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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GROWING OF FLAX HERE AND IN NORTH OF IRELAND

The Belfast Weekly News, Alarmed C ing Acreage

apply to the Salem District

strength and quality every day it

ROBERT H. DANN.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 27, 1926

(Mr. Dann is one of the mana-

spun varns. The article in the Bel-

The marked decrease in the

ment is what can be done to im-

prove the situation which each

tion excluding, of course, per-

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is lack of balance between labour

costs and selling price of the

ion that a "Belfast Weekly News"

fast News is principally interest-

Editor Statesman:

the "Belfast Weekly News" came in the Baltic provinces flax is complishment than appears to be to my hands through Mr. Thomson with the article in it about saving northern Ireland. flax seed. I am sending it to you, with the idea that perhaps you may find it to be good reading that of the time of harvesting. for some of the farmers of this Evidently flax fibre loses its section of the country.

. Some of the figures in the ar- is left in the field after a certain ticle would need to be translated point has been reached. Pulling into our usage, a stone being 14 needs to be done promptly, and pounds, and the dollars and Eng- with our hot summer weather the lish money of course you are straw should not be left in the fields too long,

The subject is of importance to the north of Ireland in that they the flax business here in Oregon, have not been in the habit of sav- and it is that none of us know ing their flax seed. They pull the enough about the thing so that we flax while it is still more or less can tell the rest just how it is to green, and allow the seed to go be done, and I feel that if we can to waste in their retting ponds. | all keep that attitude we can learn The reasons offered for this are a great deal more about the busithat the quality of flax is impaired ness as a whole and some day be when it is allowed to stand in the in a position to really do somefield long enough for the seed to thing. mature. They have felt that the quality has been sapped out of the fibre in order that the seed might be completely developed. We know gers of the Miles linen mill in that this is largely what happens Salem; manufacturing "Miles other plants where the whole Made" flax salmon twine, shoe effort of the plant is to produce thread, harness thread and gill

This has meant that they have had to secure fresh stocks of seed ing here as showing the defferent each year. They have used largely methods in flax growing between seed grown in Holland, which the Salem district and the Belfast in turn has been raised from a section of Ireland, "Cultivation seen grown in Riga. The Ifrish of Flax in Ulster" is the heading. call the seed the Riga Child. The and the following is the article British government has been try- in full, excepting the cuts:) ing to encourage the growing of more flax, and the saving of the acreage under flax in Northern seed. Durin gthe World war, when Ireland is causing deep concern prices were set by the government and no little anxiety to all interthey required the farmers to save ested in the linen industry, upon the seed, since they released the which the prosperity of the procontrol they have been doing all vince to a considerable extent dethey could to find ways in which deads, and the question that is exthe sed could be saved and still ercising many minds at the monot injure the quality of the flax

rection the strain of flax seed acute. According to the statistics known as J. W. S. has been pro- dealing with this subject, recently duced. This is a pedigreed seed published by the Northern Ministhat has exceptional length and try of Agriculture, the acreage unquality, which when used by the der flax in the Six Counties area farmer greatly increases his yield last year was 37,812, as compared per acre, an important matter to with 42,838 in 1924, whilst the the farmer, and at the same time average acreage in the ten years' gives him better quality in his period, 1915-1924 was 62,820. Not fibre, a matter also of importance, only has there been this serious This seed is grown very carefully, decline in the total area of flax They raise the seed in a section under cultivation, but the yield there no other flax is raised, so of fibre per acre has also shown that there is no chance for cross a falling off. The trouble arises fertilization. The seed is raised from a number of factors, some in the county of Somerset in Eng- of which are and some are not, land, but the fibre is raised in under the control of the growers. northern Ireland. Of course the and there is a wide divergence of government supervision cannot opinion as to the methods that carry on after the seed is once should be adopted to make flax sold to an Irish farmer, but they growing a more profitable busiare urging that the farmer should ness than it is at present, try and save the seed.

