel the new strength and to know that for another season we are a part of the developing life of this wonderful state.

GETTING EVEN

For the first time in the history of America the lawyers are really getting hit. They have run things with a high hand. They have taken our offices, big and little, and have filled them. They have been the political leisure class. They always had time for politics, while all other classes had to work all the time. At last the blow has fallen.

The lawyers of the country are being swatted right and left because this is a period that demands men who are above suspicion, and it has been the ambition of every lawyer to attach himself more or less conspicuously with a corporation. Until just recently it was a badge of distinction to be a corporation lawyer. If the present trend continues it will be an evidence of disgrace.

Possibly, now, if so many lawyers are being disqualified, the other lines of active endeavor will come in for a place. The editors may be able to run for something more than the postoffice, and the doctors may be able to lay aside their pill boxes and prescribe for the body politic. The bankers may pause in counting their gains and wonderings over the success of their loans and get into the game of politics. The lawyers have kept us back for a long time through one argument or another, but if the lawyers are disqualified we venture to predict that there will be no more talk of it being unrespectable to hold office.

HEARD THE TRUTH

The only pity is that everyone in Salem did not hear Hamilton Holt and Dr. Boynton last night. They had great messages, the kind the American people need. We have been lying back in snug satisfaction with ourselves. We have let the rest of the world go by. We need to have brought home to us our responsibility to our ancestors from whom every white man in America sprung.

We have not performed our obligations; we have been selfish and narrow. We have done our best to put a stone wall around our country. We have begrudged everything we gave to Europe, and yet their battles of necessity are our battles, their injuries must be our injuries, and their program our program, in a measure! We talk about being out of Europe, when we are in Europe all the time. Our people are going there in the thousands. We are unofficial observers of the league of nations, talking most of the time, but paying none of the expenses of the league. We are right now settling the trouble between France and Germany. Yes, America is already in Europe, but we are trying to deceive ourselves with the fiction that while we are actually there, we are at the same time actually away from there. This inefficient stuff does not appeal to us any more.

Those who heard Dr. Holt and Dr. Boynton will carry with them a long time the impressions of those messages and will also be able to be missionaries in spreading the gospel of America's responsibility to the rest of the world. We must carry this home to ourselves.

NOT YET EXONERATED

Mr. Daugherty is jumping at conclusions. Every day he issues a statement declaring that he is exonerated. He is not exonerated, but he is befouled by the worst gang of outlaws and toughs the country has ever seen. All of his accusers are people with odoriferous records. They are even bringing in Al Jennings from Oklahoma. One thing is certain, if Daugherty associated with this gang of men and women who are witnessing against him, he deserves all he is getting, and a bit more.

However, the investigating committee certainly cannot feel proud of the character of its witnesses, or satisfied with the testimony they are giving. It would be a good plan to try calling some high-class people.

STUDYING OREGON HISTORY

We welcome Professor Horner's new history of Oregon for two reasons: It is concise, and a busy man can learn something of the state. The other reason is that it was written only because new facts of history have been disclosed. Oregon is a great state. We are very busy building it now, but we can build better if we know its history. No man undertakes to erect a building who does not first inquire as to the foundation, and he makes his structure accordingly. As we build Oregon we must know the vicissitudes through which the early settlers passed,

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A little fellow is a different matter, though. If you get one, build him a large, airy cage, as shown in the illustration. Be sure to put a branch or two in it so he can hop around a bit.

Feed your squirrel with nuts and carrots and cabbage. Give him plenty of real hard nuts so as to keep his teeth in good condition. It is just as important for a squirrel to have hard nuts for his teeth as it is for you to use a toothbrush on yours.

You must be careful to protect the young squirrels from cats, as the two animals do not get along together very well. After you have had Mr. Squirrel for a couple of months, maybe three, you can start letting him out of his cage for a while, but don't let him stay out for too long or some day he will not come back.

Be careful of the squirrel's sharp teeth until he knows you, or he may try to take a bite at you. CAP'N ZYB.

"elderly" in my mental inventory of him. That adjective had been an adjunct of my cursory first impression of the man, born of his snowy hair and Vandyke beard. But I could clearly see that the skin below that snowy hair was firm and ruddy, that of a man in his late forties, and I guessed that the eyes concealed by the thick-lensed glasses were not in the least dimmed by age.

