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FEAR NOT:—Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel. Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. Isaiah 43: 1.

PRAYER:—
"And now Lord, what wait I for.
My hope is in Thee."

BUILDING BETTER THAN THEY KNOW

Some of the stockholders of the Miles company, who have subscribed because they are loyal to Salem, are building wiser than they know.

They are accomplishing the object of their 100 per cent loyalty to their city; they are helping to start the linen industry on its way towards making Salem a metropolitan city and giving Oregon its outstanding and its greatest industry for all the ages of the future.

And they are making the best investment they ever made in their lives; and handing on an increasing legacy to their children and children's children for all the generations to come.

For there will always be a linen industry, and there is no section of the world as well adapted to it as this by nature; where the fields and the factories will be close together, with every single natural condition in perfection.

The Statesman of Wednesday morning referred to the tariff protection under the present law, saying:

"In the first place the 'yarns' will be protected 10c a pound if not finer than 12 lea, and if finer than 12 and not finer than 60 lea, a half cent for each lea or part thereof in excess of 12. The yarn is the first product of the spinning of the fiber. It is what most of the American linen and twine thread mills are now importing from abroad, mostly from Europe. This would make a 60 lea yarn pay a duty of 29 cents a pound. That is the kind Dr. Deimel will use in his proposed American factory, which he will locate in Salem, when he can get suitable yarns in sufficient quantities. Above 60 lea yarns the duty is 35 cents a pound, with 2 cents more if boiled and 5 cents more if bleached or dyed. Twines are yarns carried further in manufacturing and they are protected 18 1/2 cents a pound for coarse and three-quarters of a cent a pound additional for twines made of yarns above 11 lea for the excess above 11; and finer than 60 lea, 56 cents a pound, with the same additions for boiling and bleaching or dyeing. That is surely 'some' protection. It explains why Dr. Deimel wants to weave his linens for the American market in this country, and why the Canadian mills are moving over to the United States. It will help to explain the tremendous boom that is coming to the United States and especially to this section, where fine fiber flax can be produced and pulled cheaply, with in a very short time. The great wonder is that it has not gotten under way sooner. The lea is the measure of fineness for yarn made from the fiber of flax, cotton, silk, jute, ramie, hemp or other plants carrying fiber."

And while Congressman Fordney was at the task of giving the United States tariff provisions that would enable the development of a great linen industry in this country, he made it good and strong. He permitted no half way measures.

Flax straw is taxed at \$2 a ton. Every process of manufacturing the straw is protected. The fiber is taxed 2 cents a pound. The highest rate provided, and 10 per cent additional, is placed upon fish nets made from seine twines. Every woven fabric made from flax is well protected—and there are hundreds of them. The plainest woven fabrics are taxed 35 per cent ad valorem, the finer fabrics 40 to 50 per cent, and the still finer 55 per cent.

And Canada, under a new law, protects its linen makers turning out such fabrics as carrying a 55 per cent duty here, only 15 per cent. That helps explain the movement from that country across the line to this country.

The Miles mill will not have to confine itself to twine. It can make yarn and sell it on a world market, and have protection to the extent of 35 cents a pound, with 7 cents a pound additional for boiling and bleaching. There is a world market for yarns. They are as staple as wheat. A manufacturer has estimated that fiber can be turned into yarns and then into twines or threads for around 15 to 20 cents a pound. Does the reader note what that means, with the present protective duties?

The state flax plant at the Oregon penitentiary could carry its operations a single step further, from the fiber to the yarn, and perhaps make the institution self-supporting, without interfering in any way with any factory to be built here; but on the contrary helping those to be built or in prospect, for they all must have yarns, and the wide world market needs yarns. All the linen factories in the eastern part of the United States need yarns; are buying them from abroad, mostly from Europe.

This all means many more growers of flax, many more retting and scutching plants; a gigantic industry based on the products of our soil, employing finally a million people here, directly and indirectly.

Do you get the vision?
And the Miles mill will be firmly on the ground, with hundreds of things it may make, besides yarns and twines. It is only a step from the spinning of yarns to any one of the hundreds of articles on the markets, made from flax fiber. Every garment, almost, has linen cloth for its linings. Nearly every rubber boot is poured over linen cloth. Nearly every rubber hose. Nearly every sail of a boat is made from linen cloth. The sails of ships. The wings of air planes. The tapestry on the wall.

The flax plant is the magic plant. It furnishes a fiber so fine it cannot be seen with the naked eye, that, spun and woven, will produce a fabric that will defy the storms and outlive its makers by thousands and thousands of years.

BACKWARD IN AVIATION

There are those who insist that the American aerial activity is not up to the foreign standard. In fact no reports we get indicate that this is true. Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the air service points out that the great difficulty is we do not use the air planes for commercial purposes.