The Linen Industry Research cently established by the governfacturing establishments all over seven years' rotation it would the British Isles, has been work. therefore, be possible to have pioneers in Salem's tulip industry. planted on residence grounds, ing on a great many problems in about 200,000 acres annually un- He has the same place, on the along parkings or permanent highnection with flax. They have seen recommending that the flax stones of flax to the acre a very suburbs of West Salem, that he sible and yet as ripe as is neces- at not more than 10s per stone, with, eight to nine years ago. They saved. The association evidently province would be worth £2,000,- that this is the best district on thinks there is something to the 000 to the producers. same time it sees that the value of the seed is worth saving if it

he way they are recommending ing them mature separated from quality for the Irish flax farm- fibre; but if the economic factors and at the same time saye the cannot be aftered at the moment. ed, it will be quite worth while. the article, is something about the per acre if he continues to grow

hat the rest of the world saves my trouble, and that some other tative circles on 2nd inst., and the one of the largest concerns in that arts of the world produce better conclusion he came to from the inmy trouble, and that some other

of the unfavourable economic conditions, be made a paying proposition by-(a) increasing the yield of fibre per acre; (b) handling the flax in a better manner, so that it will command a maximum price; (c) making use o fthe by-

of better varieties of flax and partly on the the farmer's ability to improve his methods of cultivation, The possibility of introducing new varieties of flax is flax than Ilrish flaxes. The en-Recently the enclosed page from closed article would indicate that considerably nearer the actual achandled in the same way as in generally recognised. There is at present sufficient seed of the "J. W. S." variety to sow nearly The point in the whole article 2,000 acres this year, of which that makes the appeal to me is sufficient seed for at least 500 acres has been offered to the Northern Ireland Ministry of Agriculture for sowing in Ireland. A concerted effort by farmers to save seed from this variety when it is distributed would very soon cause it to become widespread in cultivation. Lack of seed saving in Ireland will mean that it will be There is one thing I like about well nigh impossible to provide the 4,000 tons of pedigreed seed necessary to supply annually the requirements of the Six Counties. No central seed bulking station

formation placed at his disposal

was that flax growing can, in spite

could hope to approach this The desirability of handling the crop so that it will fetch top price is obvious, but the question of making use of the by-products in such way that they will pay for the labour involved opens up a subject about which there has been considerable controversy, particularly in relation to the saving of the seed. All concerned with the production of flax will no doubt be interested in the results of the exhaustive experiments which have been carried out by the Linen Industry Research association at the Lambeg Institute. A detailed description of these experiments and the result obtained has not yet been published, but through the kindness o fthe director of the Institute a mass of

paid a visit to Lambeg on the 2nd Saving the Seed

Briefly put, the experiments proved that de-seding by the method used at Lambeg does not harm the fibre; that the seed Through the government. di- season is becoming more and more taken off is in a suitable condition for sowing; that a yield of about 2 cwt, per acre can be ob-

FRANKLIN IS TOO

Are in Full Bloom, Others Coming On Fast

W. C. Franklin told the Slogan editor yesterday that he had received his letter asking him to There are approximately 1,400,-000 acres of land in Northern

That the Golden Spur daffodils Mr. Franklin is one of the der flax. Assuming a return of 20 Wallace road, just outside the ways.

moderate estimate, and the price and W. C. Dibble had to start the flax crops of the Northern were the first to vision the fact vacant grounds, public places, and the western hemisphere for the The average farmer will, no production of bulbs; to find out use growing flax in this country in Holland. Mr. Franklin makes does not yield a sufficient finan- is making a decided success of Capital City have you ever cast cial return for all the trouble and his business, and annually at the labour involved in its cultivation. height of the tulip blooming time

It will be admitted that the Tulip Farm. primary cause of the depression advertise the name of their busi- but most beautiful state. Ten what can the producer do in order which they operate is the Frank- and private tree destroyers will to increase the financial return lin-Young Bulb Co. Fred M. have cleared them away, unless Young, and Tommy Luke, Portland, is the company. He is with representative sought in authori- the Smith Flower Shop, Portland,

THIS WEEK'S SLOGAN

DID YOU KNOW That Salem has miles of s

of rosehedges; that better tulips can be a grown here than in Holland; that the Salem's official flower, waves its b grow all the nat, with our meandering streams through the city and our wide streets and hills and rich soil and splendid setting, Salem is well on the way towards becoming the world's most beautiful city, and that her progressive people have ambitions and plans to make it such; and that devotion to the ideals of "Salem Beautiful" will enhance the value of all property here, and

Dates of Slogans in Daily Statesman (In Twice-a-Week Statesman Following Day) Sugar Beets, Sorghum, Etc.,

May 6; 1926

Water Powers, May 18

Irrigation, May 20

make Salem the best home city on earth; and that the

people here generally are now awake to the commercial

value of making Salem annually more beautiful?

