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THY KEEPER:—The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. Psalm 121:5.

FLAX SPINNING IN SCOTLAND

A company has been formed in Glasgow to exploit a new mechanical process for treating flax whereby linen manufacturers will obtain more abundant and cheaper supplies from hitherto untapped sources.

"By the new process the fiber can be prepared for the spinner in 13 hours.

"Cheap flax would quickly revive the Scottish linen trade. Sixty years ago there were in Scotland 100 mills engaged in flax spinning. Now the number is under 40."

The above is from the Scotsman, Edinburgh, leading newspaper of Scotland.

The new process is probably chemical, or partly chemical and partly mechanical. If it were purely mechanical, it would not require even thirteen hours. Henry Ford uses a mechanical process which he has discovered, and which he thinks will be so perfected as to do away entirely with retting and scutching. Any way, he is already getting coarse fiber that he is using in making brake bands for his automobiles. By this process, the flax straw is merely fed into one end of a machine and comes out at the other end with the fiber separated from the shives or cores.

There have been many chemical processes for separating the fiber from the flax straw by short-cuts, requiring only 13 to 18 hours; but so far, every one has either weakened the fiber or made it coarse and brash; taken the "life" out of it, making it difficult to spin finely and impossible to be used in the making of fine linens.

Perhaps the Scottish system is different—
But no one will easily convince any old time spinner of flax fiber that fine yarn can be produced excepting from retted and scutched flax—

And, while a short cut has been found in retting, by the use of warmed water, reducing the time of retting from three weeks or more down to one week or less (the process used at the state flax plant here), no one has yet found a way to mechanically dry the retted flax straw—

And nothing but sunshine will do. No other way will impart or leave the "life" that is needed by the spinner of fine flax yarns.

That is about the last of all the processes which has not been shortened, in the making of fine linens from flax straw. Some one will no doubt discover it. Robert Crawford, superintendent of the state flax plant at the Oregon penitentiary, thinks he has the idea that will work it out. There are many others working on the problem. The great linen institute at Belfast has been working on it, along with all the other problems concerning the industry, for years and years.

When that short cut is made, the Salem district will be able to turn out flax fiber at a profit, at a price below the average recent price of cotton fiber—

And when the Henry Ford idea is worked to an entirely successful conclusion, if it ever is, this district will be able to put flax fiber on the market at something around half the recent average price of cotton fiber.

Is not that a wonderful outlook?

It would mean the intensive cultivation, to the very last piece the size of a posthole, of all the tillable land in the Willamette valley, from the rivers brink to the crests of all the hills.

CONSOLIDATIONS IN INDUSTRY

Industry everywhere is turning toward consolidation and economy in operation. Standardization, too, follows as an economic necessity through better marketing systems.

Uniform quality is the demand most insistent just now. The growth of uniformity as one of the present market requirements is seen in the various laws recently passed requiring standardization of products and in the planting of large and selected areas chiefly to one kind of crop, as for example, concentrating upon certain varieties of fruits, vegetables or grains within given areas.

Several advantages in this procedure are obvious. Improved quality rather than quantity is just now the slogan of growers in response to the demands of the markets and of the consumers. A sufficiently large amount of one variety of products as potatoes, cherries or wheat raised within a given area makes it possible for growers to pool their crops with the result that they can ship in larger quantities and make favorable impression on the market. Again, where selection is made with reference to a single variety, cooperative selling of quality-products is one of the first considerations. And further, cooperation itself requires consolidation of interests, efforts and a collective responsibility.

Examples of consolidation in industry includes, in addition to those suggested above, the poultrymen's association standardization and selling, the cooperative wool growers' association, the prune growers' organization, the local cherry pool and many other organizations with similar purpose and methods of standardizing and selling certain products.

Among the results of these cooperative consolidations are products placed on the market under the test of uniformity in size and quality, attractiveness of pack, accurate measure and prompt delivery. Dealers and consumers are thus

assured of quality products, the market becomes stabilized and fair prices for the growers maintained.

And as cooperation in growing and marketing increases there will be less handling of the products between grower and consumer, with the result that the final cost to the latter may be reduced while to the grower there will remain fair profits.

ENCOURAGING DRAMA

In presenting such high class performances as "The Rivals," "Pygmalion" and "Lightnin'" theatrical managements render the people of Salem and community high type service.

It is regrettable that a single seat should be vacant at such presentation of drama. It is encouraging to believe that through such performances by such actors as Mrs. Fisk, Jefferson and others of similar high class ability, the demand for the best in dramatic art will, in the near future, tax the capacity of the city's excellent theatres.

