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## THE U. S. FLAX BULLETIN

The Farmers Bulletin, No. 669, of the United States Department of Agriculture, on Fiber Flax, copies of which may be had at the Salem Chamber of Commerce headquarters, has some information that is of value—

But it needs sadly to be brought up to date. It does not know of a successful flax pulling machine. It has not heard of warm water retting; it still believes the Lys river water (Belgium) has a mysterious quality for retting flax; whereas it is no different from the soft water of the Santiam or Willamette or other Willamette valley stream, warmed. It has not heard of Henry Ford's short cuts in getting the fiber out of flax—

And there are a number of other things it has not heard about.

It gives a map showing the fiber flax districts of the United States, western Oregon and Washington and parts of Wisconsin, Michigan and New York near the Great Lakes. The Bulletin especially mentions the Wisconsin district.

But the flax machinery from that district (from Beloit, Wisconsin,) is now being shipped to Vancouver, Wash., the industry having proven a failure there. The fiber produced there is all right for coarse fabrics, such as Henry Ford needs for his car tops, seat coverings, etc., but it is not suitable for fine linens—

And the fact remains that ours is the only district in North America that can grow the finer fibered flax; and the most favored district in the world for both growing and manufacturing it.

## SUGAR BEET NEWS

As Salem expects to and certainly will become a beet sugar factory center, news of the industry is important and interesting here.

In southern California, "the damage already inflicted by the prolonged drouth will cause thousands of acres to be abandoned." This refers to sugar beets, and the item is of course not from any southern California newspaper or general news agency. It is from the current week's issue of "Facts About Sugar," the trade paper for the sugar industry.

The same paper tells of unfavorable conditions in the beet districts of the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains in Colorado, where "high winds have sapped much of the moisture that remained in the surface of the soil over winter; here and there reservoirs are reported short of a normal supply of water; snow is also needed in the mountain watersheds for late irrigation." The same paper reports good conditions on the western slope of the Rocky mountains, in the Colorado beet districts, with plenty of moisture.

There is reported in the same paper the arrival of a German commission in the United States, to investigate the sugar beet industry here, and other agricultural conditions—

And the same paper tells editorially that though the world made last year 23,000,000 long tons of sugar, the largest output in history, and an increase in one year of 3,000,000 long tons, by far the largest increase ever made, still the world markets are absorbing the supply and there will be no abnormal carry-over.

The world is developing its sweet tooth enormously. The increase alone of last year was as much as the world's whole consumption in 1870.

The Salem district ought now to have a beet sugar factory. We can grow here a sugar beet with a high average sucrose (sugar) content, and a per acre tonnage that will compare favorably with the best sugar beet districts of the world—

And we need the tops and the pulp for stock feed.

One of the next developments after the second linen mill proposition is put over should be a beet sugar factory. Under the right auspices, it could be done cooperatively. Even when owned by private capital entirely, every successful beet sugar factory must in its nature be more or less a cooperative concern; the tendency in that direction being very pronounced of late. There can be no success without an interested group of growers, to insure a sure annual supply of beets.

## TOBACCO TAX REFERENDUM

And now come the tobacco dealers with the referendum to defeat the law requiring ten per cent from the gross sales on cigarettes, smoking tobacco and snuff, for state purposes. Either the leaders of the State Retail Tobacco Dealers' association must have experienced change of heart since the act was passed or they could not have been sincere at that time. Officers of the association appeared before the senate and house joint ways and means committee with their attorney and were afterward at the state house on the day of the final passage of the measure which they now seek to referend.

During the hearing before the ways and means committee the secretary, the attorney and other members of the association declared the proposed tax on cigarettes, smoking tobacco and snuff would and did receive their and the association's full endorsement. They set forth some reasons for their claim that no tax should be levied on cigars and chewing tobacco, in fairness to the dealers. And to the suggestion of some members of the committee that to tax only a portion of the tobaccos sold would be discrimination in favor of the cigar smokers and those who use the chewing brands

these representatives of the tobacco dealers met this conclusion on grounds of present relative uses and difficulties which would have to be met in the sales of cigars and chewing tobaccos if the tax were applied to all kinds of tobacco.

Whatever may be the reasons for this change of front as evidenced in the procedure to referend the law, one conclusion is that the referendum offers one opportunity at least to change our minds.

## CULTIVATE THE FLOWERS

The flower garden plays an important part in satisfying home life. Nearly everyone appreciates natural beauty although he may not always be conscious of its possession.

"Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin. Yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" expresses comparatively the beauty of plants and flowers. In them is seen the Creator's handiwork. They respond to human sympathy.

We should strive for conscious enjoyment of flower beauty of the garden and woodland varieties. Indeed there are few events in life in which flowers do not play an important part. At the bridal altar, at the grave, in the sick room and as friendship's offering all along the pathway of life they are tokens of appreciation. When other means of expression fail we return oftentimes to flowers with marvelous effect.

Every home rural and city should cultivate and enjoy its garden of flowers.

The announcement that Salem is assured a second linen mill will be cause for genuine rejoicing. To everyone who shall have contributed to the success of this cause, thanks and congratulations are due.

## MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adèle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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### CHAPTER 442.

THE REASON FOR KATIE'S TROUBLE WHICH MADGE DISCOVERED.

The thermometer of my spirits, pleasantly rising at the favorable account my father had given me of affairs at home, took a sudden slump when he told me of Katie's condition.

"She either isn't well, or is unduly worrying about something," he had said. Now, I know only too well by experience that my little maid's sombre moods usually spell domestic disaster of some sort. I felt more anxious than ever to reach home, and was glad indeed when my father turned the car into the driveway and I saw the welcoming lights of the farm house.

