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ASK WHAT YE WILL:—If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—John 15:7.

PRAYER:—May we ever be in Thee, O Lord, as the branch is in the vine, and then our natural living will be in the Spirit of satisfied communion.

INCREASING DEMAND FOR LINENS

The New York Journal of Commerce of July 17, under the heading, "The Reviving Linen Industry," devotes a leading editorial article to the increasing demand for linen manufactures in this country.

Speaking especially of the increasing vogue for costume linens.

And the writer declares that "certainly there are evidences of expanding demand for linen manufactures of all sorts shown not only in statistics but also in the recent extension of the flax growing areas of Europe."

The writer in the Journal of Commerce, in his conclusions, says:

"There would seem to be a very distinct limit to the extent to which an expanding market for linen manufactures can be furnished with raw materials, even with the encouragement to flax growing offered by current prices for raw flax, which are now about four times what they were in 1914 and for some grades are 60 to 80 per cent above the Belfast quotations of a year ago. Although the favorable price situation has resulted in a considerable addition to the flax output of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland and Ireland during the past year, the gain has been just about offset by the loss in the Polish output. So, to repeat, there appear to be definite restrictions to the extent to which the linen industry can keep pace with the progress of a reviving demand."

In other words, the people of the United States would buy still more linen goods, and especially linen dress goods, which are in vogue, even at the present high prices, if these goods were to be had in order to be offered to them.

Notwithstanding the fact that the importers must pay 55 per cent ad valorem duty on such goods. Also, the duties on flax fiber spun into yarns for the making of such goods and similar manufactures of flax are high under the present tariff law.

The rates were made high on purpose; to encourage the manufacturing of yarns and twines and thread and linens in this country.

Congressman Fordney, then chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives, told the late Mrs. W. P. Lord of Salem, at one of the hearings of the committee on the flax schedule, that his people had grown flax when he was a boy, and he understood the value of a possible great linen development in this country, and he proposed to fix the rates with a view to bringing this about. This was at Washington, D. C. Congressman Fordney made his word good.

The time is opportune for this development. Our people are about to begin it; and they should lose no time. Against our 55 per cent ad valorem protection on linen cloth, Canada gives her manufactures only 15 per cent.

We can produce the raw materials to give the people of the United States all the linen goods they will buy, and they would buy perhaps more than double the present quantities if they could get them, and pay prices that would make the whole industry very remunerative, from the growing of the flax to the final touches of the high salaried operatives making the finished products.

All this, with the flax seed and other by-products, would mean a \$200,000 annual industry here, employing, directly and indirectly, two millions of people. It would mean a doubling, with this single crop, of the value of the annual money crops taken from the land of our whole state.

It is possible that Salem may be named as the place for holding the proposed egg laying contests decided upon at the poultrymen's convention at Corvallis last week. Canby sent a delegation to urge that it be held there. Other towns want it. But it is understood that President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college favors Salem, in case the contests are not to be held at the college. The fixing of Salem as the place would help our already booming poultry industry. It would advertise Salem as the center of interest in Oregon poultrydom. This is worth looking after. Salem can be the Petaluma of Oregon, if our people will think in terms of high production poultry, and act and work together and let nothing of advantage that we may have get away from us.

The sheep symposium on the Slogan pages of The Statesman of tomorrow is going to be worth while. Decidedly.

FEELS RESPONSIBLE

Premier MacDonald was one of the loudest soldiers in favor of recognizing Russia and doing business with the soviet republic. One of his first acts was to recognize Russia. He stopped there, and despite the anger and vigorous protests of the rabid socialists he refused to go any further. Here, after six months in office, he makes this terrific accusation against the soviet government of Russia:

"You (the Communists) have had in your hands for seven years, in name of the 'proletariat,' a great country, self sustaining in its resources, a great people utterly sick of bloodshed and on that account susceptible to the operations of any system which promised hope and peace, and the wealth of a great empire. What have you made of it all? What have you done for the proletariat?"

peasant landholders in Russia. You took over the land. How many of the peasants now own land on which they expend their toil?