(With a few presible changes) Loganberries, October 1, 1925 Prunes, October 8 Dairying, October 15 Flax, October 22 Filberts, October 29 Walnuts, November 5 Strawberries, November 12 Apples, November 19 spherries, November 26 Mint, December 3 Beans, Etc., December 10 Blackberries, December 17 Cherries, December 24 Pears, December 31 Gooseberries, January 7, 1926 Corn, January 14 Celery, January 21 Spinach, Etc., January 28 Onions, Etc., February 4 Potatoes, Ftc., February 11 Bees, February 18 City Beautiful, Etc., March 4 Great Cows, March 11 Paved Highways, March 18 Head Lettuce, March 25 Silos, Etc., April 1

Legumes, April 8

Asparagus, Etc., April 15

Grapes, Etc., April 22

Mining, May 27 Land, Irrigation, Etc., June 8 Floriculture, June 10 Hops, Cabbage, Etc., June 17 Wholesaling and Jobbing. June 24 Cucumbers, Etc., July 1 rlogs, July 8 Goats, July 15 Schools, Etc., July 22 Sheep, July 29

National Advertising, August 5 Seeds, Etc., August 12 Livestock, August 19 Grain and Grain Products, Auglist 26 Manufacturing, September 2 Automotive Industries, Septem-

Woodworking, Etc., September Paper Mills, Sept. 23, 1926

(Back copies of the Thursday edition of The Daily Oregon Statesman are ca hand. They are for sale at 10 cents each, mailed to any address. Current copies 5 cents).

Drug Garden, April 29 material was placed at the disposal of our representative when he BEAUTIFUL CITY: COL. E. HOFER

The Capital City Has Not a Foot More Open Public Park Acquired by Civic Enterprise Than It Had Forty Years Ago-Several Million Dollars of Assets in Beautiful Trees and Waterways Neglected-A Gentle Calling

waterways. Beautiful! What a at least twenty varieties. Drive in doing to protect them against vanwrite for the Salem Beautiful edi-dalism in many forms? Nothing. But he said he was too Railroads, telegraph and telephone "Spring's green witchery is weavlines, state and city paving contractors, builders of dwellings and are now in full bloom, and the business blocks, all slash into ornamental or shade trees are

At a low estimate this city and suburbs has half a million trees and flowering shrubs growing on should be made of our wealth of beautiful trees and native floweran improvement plan adopted. In coming from Polk county into the your eye up and down the river and seen what nature has done to preserve the banks and beautify the streets and grounds adjacent "The Tulip Farm" is the way to the river? It is natural beauty

When will Salem people ever will not be seen from the opposite awaken to a realization that this shores; and what is a river that is that the equipment which he now city has an unrecognized and un- not bordered by arboreal beauty, has is the best in the northwest. developed asset of several million doubled by its mirrored beauty in He is able to handle any sized job. dollars in beautiful trees and the water? A river or creek without trees is an ugly gash in the hackneyed term. So oft repeated landscape. The pioneers did their H's Golden Spur Daffodils and yet meaning so little to the bit by giving us Marion Square average person. Look up any and the great plaza from High street and at the end stand groves street to Twelfth and between of magnificent ornamental trees of Court and State streets, Read Sam Simpson in his immortal any direction and you come to poem, dedicated to the most beaubeautiful waterways. What are we tiful river in the world, flowing through our city, in his poem Beautiful Willamette:

> Braid and border for thy side; Grace forever haunts thy journey, Beauty forever dimples on thy

In thy crystal deeps inverted Swings a picture of the sky. Like those wavering hopes of Aidenn,