There was no suspicion of disguise about him, however. I could have taken an oath that his hair and beard were neither dyed nor false, and the glasses were those frequently used to correct a certain defect of vision. But try as

I might to banish the impression, to assure myself that I was the victim of an overwrought imagination, I could not rid myself of the idea that somewhere I had met the man before, and that he was aware of my identity.

I ran over all the foreigners I ever had met, most of them acquaintances of Dicky's, but none in all the list could I remember any one remotely resembling this man who was so intriguing my imagination.

And then common sense came to my rescue, and I berated myself soundly for the foolishness of which I had been guilty. I might much better read melodramatic fiction, I told myself, instead of trying to imagine myself a part of it, and I turned resolutely to my

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Basketball



SHOOT EM CLEAN-LOOP EM-WATCH EM FOLLOW UP-

Line your men up before the game for goal shooting practice. See that each one learns to shoot well. Follow the four slogans on the illustration for basket success.

"Time out" in a basketball game is often called to break the "going streak" of the opposing team. If such a streak by your team is

broken, try to keep up your pep during the rest. Players should avail themselves of the opportunity of such a time to rest from fatigue. Have a wet towel and water handy. Get through with them as quickly as possible and get your heads together to perfect your game.

Time Out Valuable. If your team is on the offensive think over whether or not your plays are working as they should. Maybe your team is holding the ball a second too long before passing. Maybe you are taking too many long passes. Maybe some one player isn't doing his share. Find out what's wrong and then correct it when the time out is over.

Defensive players should also make use of the time out to see what's wrong. Maybe you are playing a smashing team or possibly a very clever team. Maybe one man on the offense is doing all the work—if so, get him covered.

Practice Goal Tossing. Accurate goal shooting by every man on your team, no matter what position he plays, wins games for the defense will quickly discover the fact that only two or three men on your team are able to make baskets and will keep those players so closely guarded that the score will not mount in your favor as it should. But if all are good goal shooters, the defense will have an impossible job, watching all of you. Opponents can block two goal tossers but not five. Accurate goal tossing by every man on the team is the most important element of playing basketball.

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We had just entered the long tunnel stretching from Long Island under the East river to the heart of the city when the train came to a standstill, not suddenly, but gradually. I thought nothing of it at first, but after a few minutes I saw some of the men in the car look at one another, and then get up and go into a forward coach.

"Has anything happened?" I asked myself with a tremor of which I was ashamed, and I was glad for the moment that there was no one who knew me to observe the pallor which I was sure

Perfecting the Game During "Time Out"

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PETER PUZZLE SAYS—

Make a word square from the following four-letter words: 1. Old. 2. A part of the steering equipment of an automobile. 3. Comfort. 4. The past tense of draw.

A Merry Chase

Squire: "Do you give your dog any exercise, Mr. Smith?" Farmer Smith: "Oh, yes; he goes for a tramp nearly every day!"

The Question

Mother: "Jessie, the next time you hurt that kitty, I am going to do the same thing to you. If you slap it, I'll slap you. If you pinch its ears, I'll pinch yours. If you pinch it, I'll pinch you. There now!" Jessie (after a moment's reflection): "Mamma, what'll you do if I pull its tail?"

Dangerous

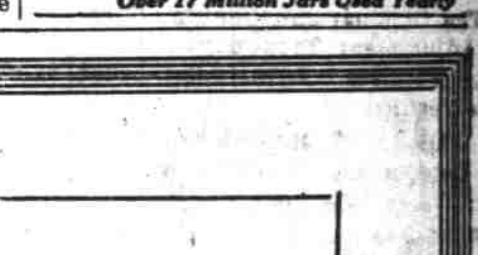
Aunt Dinah: "Heah, you, chile, take dat key outen yo' mouf, you want to get de lockjaw?"

His Gang

"Was your father a policeman?" "No, but he went with them a lot."

Answer to today's word square:

Aged, Gear, Ease, Drew.



had settled on my face. Always I have had a terrified obsession when passing through the long tunnel that something awful would happen to me sometime when traveling through it, and the delay which I could not help but see was making some of the other passengers uneasy was getting on my nerves.

And then—the lights of the car were suddenly blotted out, leaving us in total darkness. (To be continued.)

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Ford Given

Solve This Puzzle Win First Prize

6	15	8	25	15	21
12	9	22	5	18	

The figures represent corresponding letters in the alphabet. Figure 1 is A, 2 is B, and so on. The ten figures spell three words. What are the words?

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