"Your records show that in the year 1922-1923 you exported 8,000,000 bushels of grain. How many millions of your starving proletariat died for lack of grain that year? Is it not the case, also, that in that year America by direct succor rescued from death nearly 11,000,000 of your people? And when these things were happening were you not spending largely of the remaining resources of your land to carry your propaganda into foreign countries?"

"Why have you failed to present to the world the greatest and most forceful argument in favor of communism by showing the world the successful application of it in your own country? Many statements, but no information come out of Russia. Why have you killed freedom of thought? Why do you

tern and muzzle all foreign correspondents of independent mold?"

"Your record shows propaganda first and your proletariat last. Has your work lowered or raised the life of your proletariat? Have you succeeded in your industrial theories, have you built or developed any means of transport or set up any facilities for the betterment of the condition of your people, out of the immense resources which were at your disposal when you took over, or out of the huge resources contained in Russia?"

"Thus far you have proved only that you can seize and squander, that you can throttle liberty of thought and spirit. You allowed your land to lie in ruin and your people to die for lack of organization, but your propaganda organization remained always at full strength. Your people or your propaganda—which gave you the greater concern?"

"In view of your record, why do you call yourselves communists and expect the sympathy and help of a socialist party?"

POOR SUFFERING OREGON

You would think to hear the state maligners talk that they were trying to save the state. As a matter of fact they are the worst enemies Oregon ever had. They do not tell the truth. They say Oregon is being ruined, and all sorts of things. In all its history Oregon has never been so prosperous, it has never had the outlook it has now.

To illustrate: Col. E. Hofer sends to the press and to subscribers a weekly bulletin setting forth the developments of the territory he serves. The past week is just a fair sample of what he sent out about Oregon, and we submit that it gives the lie to the state defamers in a manner that can not be controverted. The bulletin says:

Portland—New site secured for soap factory, 60x200 feet.

Eugene—Two hundred merchants sign agreement to not use billboard advertising.

Portland announces \$200,000 new buildings past week.

Northwestern Electric company to expend \$1,750,000 on improvements, of which one is 20,000 horsepower hydro-electric plant on White Salmon river and \$30,000 horsepower steam plant in Portland and physical connection with Pacific Power & Light company.

North Bend hospital to have \$50,000 addition.

Four-story apartment going up next to Portland News.

Contract for Willamette river bridge at Albany let for \$245,306.

Hood River association contract Bartlett pear crop to canneries.

St. Helens Columbian bought by Alfred Erickson and Arthur Steve.

Dallas—Over 300,000 yards of black surface pavement under construction.

Eugene—Junior high school to go up at Eighteenth avenue and Agate street.

Albany—Linn county to have modern fish hatchery.

The Dalles, Libby, McNeil & Libby cannery reaches record peak when 98,000 cans fruit were prepared in one day.

Cottage Grove—Dam across Prather creek is completed and work on trestle for railroad begins.

Eugene—Three and a half miles telephone wire received for new line in Fall Creek district.

Roseburg—Trunk sewer line planned.

Oregon Trail to be improved east from Pendleton at expenditure of \$20,000.

Medford—\$100,000 church completed.

Work on highway from Medford to Crater Lake under way.

Eugene—Mapleton road to be surfaced.

Klamath Falls—Paving of Michigan avenue from Main street to Esplanade under way at cost of \$9,638.75.

Freewater gets new garage.

Cottage Grove—Woodward sawmill to resume work.

Portland—Contract awarded for \$2,390,173 Burnside bridge.

Southern Pacific to resume passenger service on Salem-Dallas-Falls City-Black Rock run.

Rainier—New structure to rise in burned areas—work to start at once.

Eugene—Southern Pacific company to pave Eleventh avenue west and South Willamette street.

Vernonia—New brick block on Bridge street is completed.

Marshfield banks, with new one in field, show increase of \$165,527.91 for six months period between Dec. 31, 1923, and June 30, 1924.

Albany lets \$32,000 paving contract.

Stayton—New flax plant to be in operation soon.

Forest Grove—Business of the Western Oregon Packing corporation's cannery shows marked increase over previous years.

Harrisburg—Work being rushed on Willamette Valley-Florence highway.

