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THEN COME SCUTCHING MILLS

In the course of a letter to The Statesman, E. G. Robinson, president of the Aurora Community Club, says: "Thanks for your boost of Aurora. We will put over the scutching mill just as sure as Salem will put over the present efforts for the big plant."

That is very good news, for scutching mills will have to be established at various points, in order to supply the raw materials to the spinning mills. There will have to be a scutching mill for every considerable neighborhood acreage of flax grown. In the European countries, up to the present time, the scutching has been done by hand on the individual farms. But this contemplates peasant labor. We have no such labor in this country. So we must adopt improved methods. The threshing of the seed must be done by machinery; the retting must be done in concrete tanks, with the water warmed. There are newly invented scutching machines that materially reduce hand labor. (Not referring to the Henry Ford scutching machines, which are not adapted to turning out the kind of fiber that is needed for making fine linens.)

Flax growing and manufacturing in the Salem district must necessarily be a machine proposition, mainly. Machine pulling will allow of the growing of flax on large tracts, or small ones. If there were no machine pullers, it would be foolish to attempt manufacturing on a large scale in the Salem district. The hand pullers could not be had in sufficient numbers at the proper times, and at a cost that would render flax growing profitable.

AUTO CAMPGROUND LAW

The legislature of 1925 provided for improvement in the equipment and maintenance of auto camp grounds. The law now in effect provides:

That before any tourists' campground may be established or operated the same must be authorized by a certificate of permission by the state board of health through the health officer of the county wherein the campground is to be located.

Upon receipt of application the state board of health will notify the county officer who will examine into matters of site, facilities and sanitation to be afforded certificates issued by the state board of health require a fee of \$10.00 upon renewal annually and are revocable at any time.

Rules and regulations are made by the state board of health and are kept posted. Violations of these rules carries maximum punishment of thirty days imprisonment or \$100 fine.

It is the duty of the health officers of the respective counties to inspect these grounds upon receipt of complaint and at such other times as his judgment directs.

That this law is an essential safeguard to health is obvious. Its provisions will be appreciated by the thousands of tourists who occupy these grounds during the year. The use of campground privileges will increase as a result of their uniform cleanliness, and other improved conditions not formerly required. For the communities where located and to



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the individual owners these public conveniences are an economic asset. They are conducted also in the nature of privilege. And the law for their establishment and maintenance should be enforced uniformly.

REFERENDUM "BACKFIRE"

An initiative measure which will increase the tax on passenger buses and freight trucks even above the scale of tax provided in the measure which the auto transportation companies are now trying to referend. The initiative measure will provide for sufficient tax to make up for the loss to the state while the legislative act is being help up by the referendum.

This is a case of "backfire" and should be expected by the auto companies behind the referendum. The law now being referred is an effort to deal fairly with the state, the rank and file of motorists who contribute in gas tax and licenses to the upkeep of the roads while their destruction of the same is only a small fraction of that of the heavy trucks and busses. And the law is fair to the auto companies also.

And now the initiative having been started on these matters may not similar procedure be inaugurated to put a heavier tax on tabacos than the tax proposed by the legislature? Better let well enough alone is a maxim which ought to appeal just now to the referendum sponsors.

Every obstacle overcome by earnest, painstaking effort makes future conquest easier.

If silence is golden, President Coolidge is a very wealthy man.

As the courts apply the law to drunken auto drivers there will be less work for the coroner.

Bits For Breakfast

It will be \$250,000—

That is, Salem's second linen mill quota will be up to that mark tomorrow, if all the hustlers put in near full time—

And do you realize that these men are neglecting their business to attend to this business, which is the most important business that ever came up in Salem, but is as much your business as theirs? Why not make your subscription voluntarily, if you have not already got your name on the dotted line, and then turn out and help the hustlers? That is nothing more than your duty, and you ought to consider it a high privilege.

The time is coming when her drug garden will be among the Salem district's greatest annual revenue producers—bringing money from long distances. Help the slogan editor put this over, if you can. Today.

The bootlegger is bughouse who thinks he can get away with it. He is bound to get too ambitious. The more he succeeds the more certain he is of being landed. Apparent success is all moonshine. But the bughouse man will not learn in any other school than the dear one of experience.

The literature section of the American Association of University Women which ordinarily meets on Wednesday evenings at the home of Mrs. E. C. Richards, will not meet this evening, but a week from this evening on May 6.

The first institute to be held in Portland by the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs will open today under the sponsorship of the public welfare department in the Central library, Miss Grace Phelps will be chairman. Today's program, opening at 10 o'clock, will continue as follows:

Society

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of toasts was given by Lt. Leech. During the evening Miss Louise Bryan sang a solo and the Misses Minnie and Edna Miller gave a piano duet.

Between courses the group joined in singing class songs.