In such a country of magnificent distances as the United States it seems entirely reasonable to be-

lieve that such a demand would be insistent and continuous if it were once fairly started. Gen. Patrick suggests a remedy for the situation in legislation "to insure the development of commercial aviation," including provision for licensing of pilots and aircraft, determining of questions of legal status, damages and trespass, establishment of landing fields and other facilities. These are old proposals, they have been exploited periodically since the close of

the world war. Gen. Patrick's new presentation of them may be considered to be endorsed by new evidence of their need and their probable effectiveness.

AIR MAILS AND STORMS

It is declared that the storms of winter will not knock out the air mail. Blizzards, and snow storms, and frigid weather will come but the preparation is declared to be so thorough that there will be no bad effects.

Those whose responsibility it is to get the air mail through on scheduled time, regardless of weather, have left no stone unturned to guarantee regular service this winter. Cold weather, in itself, is not a serious menace to the aviator, for he faces it even in mid-summer at the high altitudes where flying is safest.

But snowstorms, blizzards and deep snow on the landing fields are ever-present dangers of winter flying, especially at night. It is these the air mail service has prepared to meet and conquer.

Skies, instead of wheels or pontoons, will be affixed to the airplanes in the deepest snow. Pilots will wear a new "monkey suit," furnished, that will cover them from head to foot and assure more comfort than the old suits heated by electricity, never entirely satisfactory. Every cockpit will be heated from the engine by a new arrangement.

WHERE THEY FAILED

The vote in the last presidential election was 52.3 per cent of the total eligible vote. The people of the north voted fairly well. It is down in the south where the negroes are not allowed to vote that the vote fell off so terribly. There is a further reason in the south and that is the contests are in the primaries. There is no contest in any election.

Voting is a privilege. There is no way to force it. We must simply educate the people up to wanting to vote. It is one of our greatest questions. In the recent election an analysis of figures is interesting. Indiana came across with 83.2 per cent. Kansas shows 80.3 per cent. West Virginia has 76.3 per cent; Minnesota, 83.2 per cent; North Dakota, 72.1 per cent; New Hampshire, 70.1 per cent; Rhode Island, 69.6 per cent; Delaware, 69.4 per cent; Missouri, 68.8 per cent; Iowa, 67.5 per cent; and Illinois, 66.5 per cent. At the low end of the scale are South Carolina with 8 per cent of the eligible voters going to the polls; Georgia, 10.1 per cent; Mississippi with 10.8 per cent; Louisiana with 12.5 per cent; Virginia with 13.4 per cent; Alabama with 17.5 per cent; Arkansas with 20 per cent; Tennessee with 23.7 per cent; Florida with 25.1 per cent; Texas with 29.6 per cent, and Arizona with 36.9 per cent. New York is fair with 60.5 per cent, and Pennsylvania is not quite so good with 54.6 per cent.

FOR ECONOMY

A careful scrutiny of every department of government indicates that President Coolidge has the hearty cooperation of his administrative associates. In every department there is a demand for economy. There is a figuring to see who can make the most saving.

The public will not take kindly however to the proposition to increase the postage rates but the postage rates are high enough and there ought to be more economy in that department instead of adding to it. Of course it is developing but everybody writes letters and everybody pays postage. However with that exception every branch of the government is doing its best to lower taxes instead of raising them.

CUTTING THE WASTE

Henry Ford does not make much fuss about his economies but he has them just the same. Every day they are studying new economies and they are developing their business largely through economical management.

Henry Ford has recently gone into the railroad business. The road he secured was practically junk and losing money. He not only put it on its feet but started by reduced rates. He has done it by the use of increased efficiency and the practice of cutting to the bone economy.

Take the disposing of old railway ties. The railroad shops have to use a large amount of charcoal for various purposes. Southern Ohio used to produce a great deal of charcoal for iron smelting. Now the son of one of these early Ohio charcoal burners is back in this pioneer industry, but he is employed by the D. T. & I. and uses the old ties. The worn out ties, instead of being burned along the right-of-way as is the usual railroad custom, are shipped in returning empties to the Jackson, Ohio, they pass where they are piled in conical form, covered with sod and soil in the old fashion, then lighted and allowed to smoul-

ECONOMIC MEETING DISCUSSES FLAX

Need of Crop, Probable Development and the 1925 Market Topics

The Polk county economic conference was held at the possibilities for the farmers of that county and also the proceedings are mighty interesting reading for farmers everywhere. The Statesman will undertake to give a report of the committee from day to day. Below is given the report of the flax committee which is important just at this time.

There is approximately \$60,000,000 worth of linen products manufactured from flax fiber imported into the United States annually. On these importations there is a 30 per cent duty. In the Pacific Northwest there is used annually approximately \$1,000,000 worth of salmon twine which is also a flax product. At the present time all of this twine comes from Europe.

