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THE LORD IN PRISON—And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners. The keeper looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him. Gen. 39:22-23.

MAKE IT 2500 ACRES, IF POSSIBLE

There is no doubt that the next best development for the Salem district is the sugar beet industry—

Because it will add more in diversification than any other one thing can; in diversification and rotation, that will bring up the fertility of the soil; that will restore to their pristine potential use the lands of this section the richness of which has been lowered by continuous grain planting—

And especially because no other crop can do as much as sugar beet growing in boosting dairying, swine breeding and poultry raising, through the use of the tops, the pulp and the molasses in feeding.

The proposition of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company to absorb all but 50 cents a ton of the freight on sugar beets sent to their Bellingham, Wash., factory, places the farmer in the Salem district on about a par with the grower 20 miles away from the factory in the western Washington field—

And the Salem district growers are thus given the best contract ever offered to farmers so far away from a factory in this country.

So the minimum of 500 acres proposed ought to be exceeded by 1500 to 2000 acres, this year—

Will be, if there is organized work.

Mr. Timpson, manager of the Utah-Idaho company for this section, visited the Independence and Dallas districts after his meeting at Salem on Monday noon, and he was given the assurance of hearty cooperation from the people of Polk county. The Dallas Chamber of Commerce will do team work with the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Here is the important argument for a large acreage this year:

The Utah-Idaho company will have to be sure of at least 6000 acres of sugar beets each year, throughout the years; before they will consider a factory at Salem. Such a factory will cost about a million and a half dollars. It could not be profitably operated with a smaller acreage than 6000, and it would need a still larger acreage to give good operating profits.

It would be the same with any other company. It would be the same with a home owned plant; even a cooperative plant.

If we can get 2500 acres of sugar beets grown this year, under the proper cultural methods, it will be easy to sign up 6000 acres for the following year, for a factory in Salem, with the preferential benefits that will accrue to the growers in having the use of the pulp and the molasses for their stock feeding.

The Bellingham factory has a dehydrating plant for the pulp, and the Salem factory would of course have such a plant. This would not have been possible a few years ago. It is a new German invention.

It will pay every business concern in Marion and Polk counties, and in the parts of Clackamas, Linn, Benton and Yamhill that are in the Salem trading district, to organize and go down the line for 2500 acres of sugar beets this year—

For it will mean a factory next year—

And the first factory will bring others for the Willamette valley. There is room for a score of them.

FLAX ACREAGE BEING SIGNED UP

The flax acreage to be taken on by the penitentiary plant is being signed up as fast as the force at the office of the institution can handle the business, every week day afternoon—

And the tracts being signed up are for land suitable for the growing of fiber flax of good quality, and they are largely in small parcels; around ten acres, and down to five and less—

Though there are offers of large tracts. In these cases, there is close investigation of the facilities and ability of the men proposing them to handle the business on a large scale.

There is no objection to the growing of flax on a large scale, providing the person growing it is forehanded and has the proper land and the intimate knowledge necessary for maturing a crop of high quality—

But for the majority of growers, so far, in this section, the small tract gives the best promise of having the attention it needs for the best results.

The first requisite is long line fiber of good quality, though the second linen mill will be able to use large quantities of spinning tow for making cloth and the towels and crashes, etc., constituting what are termed the "bread and butter" lines.

The seed is ready, and there will be early planting, which is the only safe system—

And the 2500 acres for the state will be all signed up before the end of the month, from present indications.

John Quinland, superintendent of the state flax plant, on his trip to the east and Canada, found that the flax plant at the prison is the best as well as the most extensive in the United States. That's something. And the prison plant will be doubled in capacity this year, and perhaps more so. The flax fiber center of North America will stay in Salem.

Bits For Breakfast

The biggest of the year—

The proposition to grow sugar beets—

And if it is taken advantage of, as it should be, it will lead to a beet sugar factory in Salem, and perhaps next year.

Here is the beauty of the sugar beet industry: Grow say 7,000 acres of sugar beets for a factory here. Sell the sugar for a million and half dollars. The whole amount, practically, is paid out here for labor and materials. The 7,000 acres will make the rest of our farm lands, in a system of rotation, more productive, to such an extent that the 7,000 acres so employed will make a total gain instead of a loss in other crops. And it will boost the dairying and swine and poultry breeding industries as nothing else can, through feeding the tops and pulp and molasses.