Fossil—Community to get auto park.

Corvallis—Farmers of Benton county to ship three carloads cattle to California.

Klamath Falls—Gold discovered in vicinity of Diamond lake district.

St. Helens will vote, Aug. 4, on \$130,000 bond issue for water system.

Coquille—Alpine Paper Manufacturing company purchases ten-acre tract for proposed paper plant.

Marshfield—Work on new Wesley hospital will commence last of August.

Gresham—A \$5,000 church, to be known as Gresham Underdominational temple, completed.

On August 27 Myrtle Point will vote on \$280,000 bond issue for the finishing of roads already begun in county.

Sutherline—Canning factory, to start within 15 days, new machinery being installed.

Paving through Turner completed.

Wallowa—Bowman-Hicks sawmill resumes cutting with greatly enlarged plant.

Boston commercial reports show wool market steadily improving, with market price trend upward—over 80 per cent domestic clip sold.

RELIGIOUS UNREST

From the great centers of the world we hear of mighty minds challenging certain things in religion but in what might be called the out of the way places we have accepted it that the people have continued steadfast in the holy faith of their fathers. However, there seems to be some exceptions—at least here is one. The Lake View Examiner has an article on the severance of relations of the local Baptist church from the Baptist association which is tremendously more important than anything the great minds of New York or London can conceive.

Here is what the Examiner says:

"After a period of some forty years' membership with the Eastern Baptist association of California and Oregon the First Baptist church of Lakeview, Or., have elected to withdraw from the association. Action to sever the relationship was taken July 5, news of the action having just been released to the public."

"Rev. L. A. Meyers, pastor of the local church, attributes cause for the action to a divergence in belief of various matters of policy of the church. It appears that during the convention of the Baptist churches held in this city June 12 to 15, some friction developed between the association heads and the Lakeview church over matters of belief and the final action of the local church was taken on this account."

"According to the Rev. Meyers there is considerable latitude in belief of the different Baptist churches, each being a free and independent body, choosing its own policy in regard to these matters without affecting its standing as a church."

It is probable that the local church will at some time in the future affiliate with other churches holding similar lines of belief, of which there are a number in the state. Churches at Eugene and Ashland are said to be working along lines parallel to the work of the local church."

CHURCH ADVERTISING

Rev. J. T. Brabner Smith, service commissioner of the Methodist church, said to a gathering of ministers from eleven middle middle western and eastern states the other day. "Every church should have a fund for purchasing space in the newspapers and should advertise in the daily or weekly papers regularly, consistently, and constantly." He says this is no new thing, as hundreds of ministers have learned that advertising pays and have enjoyed results in larger attendance, in the collection, and what is most important of all, in larger publicity for their activities. He said that most churches "sponged" on newspapers.

His plan includes the enlistment of the support of newspaper men and advertising experts, some of whom are in nearly every congregation, in the preparation of "copy," not only for church advertisements, but for the news columns. To quote from the Rev. Mr. Brabner:

The church needs the newspaper as a medium of spreading the kingdom of God because it enters into almost every home and is a visitor in almost every family circle. It reaches those who favor the church and those who do not.

BETTER ROADS

The Oregon Statesman pointed out recently the need of good roads to the ocean. This is for the accommodation of our own people. We call them market roads for convenience because they are of local importance, but they are the most important roads in the state because they are our very own. Permanent roads to the ocean mean that more people will go there.

True we may have to hold our church services at the ocean side on Sundays during summer, but outdoor services are healthy and

should encourage them in every possible way.

We have in mind a road that could profitably be hard surfaced. It is from Dallas northwesterly to the Wallace bridge on the Tillamook highway. That would save at least 10 miles in going from Salem to the ocean, and for the people of Dallas it would save 18 miles. This is certainly a consideration, and Polk county should build this road. We are told that the plans are to build it next year, and we hope nothing will interfere with these plans because it is highly important.

GET OUT TO VOTE

It is true that less than half of those entitled to vote have ever voted at a presidential election. It is true that the other half ought to have the same interest in government as those who do vote. It is a bad state of affairs that we have a minority government.