Prospective Development of Industry in Oregon
There is a move under way at the present time for the establishment of a flax fiber spinning mill in Salem which will cost approximately \$150,000. According to B. C. Miles, of Salem, who is promoting this enterprise, \$100,000 in stock has already been subscribed. Present plans contemplate that the mill will manufacture salmon twine for which there is a million dollar market in the Northwest. It is expected that the establishment of such a mill will provide a stable market for flax fiber produced in the Willamette valley and a market has been lacking in the past.

While the outlook for the enterprise is good it is generally recognized that a spinning mill might be considered as an experimental manufacturing enterprise.

Purpose of The Committee
This committee believes in view of the foregoing facts that the flax fiber industry offers excellent possibilities as a profitable farm crop in addition to supplying an industry which will provide employment for people who will consume the products of the soil. We deem it our purpose, therefore, to determine a program of flax production and marketing which will permit the best possible expansion and continuance of this industry along economic lines.

Market for Flax in 1925
The immediate market outlet for flax straw for 1925 is through the flax plant of the state of Oregon. The flax plant will handle 4000 tons of flax straw. The approximate price for 1925 will be \$22 per ton for 20 inch mowed flax, \$28 per ton for 20 to 28 inch pulled flax and \$38 per ton for 30 inch pulled flax or over. Seed is available for \$2.00 per bushel.

While it is expected that this market outlet will expand, this expansion will be slow and present acreage should be kept within the limits of the present market outlet.

Flax produced for fiber which is less than 20 inches in length at present prices cannot economically be marketed for its fiber content. It is therefore, the recommendation of this committee that flax less than 20 inches in length should be harvested for seed.

Cost of Producing Flax
The total cost of producing an acre of flax in Polk county is \$42.50. Of this amount \$10 is for hauling a two-ton crop to market at Salem. Before Polk county can compete advantageously with other sections more favorably situated a retting and scutching plant should be established here to eliminate excessive hauling costs.

Development of Industry
Last year there was 1147 tons of flax straw delivered to the state plant at Salem. Of this amount Polk county produced 95 tons or 8 1/2 per cent and Marion county produced 795 tons or 67 1/2 per cent.

In view of experimental nature of the flax production for fiber we recommend that 15 test plots be planted on various soil types in the county to determine where flax can be successfully grown. We also recommend that a flax demonstration tour be held during the growing season under the supervision of the Extension Service of the Oregon Agricultural College. Farmers should plant flax cautiously to avoid losses.

Growing Recommendations
1. Flax is not hard on the land. Actual analysis made by the government shows that dollars for dollar in value flax takes slightly less fertility from the soil than does wheat.
2. Flax in order to be successful should be grown in a clover rotation. Perhaps a three year rotation would be best.
3. Flax should be planted on the best valley lands which are fertile and well drained. In order to be profitable at prevailing prices a yield approaching two tons per acre of more is necessary and only the most fertile well-watered lands will produce this tonnage.
4. Clean land free from weeds is essential to flax production. No foul land should be planted to flax.
5. It is advisable to consult experienced growers before planting flax to learn the best methods of preparing seed bed and sowing.
(Signed) A. ARSTILL, Chairman.
S. S. SOUTHWARD, W. H. McKeo, H. H. BROWN, W. V. FULLER.

der for the eight or 10 days necessary to carbonize the mass. The saving is not a large one, but it is a saving that pays—and that is enough to put it into effect. That is the way everywhere along the line.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adèle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 326

THE REASON TOM CHESTER HAD TO GIVE UP THE TASK

Lillian's scheme worked perfectly. But a few yards the other side of the entrance to the wood road, where we were sure the strange limousine was concealed, was a glade-like opening into the woods, not ambitious enough to be called a road, but wide enough just beyond its curving entrance to conceal a car.

Dicky and I had parked our car there out of sight of the road many times when we wished to tramp through our favorite wooded hills a little distance away, and I knew just the turn to make to land safely out of sight. With a wide-flung hand to signal my father behind me, I turned the car into the grade, hearing the prearranged steady tooting of the horn of my father's car as I shut off the ignition and the car slid gently to a standstill.

For several minutes after the noise of the engine and the horn had died away we sat breathlessly waiting for any indication from the road behind us that the occupants of the limousine concealed in the wood road had suspected our presence.

Then as no sounds but those common to the woods at night reached our ears, Tom Chester descended slowly and with evident pain from the seat beside me to the road below, and opened the tonneau door with the evident intention of taking out his bicycle, which Dr. Pettit and my father had loaded into the car before starting. I scrambled down quickly beside him, and in spite of his fiercely-whispered protests, managed to take upon myself the greater part of the lifting of the bicycle to the ground. I saw the intrepid young chap stagger as he put his hand upon the bicycle ready to mount it and I moved toward him quickly and put a restraining hand upon his arm.