That could be duplicated with twice 7,000 acres, or ten times that many acres, over the whole Salem trading district. Do you not see the immense advantage of getting the best sugar industry established?

The highest class farm credits on earth are in the best sugar districts. The industry makes for solidity. It makes a spot cash crop. It stimulates other cash crops. It raises the potential value of farm lands; the earning value. It adds vast sums every year, for natural resources, that never wear out, but become more valuable each year, on account of keeping up and increasing the fertility of the soil.

John Quinland comes back home with a higher opinion of the completeness of our prison flax plant. And that plant will be doubled in capacity this year, and perhaps very much more so. Mr. Quinland found ways to make it very much more so.



DINNER STORIES

A negro parson held forth as follows: "Brudders and sistahs, I want to warn you against de heinous crime ob 'stealin' chickens, and tuddermo' I want to warn you against de heinous crime of stealin' watermelons."

At this point an old negro rose and snatched his fingers, and sat down again.

"Wharfo' brudder, does you rise up and snap you' fingers when I speak ob watermelon stealin'?"

"You jes' reminds me, parson, where I left 'ma knife," was the reply.

A strange man had been sent to polish the floors. His manner was anything but energetic, and the lady feared he would not polish them properly.

"Are you quite sure that you understand the work?" she asked. His indignation was tremendous.

"You know Colonel B's folks, next door but one?" he said. "Well, I refer you to them. On the polished floor of their dining room, five persons broke their legs last winter, and a lady slipped, clear down the grand staircase. I polished all their floors."

The beautiful young woman interviewed a fortune teller on the usual subjects. "Lady," said the clairvoyant, "you will visit foreign lands and the courts of kings and queens. You will conquer all rivals and marry the man of your choice. He will be tall and dark and aristocratic looking."

"And young?" interrupted the lady.

"Yes, and very rich."

The beautiful lady grasped the fortune teller's hands and pressed them hard. "Thank you," she said, "now tell me one thing more. How shall I get rid of my present husband?"

"My good men," he exhorted, "we should strive to mend our ways."

"Well, wot you think we're doing," asked No. 2333, "digging fish-worms?"

Advertisement for Cascarets laxative, featuring the text 'Feel Glorious! Nicest Laxative, "Cascarets" 10c' and an illustration of a person.

GO TO IT! THE RACE IS ON!

KEENLY ALERT TO THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY BEFORE THEM AND EAGER TO CLAIM THEIR SHARE OF THE FINE PRIZES OFFERED, CANDIDATES IN THE STATESMAN AUTOMOBILE CAMPAIGN ARE SWEEPING FORWARD WITH A RUSH AS THE BIG RACE BEGINS. BUT TWO MORE WEEKS REMAINS AFTER THIS WEEK IN THE "FIRST PERIOD" DURING WHICH THE MAXIMUM VOTES ARE ALLOWED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS. HENCEFORTH THE VOTE TOTALS WILL UNDERGO CONSTANT CHANGES AS THE MOST AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGNERS FORGE TO THE FRONT AND TAKE THEIR PLACES AMONG THE "TOP LINERS."

Watch 'Em Go!

Opportunity Is Here, Grasp It!

Can you afford NOT to hit the ball? The prizes are too big, too extraordinary, too valuable not to put forth every effort to win. The personal satisfaction, too, of winning is an intangible thing but very real. Is it possible you can be content to sit by and let others—maybe with no more ability, or friends, or popularity than you—carry off the honors and extraordinary prizes?



\$100.00 Diamond Ring Purchased at Burnett Bros. 457 State Street

The Twenty Prizes and how they will be Awarded

- List of 20 prizes including Dodge Sedan, Chevrolet Touring, Ford Touring Car, Haag Electric Washer, Gold, etc.

THE SPARKLING DIAMOND WITH BLUE WHITE STONE AND FANCY TIFFANY WHITE GOLD MOUNTING WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CANDIDATE SECURING THE MOST SUBSCRIPTION MONEY BETWEEN FEB. 9th AND FEB. 27th. THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL PRIZE AND DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE GRAND PRIZES IN ANY WAY.

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Oregon Statesman Auto Contest--List of Candidates 10 A. M., Tuesday, February 9

Table listing candidates for the Oregon Statesman Auto Contest, including names and vote counts for various locations like GLEN OF SALEM and COUNTRY.

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