This year an effort is being made to get out the vote. We are going to organize clubs under that name. Membership in the clubs does not cost anything and it gives a lot of information. In fact we have reached the point when it is absolutely necessary for us to teach citizenship and convince the people that the expression of citizenship lies via the ballot box.

There is some cold logic and considerable patriotic motive back of this plan. Collier's recently conducted a 24-year survey in which the stay-at-home habit is shown to be increasing ominously. In 1896 80 per cent of the voters went to the polls; in 1900 73 per cent; in 1908 66 per cent; in 1912 62 per cent, and in 1920 less than 50 per cent.

UNFIT TO LIVE

Recently three men were fined because they refused to help extinguish a timber fire. They gave as their excuse that they only would receive 40 cents an hour and they would not work for less than \$1 an hour.

There is no punishment too severe to deal with this class of people. They are derelicts; they are treasonable, and they are unworthy of the respect or confidence of any decent man. Fighting fire of this kind should not be a question of dollars and cents. It is a peril, and every man who does not do his best to subdue that peril is a contemptible renegade to citizenship. Fortunately there are not many of this class, but it is necessary to properly brand them when we do find them.

A GOOD PLAN

Recently a careless driver was sent to jail for 30 days in Portland. This will do more to stop carelessness in driving than anything else. Men can pay their fines, but they can't serve their jail sentences without serious inconvenience. No man with responsibility enough to own an automobile could go to jail without being everlastingly disgraced, and when a few of these stiff-necked but reckless drivers serve jail sentences, we will see an end to most of our carelessness.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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Chapter 228.

THE WAY KATIE TOOK THE NEWS OF ALLEN DRAKE'S DEMANDS

"I'll not take your wager," I told Lillian, smiling, "for I have no desire to bet against a certainty. Father just told me Mr. Drake was having some difficulty with the codes."

"His trifling variation," Lillian commented with a trace of mocking malice. "I'm only a novice in Allen Drake's end of this game, but I have a fancy that this time he has underrated the task set him. It wouldn't do him any harm to bump his nose a bit, especially as he's sure to come out on top finally—he always does."

This was in her voice, despite her feline little wish, a distinct tribute to Allen Drake's unusual powers, and I knew that the magnanimous soul of her was perfectly sincere in her belittling of her own knowledge of codes and her exalting of Mr. Drake's ability. Lillian can be a trifle malicious occasionally, but it is not in her to be petty.

"Do you mean that he will finally solve it?" I asked. "He'll get enough of it so that we'll know where things stand, and he won't take final leave of the thing until every tiniest part is clear to him. Even if it takes

elgin experts, and the dove-tailing of their various records, he'll finally get all of it. He's like a bulldog, only more tenacious. But it will be a solar plexus blow to his vanity not to get it all easily—especially after thatspiel he made to me."

A Laughing Promise.

"There's one thing certain. We won't know he's fallen down unless your father spills the beans. There's just one person in the world to whom Allen Drake yields deference and obedience, and that is your father, and it is the Chief, alone, who will know what he accomplishes—or doesn't."

A thrill ran through my pulses. To Lillian Underwood and Allen Drake my father's remarkable rejuvenation, and the triumph which was almost in his grasp, were matters of professional joy, of loyal but a bit impersonal pride in a brilliant chief. To me there was a tensely poignant happiness in knowing that the father whom I adored was coming into his own again. Allen Drake's success or failure was a matter of indifference to me when compared with the wonderful news which my father so unobtrusively had given us. Yet I felt a sudden inexplicable disinclination to discuss Mr. Drake's prospects with Lillian.

"Well!" I rose, throwing out my hands with a little gesture of mock despair. "This isn't breaking the dread news to Katie. If you hear wild shrieks—"

"I'll stand by in ambush with hand grenades," Lillian promised flippantly, and I left the room with the feeling that I was indeed going into battle.

"Dis Too Much!"

The feeling was intensified a little later when after Katie had listened silently and unsmilingly to my list of the things which Mr. Drake would require during his self-imposed seclusion in his room, she put her arms akimbo and faced me belligerently.