Mother Graham, with Junior by the hand, and Lillian with Marion dancing in glee beside her, were at the hall door with the loving welcome so dear to a returning traveler—but there was no sign of Katie. And when I had rapturously greeted my small son, and had hugged the others, I asked after her.

"I feel better now you coom," she said, with a sad little smile. "Und I no make troubles for you. I feel me dinner now, und by und by ven I get dinner vork all feezed oop, you coom by my room maybe?"

A Perplexing Problem. "I surely shall, Katie," I promised heartily, and went up the stairs again to my room.

From down the hall came Junior's excited treble, and I knew that he was safe with my father, and that for a few minutes I would have nothing to distract my attention from Katie's problem—the girl's distraught manner and tortured eyes had told me that she was distinctly in need of succor.

I locked the door, and paced up and down the length of my room, going over and over again the girl's accusations against herself. And then all at once the reason for her behavior flashed upon me, and I chided myself not only for my cruel carelessness in leaving the girl to suffer without making any effort to straighten out the tangle in which her misguided efforts to save us from danger had left her.

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She opened her lips for a characteristic shriek of welcome, but I put my hand over her mouth with a firm "Hush!" and she obeyed the injunction, expressing her joy instead of convulsive hugs which threatened the safety of my ribs.

"Where old voman?" she whispered fearfully at last.

"In the library with Mrs. Underwood," I whispered back. "Now I want you to stop crying and go on with your dinner. I'm home now, and when I get an opportunity to see you by yourself, you shall tell me all about whatever troubles you, and I'll straighten it out."

"You no can straighten dis out," she said hopelessly. "I no can be happy in dis world ever any more, und I tink I too bad to go to good oder vorld. Und I no mean to do anything bad dot time eder. I tink I safe eberybody."

Her voice trailed away hopelessly, and she gave a convulsive little shudder. Then she lifted her tear-stained face bravely to mine.

"I feel better now you coom, anyvays," she said with a sad little smile. "Und I no make troubles for you. I feel me dinner now, und by und by ven I get dinner vork all feezed oop, you coom by my room maybe?"

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## THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



Don't Lose Time. Keep Busy— Advertise!

## WHEELER ACQUITTED OF GRAFT CHARGES

(Continued from page 1)

ator Wheeler crowded about him and offered double congratulations on the birth of a daughter and his acquittal. The baby, according to a telegram received, was born in Washington, shortly after the hour the case was given to the jury here.

District Attorney Slattery shook hands with Senator Wheeler and spoke of the verdict and the new daughter.

"I hope they both get along all right," the prosecutor said to the senator. Senator Wheeler rushed forward as soon as propriety per-

mitted and shook the hands of each of the jurors.

Court was in session only two minutes. After the verdict was reached and the formalities completed, Judge Dietrich discharged the jury and the trial of Burton K. Wheeler, storm center of politics, was over.

In his instructions to the jury, Federal Judge Frank S. Dietrich said that the verdict of guilty would not be justified on the basis of evidence tending to show that Wheeler discussed the Louis E. Ligoon permit with department officials. Much of the prosecution's evidence centered about this permit.

The best real estate buys are always advertised in The Statesman first.

# The Fun Shop

By MAXSON FOXHALL JUDELL

When you are pleased don't think it stilye  
To show a wan, ingrowing smile;  
Throw back your head! Laugh loud!  
In sooth, What care you? Show your wisdom tooth!

**Losing Game**  
Courtney: "I hear you won a crossword puzzle prize."  
Mitchell: "Yes, but it didn't begin to pay for the dictionaries I wore out."

**Nothing to be Proud Of**  
Kayser: "Anyvay, no one ever pointed out to me that a fool and his money are soon parted."  
Meyer: "Of course not. They knew you had no money."

**Improvement**  
Grace: "I believe Jack loves you more than he used to."  
Evelyn: "Well, maybe not any more, but at least better."  
—Mrs. H. G. Miller.

**She Is Amazed**  
A member of a fashionable Florida colony was taken to see one of the training season games. "That's the catcher," pointed out her escort.  
"What sizes he wears in gloves, she answered."  
—W. S. Adkins.

**Vulnerable**  
Melvin: "Tom has an athletic heart."  
James: "No wonder. He falls for all the little dames in the sport clothes."  
—Eleanor Hiller.

**Great Games**  
Roslyn: "Holding hands, no Bob: "What do you consider the best of the indoor sports?"  
matter whether you're playing poker or making love."  
—Allen Norris.

**Real Spots**  
Fay: My doctor says that an interest in athletics is doing more for the present-day girl than anything else."  
Marjorie: "You bet it is. Some of those athletic costumes make a girl look stunning."  
—Dorothy Bainter.

**Confessions**  
Mae: "What I want is a just man."  
Marion: "What I want is just a man."  
Priscilla Adkins.

**Cigar Theft Punished by Illness, Jurist Declares**

SEATTLE, April 24—Eight youths, ranging from 16 to 18 years of age and charged with stealing 1,400 cigars were released on probation here today by Justice C. C. Dalton after he informed them that "sickness following the sampling of the cigars was punishment enough."

**STOP Children's Cough**

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Established 1875  
No opiates—ingredients printed on the wrapper.  
Children like it. Largest-selling cough medicine in the world.

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# Marion Davies in Janice Meredith

New Today

AMERICA'S OWN GREAT STORY BY Paul Leicester Ford

A remarkably skillful blending of history and romance. Those concerned in its production have succeeded in making something epic in quality. They have handled the historical data and spectacular side of it excellently, yet they have never lost sight of the intimate story. The picture's high point is the sequence showing General Washington crossing the Delaware. This is no less than inspiring.—Morning Oregonian.

Also "High Society" For Laugh Lovers McDonald

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