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December 6, 1924 MORE THAN CONQUERORS.—All things work together for good to them that love God. If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Romans 8:28, 31, 35. PRAYER: "I thank Thee, Lord, that here our souls, Though amply blest, Can never find although they seek, A perfect rest; Nor ever can, until they lean On Jesus' breast."

"ON PRETTY GOOD AUTHORITY"

(Eugene Register.) "The Statesman is authority for the statement that prospects are bright for the establishment of a flax mill in Salem. It is to be hoped that the statement is well founded. Oregon, after half a century of experimenting, has demonstrated that it can produce flax fiber equal to the best in the world, and it is getting to be time to capitalize the knowledge thus gained or to quit talking flax."

It is said on pretty good authority that the Willamette valley and perhaps a small area in western Washington is the only region in the United States where long fiber flax suitable for manufacturing into the finest linen can be grown successfully. It is said also that the climate of this region is peculiarly suited to the spinning and weaving of flax. If all these things are true, the result should be a great new industry for Oregon.

The above would have been more timely had it been written some time ago. For there has been organized a company to build a linen mill in Salem, and all its stock offered for sale for the present has been taken, and there is a waiting list, here in Salem; of men and women who spoke too late and did not get any of the stock.

The "pretty good authority" that "the Willamette valley and perhaps a small area in western Washington is the only region in the United States where long fiber flax suitable for manufacturing into the finest linen can be grown successfully," is the authority of the oldest and leading manufacturers of flax products in the world, in the Belfast district. There is no doubt about this.

If the Eugene Register will keep watch, it will soon see another linen mill here, besides the one that is definitely on the way; and then another; and then a fourth; and then still others. There is room for scores of them.

The flax committee of the Polk county agricultural economic conference, in its report as published in The Statesman of yesterday, recommended the putting in of retting and scutching plants in that county; but the members of the committee seemed to think the business might be overdone, without spinning and weaving mills to take the fiber.

There is no danger of this. Polk county should have retting and scutching plants. These plants will turn out the seed and the fiber, and there is a world market for flax seed and flax fiber and spinning tow. The eastern mills are in the market for it.

And especially are they in the market for spun fibers, the duties on which are as high as the prices of spinning fiber in the Willamette valley. They run to 35 cents a pound, and to 42 cents for boiled and bleached yarns, which are the spun fibers. And it is only a step from retting and scutching to spinning.

If the Eugene capitalists should back a group of their farmers in building a retting and scutching plant, and then go a step further and put up a spinning mill through subscriptions to stock, they would be well on their way to a linen mill. It would be only a step from spinning yarn to weaving cloth. And they would have a world market for their yarn, without carrying their process further than the mere spinning.

That is what must be done next, in order to rapidly develop the flax and linen industries in this valley.—The farmers to be helped to organize and put in retting and scutching plants, and then spinning mills established.—And the higher operations will come; that is the makers of fine linens will establish mills here when they can be assured of ample supplies of good "yarns."

A weaving plant proposing to employ 1600 people, that of Dr. Deimel, is ready to come, when there can be supplied him plenty of 50 lea yarn. Dr. Deimel has a mill in Germany and two in England, manufacturing his specialties; but he does no spinning. He weaves only, with his special machinery, under his patented processes.

Every city in the valley can have a part in this development, to its own benefit, and to the vast benefit of the whole state, and the United States. The scutching plant at the Oregon penitentiary is the largest in the world, and it will likely be doubled in capacity next year. But even so it cannot furnish much more than fiber enough for one mill, like the one already provided to be built in Salem, and run on two eight hour shifts.

GET THE NEED President Coolidge has a happy faculty of expressing himself so tersely and clearly that the people are applauding his message because they understand it. He uses no superfluous words in going to the heart of the country's economic problems.

"The cost of government in the United States is about \$100 yearly for each inhabitant of the land. A little less than one-third of this is national expense, and a little more than two-thirds is local expenditure." And, as the president impressively adds, "it is an ominous fact that only the national government is reducing its debt. Others are increasing theirs at about \$1,000,000,000 a year."

In the above paragraph there is a declaration to the country and also an appeal for economy. It is a solemn admonition to lawmakers but in the states, in Washington but in the states, in the counties and in the school districts.

"Will they heed it; will they go unreckoning on, in disregard of the warnings of Washington, of Jefferson, of Jackson, of Lincoln and Cleveland and Roosevelt, and

in defiance of the present-hour counsel of a president who was trained in economy and schooled in self-restraint, and profoundly understands the evils of extravagance, in an individual or in a nation.