"You mean," she said, and with uneasiness I heard the tremolo which always precedes hysterical anger in her voice—"you mean, I got to feed all sorts of nice things all hours of day and night for dot times stand and look at me like I run peg or foony animal from circus vot he nefer see before and want to find out vot I do? Und me mit all kinds of extra work on hand, and shoot look at beeg family in dis house, work enough for two, three girls, and I nefer keek, und always try to do shoot eferferying you ask me, und take sooch care of dot babe, und stand all day dot old ohmans no matter vot she say—Oh! Dis too mooch! I no can do dot. Dot beeg sheep head he can cook heimselt, eef he vants sumting. Me, I do nothing for heem!"

The flow of words, so fast, so vehement that I felt as if a cloud had burst above my head, suddenly changed to the hysterical sobbing which I sometimes suspect Katie has on tap, ready to turn on at will. I had watched her closely, and had listened attentively, planning my course the while. Now I stood perfectly silent and motionless while she wept and sniffled, waiting until her insatiable curiosity got the better of her. When I saw her eyes furtively peering at me from behind the hands which she had flung before her face, I said, with careful indifference:

"Very well, Katie, I am sorry you feel that you cannot do this for me. But it is something which must be done, nevertheless, my father has asked for it. So if you will please leave the cooking things when I can get at them I will prepare Mr. Drake's meals myself."

(To be continued.)

FUTURE DATES

August 1 to 10, statewide American legion drive for new members.
August 1 to 16, Boy Scout summer camp, Cascade.
September 3, Wednesday, Labor Day.
September 15, Monday, Willamette university opens.
September 22-27, Oregon State fair.

The Fun Shop

MAXSON FOXBALL JAMES

LINES PENNED AT THE SEASHORE

(By George S. Chappell.)

Alternately fog and sun
Work their ill upon my hide,
Dampened every morn by one,
By the other daily fried.
Damp, the garments that I wear
Hot, my brow, and peeling, too;
Stiffly glutinous, my hair,
Hard to get the old comb thru.

Busted, all my racket strings,
Warped, my clubs, from grip to head,
Slimpsy, all my flannel things,
Dark, the pillow on my bed,
Ocean, you're the Bunk, old Dear,

But I ask of you no pity,
For I'm going away from here—
Goo' Bye, Ocean; O you City!

Cooperation

"Ah, Gerald, if you could only love like that," sighed the maid, as they watched the final fade-out on the screen.

"Maybe I could," replied Gerald "if I had a couple of high salaried directors telling me how."

—Mrs. Hugh Harris.

Short and Sweet

Shoe Salesman: "Aren't you the young lady that called last week for a pair of shoes with a short vamp?"

Indignant Patron: "Sir! That was my sister!"

—Richard Blevier.

Leap Year

They tell me this is leap year and I know that it is true. It's been impressed upon me till I know it through and through. Old Lady Luck's been with me and I've kept alive so far.

For every year is Leap Year for a man without a car.

They say that leap year only comes one in every four.

But that's not true, I've leaped so much that it's got to be a bore And up until the present I've escaped without a scar.

For every year is leap year for the man without a car.

But I am apprehensive as I walk from day to day.

That sometime I'll forget to leap or leap right in the way.

And if I do I'm pretty sure my features it will mar.

Every year is leap year unless you drive a car.

—E. P. Malone.

Too Convincing

"If I hadn't overplayed my hand, I would have landed a fifty thousand dollar policy this morning," remarked the insurance solicitor.

"How was that?" inquired the manager.

"I put the fear of death into the prospect so strongly that he is sure he can never pass a medical examination."

The Modern Version

First Sheikh: "Never chase a woman or a street car. You know the old saying, 'Another will be along in a minute.'"

Second Sheikh: "Yeh, and if you wait long enough the same one will be coming back."

—Jack Wood.

Sidney says he named six bankers as his pallbearers, as they had carried him for so long that they might as well finish the job.

Could He Be Exchanged?

Little Helen had had a severe scolding from her father, and was brooding over her wrongs.

At last she blurted out: "Mama, how long have we had papa?"

—Mrs. R. S. Filkin.