"You cannot," I began, but he shook off my hand, not angrily but as if he were carried out of himself by the indomitable will which was lashing his body to action.

"Yes, I can," he whispered hoarsely, and with an effort which I could see taxed every ounce of his strength he mounted the wheel, made a few zigzagging strokes toward the road and fell, heavily, with his bicycle covering him.

"I Must Go"
I ran frantically toward him, and found, as I had feared that he was unconscious. My flashlight showed that one leg was doubled under him and something about the posture made me afraid that it was broken. When I lifted the bicycle from him, and attempted to straighten his body, my fears were realized for he gave a quick sharp groan.

"My leg," he groaned, then as he returned to full consciousness he rose on one elbow, his face contorted with pain, and then back against me powerless to move. I lowered him to the ground, and ran to the car, got the robe and the seat cushions, dragged them back beside him and improvised a couch. Then I bent over the half-conscious boy and spoke softly but distinctly.

"I must get you on these cushions before I leave you," I said distinctly. "Try to help me all you can, so that I will not hurt your leg more than necessary."

"I must go," was all the answer I could get from him. So setting my teeth I took him by the shoulders and managed to get him over on the car cushions. I think he fainted when I had to disturb his doubled-up leg, but by the time I had him safely on the cushions with the robe covering him, he had rallied to consciousness again, and I bent to him speaking firmly, slowly.

Madge Starts Out.
"Listen, Mr. Chester," I said, "I am going in your place. I know how to ride a wheel, but I will walk it up to the road so as to get a good start. And I shall come back and get Dr. Pettit for you as soon as I can. I would go for him first, but I dare not wait. And I cannot come back, you know, until I see the limousine with Smith on its way."

"No, no, don't wait," he said feverishly, evidently realizing for the first time the necessity of my going. "You are sure you can manage the wheel?"

"Absolutely sure," I replied, salving my conscience for the moment.

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The Fun Shop
By MAXSON FOXHALL JUDELL

Worships the very ground she walks on."
—Howard Horn.

WALKY THE MYSTIC
He'll Answer Your Questions, Somehow
From North and South, from East and West
Let questions come. With mystic zest.
I'll give you answers, or a clue
That will dispel the clouds for you.

For the Hope Chest
Dear Wallly: I'm a girl, and dream Upon the universal theme; I want to start my own Hope Chest; What goes in one? Your, GOLDEN WEST

Dear Golden West: From what I read, The modern maiden should proceed In a six-shooter to invest And put that first in her Hope Chest.

The Scatterer
Dear Wallly: Gosh, I need a rest! Boys call so much they are a pest; How can I rid myself of men? Yours cordially, MAGNETIC JEN

My Dear Magnetic Jen: This trick Demands a medicine that's quick. I think this remedy will do— Eat garlic for a week or two.

Its Name
"She inherited her grandmother's radio."
"And she is referring to it as an air-loom."
—P. P. F.

Sherlock!
Ernest: "Most people eat too much."
Craig: "Ah! I see you are not in the grocery business."
—L. H. R.

All of Farmer Jones' hens are practicing Christmas carols. During Christmas week they are all going to carol their lays.

It was a wonderful little hand. hand on which one could feast one's eyes all evening. Slowly he opened and closed it. He even caressed it—superstitiously. Probably never again would he get a chance to hold another like it!

It was the first Royal Flush he had ever held in his life!
—E. H. D.

The Last Word
All your life long you have heard Women get the final word Every time they have an argument with men.
But there's one man I could name Who's entitled to great fame, For he really gets the last word now and then.

With a modest, downcast eye I admit that it is I, Though the final word quite often leaves me flat; For the way the thing works out With my wife, in verbal bout, Is for me to say, "All right, go buy the hat!"
—Wallace M. Bayliss.

Tarnish
May: "She has a shady reputation."
Fay: "Yes, and she's trying to keep it dark."
—Fred Moss.

Knew What He Was Getting
Bob: "Jack's fiancée owns a beautiful estate."
Bob: "Yes, I understand he falsehood with the certain knowledge that if Mr. Chester knew the truth, that in my hands I picked up his bicycle in my life, I would have been unable to manage him. He put his hand and caught my dress as I moved away. "Be careful," he whispered hoarsely, and with the admonition ringing in my ears I picked up his bicycle, and wheeled it out of the little glade into the road."
(To be continued)

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Overcomes body poisons that cause diseases of heart, kidneys and high blood pressure
All the blood in our bodies passes through the liver every 15 minutes. The liver is the blood's purifier.
Our blood is constantly poisoned by body toxins