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## IT IS THE ONLY WAY

The only way to develop the flax and linen industries in the Willamette valley is to go about it as is being done and proposed—

With the Miles Linen company preparing to operate and use fiber—

And with the proposed second linen mill undertaking to spin and weave.

There can be no certainty of considerable flax acreage here without the mills here to use the fiber. Neither the farmers nor the business people will provide many retting and scutching plants to supply fiber for the general markets. Without spinning and weaving and specialty mills here, the flax industry will amount to little compared with its possibilities.

And why should we not have the mills? Why should we send fiber to Belfast and buy back the linens with the heavy duties? Or sell fiber to the eastern thread and twine mills and buy back the finished products?

The natural conditions are here in greater perfection than elsewhere in the world—

Why should we not take advantage of them?

That is just what is being proposed, and there must be no other thought, nor any lagging till the second linen mill proposition is put over.

That will be a very long step. It will lead to other developments that will naturally open up.

## THE SPIRITUALITY OF BUSINESS

Decrying "a lot of loose ideas" concerning business, "which are pleasing to the demagogues," Richard F. Grant, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in an address at Atlantic City, recently, said:

"At regular intervals we are bombarded in magazine articles, in books and in the press, with the thought that business is our king and money our God, and that the only solution of ultimate happiness in life is to cast aside the materialistic views which we entertain and become more spiritual in our outlook and manner of living. The inference clearly is that business is an institution of the devil. But there is a spiritual development in business, as reflected by the many institutions founded and maintained by business men, and the constant rise of the whole moral tone of business. The unprecedented growth of this nation was made possible because of business enterprise."

The strictures of which Mr. Grant complains and to which business has been subjected, are no new thing. And envy is the root which feeds them. In his incomparable biography of Alexander Hamilton, Frederick Scott Oliver, of the University of Edinburgh, has this to say:

"It is notable that the immediate cause of the constitutional compact is to be sought, not in the higher spheres of political necessity, but in the practical needs of business men. Trade necessities, and these alone, were the occasion of their meeting and the purpose of their deliberations. By these 'sordid bonds' a loose confederation was in due time to be lashed together into such a union as the world had never seen."

It will be recalled that the servant who had been given five talents "went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents," and the recipient of the two talents did likewise, and they were rewarded as "good and faithful servants" by being made "ruler over many things" and entering into the joy of their lord. But the receiver of one talent hid his in the earth and gained nothing, whereupon he was condemned as "wicked and slothful" and was told: "Thou oughtest to have put thy money to the exchangers," for failing to do which his talent was taken away from him and given to the owner of ten. Business is not an institution of the devil. He it is who finds work for idle hands to do.

In some lines of vegetables, the big Eugene cannery has it over our Salem canneries, though in total output the Eugene concern is only in hailing distance of our several canneries. The Eugene cannery put up last year a total of over 4,000,000 pounds of vegetables. It made beets the leader, with 1,504,871 pounds; carrots, 1,278,403 pounds; beans, 699,651; squash, 486,957; rhubarb, 117,109; cabbage, 86,141; tomatoes, 44,980; pumpkins, 41,339 pounds.

## COMFORTING OUTCOME

The decision of Judge McMahan of the Marion county circuit court in the case of legal controversy over the wording of the auto bus bill referendum ballot title clarifies the meaning of the title. The referendum petitioners assumed the law to mean "charges" while the attorney general employed the term "taxes."

Obviously for advantage in obtaining votes for the referendum the auto interests wanted the "tax" term to stand while their competitors, opposed this scarecrow term and urged the less objectionable term meaning license charged. The judge's vision evidently encompassed the attitudes and purposes of all the contending parties and decided that the title portion in question should read "levy license taxes."

The amended feature should give great comfort to all

concerned. The technical objections to the title have been both removed and vindicated. And the various contestants may go each his own way in further procedure.

The referendum sponsors will no doubt launch a vigorous campaign. But it should require stronger argument than yet advanced to convince the taxpaying public that the bus and truck lines should not pay a larger proportion of their earnings than they now pay for the maintenance of the public highways. The referendum should be defeated in the interests of the square deal to those who now pay for the construction and maintenance of the roads.

## THE KINDLY HELLO

Seldom do we hear encomiums of praise lavished upon the telephone girl. Hers is oft the lot of the servant chided and condemned. She is often blamed for annoyance far beyond her control. "Wrong number" is due as often, it may be, to our mumbling of words as to her inattention or indifference.

Sometimes the patron guesses at a number or a name he should KNOW and then grumble before he finds out his error. It's a joke, but not one which adds to the pleasures of life at the switchboard.

In case of great disaster—fire, flood, sickness or accident her part in the world's work is recognized and commended. But it's in the persistent nerve destroying, exacting grind of the commonplace day that the "hello" girl appreciates kind words and patience. The reflex effect of such kindness is good for the patron also.

## HELPFUL COMMENT

"Emotionally we are too suppressed a nation" says a noted singer. "We follow the customs of society women who keep their diamonds locked in the safe deposit vault and wear paste imitations. We seem afraid to show our emotions. In singing wear the heart where the audience can see it. Music is emotion—without emotion it is just mathematics—so many notes to a measure." This straightforward observation should be helpful in making more effective, more enjoyable, much of present day song.

# MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

## Adela Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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### CHAPTER 437 THE WAY CLAIRE AND DICKY TOOK MADGE'S NEWS

We were at breakfast, Claire, Dicky and I, when Lillian's telephone message came, and I hurried back to the table joyously.

"Our imprisonment is ended," I said. "Lillian tells me that Dr. Pettit has been convicted of sin and is now on the mourners' bench. It will be perfectly safe for us all to go wherever we wish."

"Safe!" Dicky snorted, while I fumed at myself for my unfortunate choice of words. "I'd like to know when it hasn't been 'safe' for us to go where that jackanapes was. I could wring his neck between my finger and thumb, if I got fighting mad, and I was ready to do it when you dragged us down here. The only reason I came—"

"I know the reason you came, Dicky-bird, as well as you do," Claire Foster interrupted coolly. "It was because Madge hates anything like a scene or publicity of any kind. That was what brought her up to the Barker house. And, of course, we both had to humor her and get out of the way till Herbie had time to collect the senses he'd lost. But nobody's impugning your courage, dear lad, so don't get snorty."

I saw a little frown etched in Dicky's forehead as he gave Claire a startled look, and I saw that even he, undeniably attracted to her as he was, found this atrocious speech a little too much for approval.

As for myself, I had to exert every bit of self-control I possessed to keep from railing out at her. I had saved her from unpleasantness, from scandal, from the half-insane fury of Dr. Pettit, and she had rewarded me with this sneering little speech!

"Anyway, the whole thing's over," I said cheerily, and mar-

velled at myself for the ability to speak thus buoyantly. "The next question is, where do we go from here, and when?"

Madge is heartened. "I'm going to my apartment this morning," Claire said, "the minute I get my things packed. I suppose you're going to beat it, too."

"Just as soon as I get this apartment in order," I said quietly.

Claire laughed disdainfully. "As she always a housekeeping martyr like this?" she queried saucily of Dicky. "Anybody's think a lot of hoodlums had stayed here. I'm game, old dear. I'll stay till the last dish is wiped and the last bed made."

Again I caught the tiny involuntary frown on Dicky's forehead, and the mute evidence of disapproval—even if subconscious—of Claire's catty attacks on me, heartened me in spite of my resentment against him.

"I won't need you at all," I addressed Claire with friendly casualness. "There really is very little to do, and as L can't get a train out home until late afternoon anyway, I shall have oceans



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of time. So just don't consider anything but your own things."

"Well, I suppose I'd be more trouble than help," Claire yawned with more truth than she guessed, "so I'll beat it as soon as I get packed. How about you, Dicky-bird? Are you going to fly the nest, too?"

"I Understand Her Perfectly"

"Do you think I'd dare to stay here after Madge has cleaned this place up?" he demanded whimsically. "I'd be sure to move some thing a quarter-inch from the left, and our standing with the Bisses would be ruined forever. Nay, nay, little one, I fly when my wife does, but not with her. I've got some stuff to finish, so I can't get out to Sag for another two days, but I'll go to a hotel until then."

Claire looked back from the doorway where she had trailed her atrocious negligee—she had come to breakfast every morning in the kid curlers and the soiled wrapper—and flashed him a provocative glance.

"Be sure to come to see me before you go," she said.

Even Dicky's poise was not proof against this piece of audacity. I saw him flush ever so slightly as he answered her lightly.

"I'll do that little thing if I get a chance, but don't count on me, for I shall be fearfully rushed."

She made an exasperated moue at him, and disappeared into the bedroom she shared with me. Dicky spoke constrainedly when he had finished his coffee.

"I'll take my bag with me this morning, and I'll stop at the Chilton right near the studio. You can get me there or at the studio if anything special should turn up before I get home. Do you need any money?"

"No, thank you, I have plenty," I returned.

He rose, stood as if pondering for a second, then stooped toward me and said in a low tone:

"Don't misunderstand her. She isn't as audacious as she appears."

"I understand her perfectly," I said quietly, and as Dicky with an angry little exclamation went into his room to pack his bag, I sent the resentful mental addenda after him:

"And you also."

(To be continued)

An unsophisticated town is one where nobody ducks at the sound of a blowout.—Baltimore Sun.

## Bits For Breakfast

Coming up—

The second linen mill.

This week ought to wind up Salem's quota. It is the loudest knock opportunity ever made on Salem's door.

Luther J. Chapin is getting into the bulb business on a good sized scale. He has 150,000 tulips and 50,000 daffodils on his farm. You reach his farm by going north on the River road from Salem eight miles; then a mile on the road into South bottom. There is a sign on the River road that will direct you the last mile. Mr. Chapin was formerly county agriculturalist for Marion county, and he knows how to grow things. His bulbs ought to be true to name and eligible to fame.

Perhaps the reader remembers mention in The Statesman heretofore of Harry D. Hobson, of Lyons, Oregon, maker of fishing rods and files, etc. Well, he and his assistants are busier than ever. They have in their shop now specially ordered rods going to Washington, California, Idaho, Illinois and Honolulu. Mr. Hobson is putting in 14 to 16 hours a day in his shop now, trying to keep up with the work that pours in onto him from all directions.