Invited guests for the evening were Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Glover, Dr. and Mrs. Leech, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Shanks, Miss Mary Findley, Miss Ola Clark and C. C. Clark. Covers were arranged for the

Hostess, Portland Woman's club. 10 p. m. to 12 noon—Division of Public Health, Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst, chairman. Opening, "Alms and Responsibilities of the State Department of Health," Frederiek D. Stricker, M. D., secretary state board of health. "The Professional Social Service Worker," Prof. Phillip A. Parsons, director Portland School of Social Work, University of Oregon. "The Hospital as a Community Asset," Rt. Rev. Walter T. Sumner. "The Value of the Dispensary," Miss Cecil L. Schreyer, R. N.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

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CHAPTER 44 THE IMPASSIONED CRY WHICH KATIE DISCLOSED HER HEART

It was not until late in the evening that I found the opportunity to visit Katie in her room as I had promised. After dinner I indulged myself in a romp with my small son, and then, after undressing him cuddled him in defiance of all ultra-child-training facts, while I told him all the stories he demanded and finally sent him off to sleep with his favorite lullaby.

Then Mother Graham—waiting only until Junior was safely sleeping—pounced upon me, and demanded to know everything which had transpired since I left. I told her only the version I thought Dicky would relate when he came home, and tried to paint Claire Foster in as favorable a light as possible. But I said nothing of the girl's attempts to disillusion Dicky, which I had discovered only in the moment of her departure. That was something of which I never could speak to any one.

Mother Graham listened without comment to my story, but when I spoke commendingly of Claire Foster, her lips took on a sardonic twist which deepened until I had finished.

"Why Should He?" "You're a good woman, Margaret," she said grimly, "but you're an awful fool. And I think you did a very foolish thing in coming home and leaving Richard alone in the city. There's no telling what mischief he'll get into there by himself."

The retort was on my lips that I had not married her son to act either as his jailer or his nurse, but it died unspoken, partly because I could not make such a remark to my husband's old mother, partly because I knew that she did not mean a word of the ridiculous suggestion she had

just made. Indeed, I told myself sardonically, if there had been the slightest indication of my putting any espionage upon Dicky, his mother would have scored me roundly for my presumption. "He'll be too busy for mischief," I said placatingly. "His work has, when an alarming. But he will be home in two days, surely." She gave me a queerly furtive glance. "Two days," she repeated. "But that Chester won't be gone by that time." I controlled my anger with difficulty as I lily said: "Why should he go before he is able to be removed?"

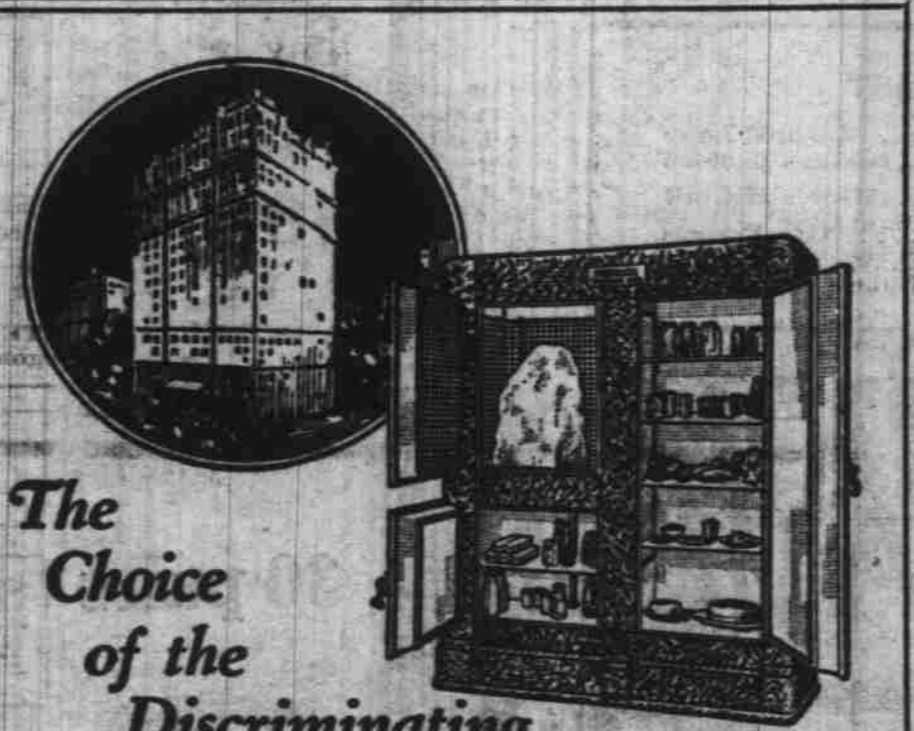
"Oh! just because the house will be sort of crowded," she returned, and I was amazed at the mildness of her reply. Then I remembered one of her most pronounced characteristics. She has a lively sense of justice, and she evidently highly valued the fact that I had rushed to Dicky's aid when he had summoned me after the escapade with Claire Foster. She would not make any vicious criticism of Tom Chester's presence until the memory of what I had done for Dicky had had time to grow dim.

I hastened to change the subject. "You Know 'Vot I Mean?" "Oh, I forgot to tell you that"

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