THE GOVERNOR SCORES

The stand taken by Governor Pierce in insisting upon railway competition for the development of Oregon rings true to the best interests of the state. This attitude need not be taken as opposition to any one railroad striving to preserve unto itself the business of serving undeveloped portions of the state exclusively. There will be no doubt sufficient business for competing lines if either or all of those pleading the privilege of exclusive extension rights will put forth in future competitive developments even a fraction of the effort which they have expressed a desire to put forth if permitted to stifle competition.

The principle that any railroad or any other line of business should be granted permission to stifle competition is wrong. It is un-American. The government has in the interstate commerce commission the machinery for fair and proper regulation of railway lines so that each may be saved from ruinous competition either by new lines or by those already established. And the plea of the Governor that all railway lines including the Espee should be granted the right and privilege to build new lines which will aid in Oregon's development is in the interest of the state.

Bits For Breakfast

The Elk is a noble animal—

And the Elks a noble order, and a pulehritudinous, considered from a local standpoint. Citing the procession last night for proof.

It is something of an accident that there is so much hemp at the state flax plant, from the leaves of which the marihuana is made—pronounced meriwana, and acting like the hashish of Oriental fame, or ill fame. It was never the intention of the higher authorities that there should be so much. Neither was marihuana thought of at that time. It is likely that this will preclude the establishment of a hemp industry, ever, at the penitentiary; though otherwise that would be a good place to start that industry. We grow as good a quality of hemp as the best Italy produces, and the industry will finally be developed here.

The annual flax slogan issue of The Statesman will be next Thursday's paper. If you have any ideas about the industry that ought to be put over to the public, please inform the Sloan editor, and do it at once. This is important. This will one day be Oregon's greatest industry.

Murray must hang. It seems to the Bits for Breakfast man that this is an entirely just verdict and in the interest of public safety.

One reason why the Riffs get so much attention for their war is that they go into a headline so easily.

Geologists and there is enough coal to last for centuries. This should console anyone with a fear that we may run out of strikes.

No sharp contest has developed among the scientists for the privilege of examining the brain of the winner in a beauty contest.

The Prince of Wales is returning to England. Now England wants to know whether or not the expected orders for British goods will follow him.

The king of Spain attended a bricklayer's wedding. Now he'll probably be charged with toadying to the rich.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Editor Statesman: Will First M. E. church accommodate the crowd which will gather to listen to Rev. Billy Sunday Oct. 19th? I should guess about one-third or possibly one-fourth the number who gather can be accommodated in that building.

The writer attended this church recently and noted that every seat in the house was filled, and extra chairs provided for emergencies were in use. If the building was filled to capacity with the regular congregation and presuming that many of these same will attend the special meeting, with numbers from other churches of the city, the surrounding country and the country towns, do you not think with me many are doomed to disappointment?

Why not hold this meeting in the Armory, or better still, in the park if this beautiful weather continues that long?

One who hopes to hear him.

Grants Pass—City is host to Oregon Irrigation Congress, Oct. 5 to 7.

SECURITY PACT IS SIGNED BY POWERS

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tiation treaties between Germany and her eastern neighbors, Poland and Czechoslovakia. These are expected to be concluded tomorrow and will follow the same scope as the western treaties.

There will be also separate conventions between western France and her eastern allies guaranteeing France the right to assist Poland or Czechoslovakia in case they are subjected to an unprovoked flagrant attack. Lastly comes the gentlemen's agreement whereby Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium inform Germany that they interpret the covenant in the sense that no penalty contributions can be expected from members beyond the members' means. By this statement, which will take the form of a letter, Germany is relieved of the fear that the operation of league sanctions might embroil her with Russia.

Germany is insisting that this statement should have the guarantee of the respective governments behind it and not merely that of the foreign ministers and there was some gloom among the Germans tonight that this question appeared to be not entirely cleared up.

Did You Ever Stop To Think?

By E. R. Wallis, Secretary Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce

That the principle part taken by some people in city building is "passing the buck."

That no matter in what part of the city you live, you are benefited by public improvements.

That it is a well known fact that for every dollar spent in public improvements, two dollars are spent in new businesses and homes.

That public improvements enhance value of all real estate. That every citizen should put his shoulder to the wheel when plans for public improvements are launched and do his share and not "pass the buck."

That citizens are always helping themselves when they are helping the home city.

That the newspapers are a clearing house for every idea presented for public improvement.

That when they get behind a prospect for the city's betterment, it is usually a good one. The average editor looks before he leaps and only advocates those things that are for the public's good.

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CALUMET SUGAR COOKIES

2 cups sugar
1 cup shortening
3 eggs
3 tablespoons water or milk
3 level teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder.
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cloves
3 cups flour
Cream fat and sugar, beat in whipped eggs, add baking powder and 1 cup flour then water and spices; add remaining flour gradually, working in more flour until the dough is stiff enough to roll. Sprinkle flour over pastry board. Make a ball of dough, and lay it on the board. Rub rolling pin with flour and roll out dough into a sheet 1-4 inch thick. Cut in round cakes, sift granulated sugar over each, and bake quickly at 400 to 450 degrees F.