People should be kind to dumb animals all the year 'round. They should not confine their amiabil-

CATHOLIC ST. JOSEPH'S—Rev. J. R. Beck, pastor. Masses at 7:30, 8:30 and high mass and sermon at 10:30. Benediction follows last mass. Everyone welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST COURT STREET—Corner Court and N. 17th streets. R. L. Putnam, minister. Bible school 9:45 a. m. Chris. Kowitz, superintendent. Music furnished by Miss Turner's orchestra. The young married people's class organized last Sunday had 45 members. The school is graded throughout. The Junior is held following the communion service. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon: "Gathering the Manna of Life." A sermon every Christian should hear. Gospel teams will visit the shut-ins in the afternoon. Christian Endeavor 6:30. Senior and intermediate societies meet at same time. Interesting meetings for the young people. Evangelistic service 7:30. Sermon: "A Day of Miracles in Capernaum." The next of the series of expository studies on the life of Jesus. Church Day program on Thursday has been changed slightly. It was decided to discontinue the cafeteria supper. The volunteers will meet at 6:45 p. m. Church school 7:30-9:00 p. m. We extend a hearty welcome to everyone to worship with us.



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ity to the span of a single week. If the Almighty can extend the Golden Rule to the sparrow an ordinary human should be able to be courteous to the last horse. Anyhow, being considerate of the comfort and welfare of the various domestic birds and beasts costs little and leaves a good impression.

## Taxes Cost Nearly 11 Cents of Every Dollar

Nearly 11 cents out of every dollar received by the Portland Electric Power company in the form of gross revenues during 1924 is being paid out in the support of local, county, state and federal governments.

The company's gross revenues for last year were \$10,841,617, while the tax distribution for the current year will be approximately \$1,140,000.

For this year the company's general taxes in the three main counties in which it operates are as follows:

Multnomah county... \$ 578,413.53  
Clackamas county... 306,931.88  
Marion county... 31,378.80

Total... \$ 916,724.21  
Federal Income Tax \$ 113,000.00  
Bridge Rentals... 107,000.00

Grand Total... \$1,136,724.21  
The general taxes in the smaller counties bring the total up to about \$1,140,000.

Last year the company paid out

for general city, county, state and federal taxes and car licenses, etc., a total of \$993,704, and \$103,477 for bridge rentals, or a grand total of \$1,097,181 in public charges.

The increase for the current year, embracing all such items, is \$72,000, in round numbers.

We never admit the arrival of spring until we get too tired to drag along in galoshes.—Milwaukee Journal.

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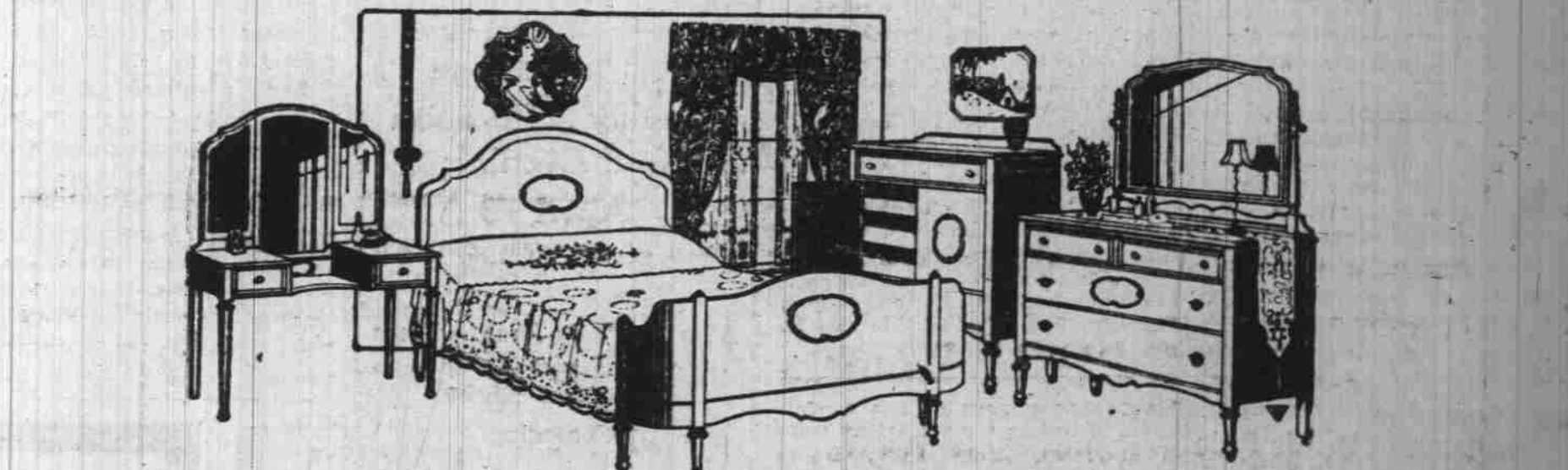


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