A NEW BLOC

The Statesman is in receipt of a communication from Spokane urging that a bloc be formed of all the members of the senate and congress from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. This would give control of the senate but not of the house. The bloc would have to have help in the lower house of congress.

However, bloc legislation has fallen into disrepute, temporarily at least. The bloc that operated in the last congress went unbridled, and expressed itself in radicalism. There was a revulsion against this. The farmers whom they prated about so much did not follow the radical wing of the bloc. It is probably true that they will have less bloc and more party legislation. The bloc idea was a natural outgrowth of legislation in the last few years where those who did not organize got nothing, but if the party legislates for the whole country there will be no necessity for reviving the bloc.

NOT CONSERVATISM

The Eugene Guard has an idea that the result of this election was to hasten conservatism upon the country. Not so. It was a rebuke of radicalism. The progressive movement found an expression this year in radicalism and all the men who were progressives without being radicals were forced to vote the republican ticket. In fact that is where they belonged.

If the party becomes reactionary, if the party accepts the election as a mandate to undo progressive legislation that has been passed, then of course it will mean that the pendulum will swing the other way; but we have an idea that the republicans are going to be careful and legislate for the welfare of the country—not too fast; not too slow. We can go too fast just as easily as we can go too slow, and the radicals wanted to go too fast.

LET'S BUY

Whenever a man spends money he likes to get as much as he can for his dollar. This is a proper thing and should be encouraged rather than discouraged. Just now we want to call attention to an investment that apparently does not offer so much for the dollar, but actually offers more than any \$99 you spend.

A little stamp, called the red seal stamp, may not intrinsically be worth the cent which it costs, but back of and in buying that stamp there is a partnership with the great work of mastering the white plague. The ravages of this terrible disease have made inroads on almost every home in the country. Of recent years we are fighting it and fighting it hard. The little red seal is the instrument for the fight.

Could you spend a penny for more than to let this red seal do its work and totally eradicate tuberculosis?

PIERCE IS RIGHT

Governor Pierce has been long suffering, but his patience has come to an end and he does not propose to have prisoners preyed upon by snitch lawyers any longer. Of course, it is legitimate for a prisoner to hire a lawyer, or his friends to do so, but it is a fact that prisoners are encouraged to save their money and encouraged to appeal to their friends for money for lawyers who can not help them at all. We have progressed to the point now that the state is making an investigation, and the finding is outside of any appeal that might be made. There is nothing new an attorney can bring to the pardon board. The only effect is to raise false hopes and squander more money.

LIFE LENGTHENED

The cheering news comes that since 1870 human life has been lengthened 15 years. This does not mean that everybody lives 15 years longer. It does mean that all people live longer on an average. For instance, millions are living to grow up. They have a much better chance of life than they ever had. The mortality is still great, but we are going to study it so as to lessen that. Such things as the health work soon to be put on in Marion county is what is going to lengthen life, another span of 15 years. It is going to be a real pleasure to live after while because people are going to conform to the rules of life and in conforming they will lengthen their lives.

FUTURE DATES

December 6, Saturday—Interfraternity Open House, Willamette University. December 12, Friday—Children's Clinic, Chamber of Commerce. December 15 and 16, Monday and Tuesday—DeMolay show, Grand theater. December 19, Friday—American War Mothers' "Cooked Good" stock at the Southern Pacific City ticket office. December 20, Saturday—Portland Kiwanis char. at armory. December 25, Thursday—Christmas day. January 12, Monday—Opening of 1925 legislature. February 7, Saturday—Debate, Willamette University, University of West Virginia.

The Fun Shop MAXSON FOXHALL JUDELL ON BUYING A BIRTHDAY PRESENT By Frank M. Middkiff To bring this gift to you, Fair One Will be the rashest nonsense, For you'll look once at what I bring. And then, with cunning pretence, You'll say I'm sweet to think of you. And bring to you a present; Then, with your rare, engaging smiles, You'll give me thanks incessant.

Think, "Aren't them funny creatures?" But just the moment that I leave Well, that's another story; Upstairs you'll promptly, gaily run In all your giggling glory. You'll hold aloft this gift of mine For family inspection. And all of you will laugh with scorn At my poor, dumb selection. Yet once again I make a choice, Though we both be disgusted, So laugh at what I've bought—I can't, For I'm completely busted.