MY HUSBAND'S LOVE

ADELE GARRISON'S NEW PHASE
—OF—
REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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WHY DICKY GROANED WHEN HE LOOKED AT HIS COAT

"Hello, old dear! Riffling the mail box?"
Dickie slipped his arm about me, and kissed me, careless of any lookers-on. There was an equal carelessness in the caress, also, or so I interpreted it, and the thought indefinitely chilled the welcoming ardor which meeting him after an absence always brings to my heart.

"Yes," I returned demurely. "You caught me before I had time to look at the loot!"
"Well, they'll wait," he returned, rushing me up the stairs, his hand beneath my elbows. "I am glad you made the grade, instead of missing the train, as it was next to a cinch you'd do. Clothes all ready, I suppose."

It was the question I had most dreaded. How was I to explain to him that the evening clothes which he supposed had been pressed by a competent tailor, were even now in the hands of our neighbor, Mrs. Petey Marks?

"Not yet," I stammered, "but they will be in a few minutes. I'm just going for them."

"Not yet!" He halted on the stairs, and his grip on my arm tightened unconsciously. "What the— I told that tailor four o'clock. Didn't you get them there, but of course you didn't. Of all the—"

"Suppose you finish the rest of it inside our own apartment," I said icily. "The other people in the building probably aren't interested in your woes."

But a second or two before I had been thoroughly remorseful about my failure to reach the tailor at the hour he had named, even though I acquitted myself of all blame for the chapter of accidents which had delayed me, and my chief concern had been the triumphant bringing forth of the evening clothes in readiness for the banquet to which Dicky was looking forward with such keen expectation.

Now, however, after his enraging innuendo that I never attended to anything on time—a statement which he, himself, knew to be utterly unjustified—both remorse and concern were wiped out as thoroughly as if they had been chalk beneath an eraser, and I felt that I cared no whit whether the clothes were pressed or ruined underneath Mrs. Mark's hand, and that Dicky's presence at the banquet was a matter of complete indifference to me.

My retort silenced him, for he knew that there might be dozens of unseen listeners to his irado, but he waited only until we were safely inside our own apartment before resuming his strictures.

"Now, tell me where you have those clothes cached, and I'll go after them myself," he snapped. "I thought I'd give myself plenty of time to dress leisurely, but I can kiss that notion good-bye, I suppose. And I'll certainly trust nothing more to you. Where are they?"

I crossed the room slowly and seized myself with a provoking air of leisure before I spoke.

"They are in the next apartment where Mrs. Marks is pressing them," I said at last, and if I had not been so angry, I could not have avoided laughing at the look of disgust and horrified amazement which spread over Dicky's face at my words.

"Am I crazy or are you?" he snapped. "You can't mean—"

"I mean exactly what I said," I returned. "If you still wish to go for the clothes yourself, I shall not object in the least."

"That Settles It!"



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For an instant his curiosity got the better of his anger.

"Will you tell me how in the name of the bearded prophet, you ever came to let those clothes get in—"

I interrupted him promptly. For I remembered how thin a wall separates the two apartments, and dreaded the sharp ears of our neighbors.

"If you'll lower your voice I'll tell you," I returned, my anger modified by the milder note in his voice.

Then, quickly, quietly, I told him of the stalled motor car, the etao etain alshrdlu shrdlu eto slow train, Lelia's stupid misunderstanding of my directions to have Alfred meet the train with the valise, my taxicab trip to the city, the traffic jam, culminating with the tailor's refusal to do the work.

"Mrs. Marks heard me telephoning frantically to different tailor shops, and very kindly offered to do them, as she used to be employed as a presser."

A knock on the door punctuated my sentence, and opening it, I saw Mrs. Marks, the clothes over her arm.

"Here they are, Dearie," she said in what she apparently believed to be a whisper. "I saw Himself come in, and I hurried. They're as good a job as anybody want, if I do say it as shouldn't. I never did Petey's any better."

She flitted down the hall, and Dicky snatched the coat from me, and held it out with a groan.

"Look at that!" he said tragically. "I'll tell the world she's

done em like Petey's. Well this settles it! I'll have to stay at home, that's all!"
(To be continued.)

Supposing the coal operators would undertake to educate the people as to just what problems are involved in the industry and that it was not wholly a bed of roses. We opine if the people only understood how this industry is controlled by a little group of people known as the United Mine

Workers, and that it was because of this group the people are asked to pay and pay and pay, sentiment might soon remedy the situation.

CHEESE AND PEAR SALAD

Place halves of canned pears on a bed of lettuce, garnish with small balls of cream cheese that has been mixed with mayonnaise dressing and rolled in nuts. Top with a spoonful of whipped cream.

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