A Narrow Escape North: "I think if you had pressed matters a little more that man would have given you the job." West: "Yes, that's what I was afraid of." —Selma Fox.

Recalled Mrs. Gium: "Is your daughter making any progress in her vocal studies?" Mrs. Glib: "Oh, yes. The neighbors haven't complained for two weeks now." —Mrs. Herman Hartman.

Looked Like It She was a glorious creature, but she hadn't been feeling quite herself, lately. Nevertheless, she was the cynosure of all eyes in the ballroom—and it lattered her! Suddenly, in the middle of a dance, a feeling of giddiness seized her and she fainted in her partner's arms! Not a hand was stretched to aid her. Instead, the onlookers began to applaud.

Perils of Paul—Six-year-old Paul started school last September. After going for one month, he informed the family that he had "skipped" to the class 2A. When asked how he liked the new class he said: "Gosh, mother, my teacher isn't half as smart as Miss M—." Why, she wrote some numbers on the blackboard and called it a table. —E. Thayer.

One Without "Three servants is not enough, ma'am. If you don't get another I'll have to give my notice." "But surely four are not needed for the work." "No, but four are needed for a bridge game." —Gladys Hensler.

VERSER AND REVERSES Some Talker Success in married life depends a great deal on ability To answer questions that arise Correctly, with agility. Is there a man who's smart enough Convincingly to talk to her And show his wife why she can't dress As well as his stenographer? —Willard M. Baxter.

Last One a Frost No more she's going to Ne-va-da

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Chaps and Chaperones Alice and Virginia are rather in love with the same man—Tom Oxford. Tom shows little preference, and goes with first one of the girls and then the other. And every time he shows a little attention to one of them she is not happy until she has had a chance to tell the other about it. The two girls met the other day, and Alice exclaimed: "Oh, Virginia, Tom has asked me to go to the club formal with him next Wednesday night!" Virginia turned up her nose as best she could, and replied: "Well, he asked me to go too, but I had another engagement." But Alice was not to be so easily trumped over. She scored by saying: "Yes, Tom was telling me that he tried to get a chaperone." —Roger P. Phillips.

No Place for Dust The high school janitor was making desultory passes at a large globe when the principal came in. "At least, John," said the latter not unkindly, "gust off the Pacific Ocean." —William S. Adkins.

Make a lot of money, and people will shake your hand and offer congratulations. Lose what money you've got, and they will shake you entirely. (Copyright, 1924. Reproduction Forbidden.)

County Judge W. H. Downing Showing Slight Improvement Up to a late hour last night County Judge W. H. Downing was resting easily and had shown a slight improvement in his condition during the day. He has remained about the same during the past three days, although at times it was reported that he was very low.

Stop Coughs COLDS FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR ESTABLISHED 1875 REFUSE SUBSTITUTES

Flax, the Next Payroll Builder

As the new year approaches let us recognize the advantages and opportunities of Salem.

The older residents have often heard it said: "What this town needs are some industries furnishing employment at good wages." Slowly but surely, Salem has acquired industries and today it is becoming an industrial center.

We have one of the largest paper mills in the northwest. We have a sawmill with a record of consistent operation throughout the year that is seldom equaled. We have a large woolen mill, a large modern meat packing establishment, and numerous fruit and vegetable canning plants.

These are not small industries, they are large industries in every case and employ hundreds of well-paid workmen. Some people have marvelled at the number of new homes built in Salem but there is nothing unusual about it. Five hundred additional workmen employed in new or enlarged factories mean about twenty-five hundred people to be housed. Payrolls and steady wages are the answer to Salem's rapid growth.

The next big industrial enterprise that faces the city is a linen mill. Flax products have a nation-wide demand. Whether they can be manufactured profitably in Salem has not yet been demonstrated but with this as a center of flax growing and with proper business management of flax mills there is every reason to believe that the manufacture of flax products in this city may, in the next ten years, be our largest employer of labor.

This statement is made merely to call to the attention of Salem citizens the advantage of encouraging industrial development. The men who are starting the linen mill are pioneers. If they make a success of it, Salem and the farmers in the surrounding country will benefit to a much greater extent than the persons starting the manufacture of flax products in this community.

Salem is facing an era of development such as the founders of this city never dreamed of. Our future rests in our own hands and our prosperity will be measured in accordance with the intelligence we show in taking advantage of the opportunities with which nature has surrounded us.

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