Dimly in --- hopes that lie. Good care has been taken of Willson avenue and Marion Square by the city and state doubt, say that that looks all yery that we grow as fine tulips and ing shrubs along our waterways the enhancement of civic beauty if four years in the floral business let the seed go to waste, but at the well on paper, but that there is no tulip bulbs here as are produced and creeks and river banks, and the banks of North and South Mill reek and other waterways within he city could be taken over and street last fall, where he now has systematically improved by the his complete stock of bedding and nagic of landscape art and engi- potted plants. Mr. Adams forneering skill? Have you ever been in Denver, Saft Lake and waterways? Have you seen Cherry its banks held by concrete retainng walls, planted with artificial bany four years ago, where he was trees and flowering shrubs, lined in business for ten years. which they operate is the Frank- and private tree destroyers will on each side with a sidewalk and comfortable benches where pedestrians can rest, and then a thirty

SEND A COPY EAST!

The municipal authority vest in the city government under its charter could do all these things.

winding through the city

could be done at Salem and

ake all the adjacent property

most desirable for residents and

add substantial values to th

wealth of the city and privat

property.

In Denver every drop of water used in the city is brought long distances by irrigation ditches, and here it runs to waste in the river. About all we do with these streams of mountain water running through the city is to allow them to be polluted. A few touches of improveing the grounds along the banks of these streams have been put on by enterprising citizens, and see what fine results they have obtained. But we need to approximate wholesale what a few individuals have erected as object lessons in retail. We are suffering from an excess of water moss is slowly growing over our pretensions to having erected a City Beautiful, and the moss will completely hide or destroy the great natural beauty that has been our undeserved blessing. All pretensions to larger park areas have been voted down and defeated. The City Beautiful will never arrive with a nickel-pinching, everybody-build-his-own-park idea of a city beautiful. Some enterprising thrift advocate will probably enjoin the city acquiring the proposed Tom Kay park. The Capital City has not a foot more open public park acquired by civic enterprise than it had forty years ago. The City Beautiful that Salem should be will not come into existence until a broad improvement policy is adopted and modern ideas of city planning on a generous line are adopted. COL. E. HOFER.

Salem, March 2, 1926.

BEST EQUIPMENT IN THE NORTHWEST

Square Deal Welding in New Location, in Better Shape Than Ever

The Square Deal Welding comoany has moved from 349 Ferry street to 345 Ferry. Charlie Duncan, proprietor of the company, claims that this new location gives him better room to give better work to his patrons. He states There are none too small or none to large for him. "If I cannot weld so that it will stay I do not ask my patrons to bring the work back and let me try again," said Mr. Duncan. "I do the job right in the first place and guarantee all my work." If he does not succeed, he will give the money back.

SPENDS HIS LIFE

Greenhouse and Floral Shop Conducted by People With Sympathy

Hector Adams, who has been in Salem, purchased the greenhouse at 1120 North Liberty merly operated the Graber greenof his life working with flowers

Mrs. Adams operates the retail store at 453 Court street. The in the bulb. However, early plant- bulb. If your soil is prime, fertshop is known as the Adams ing may cause early root growth, Floral shop. Here is the salesroom for the greenhouse. flowers, funeral designs, bedding stock and potted plants are their

S OFF TO THE HANSON HEN, OF CORVALLIS, GREATEST IN THE WORLD

For instance: Salem district has two counties growing the sacred

myrtle—the only place it grows on

this continent. What unique fact

do you know about the district? Address articles to Slogan Editor,

care Statesman.

Name Is Hanson's Pride, and She Laid 337 Eggs in 365 Days, From November 10 to November 9, Ending on That Date of Last Year-Mr. Hanson Has Several Other World Records for His White Leghorns

last Friday's Weekly, he said: "The first 335 Leghorn hen in he world was bred and is owned in the Salem district; the record being made at the Western Wash-Puyallup, the breeder and own-Kelso, in what amounts to an ex-This world's greatest hen is Lady while family, and not the least of Jewel, a White Leghorn. She produced more than 600 eggs in

That was all right, up to Nohat date, or rather the day bedistrict hen, named "Hanson's Pride," of Corvallis, of Hanson's develops. Leghorn Farm of that city.

follows:

The Statesman just received this owned by Mr. Hanson. week. With our hen No. 43 lay- her egg laying year with 337 eggs. ing last year 337 eggs in Washing- to her credit which was two eggs ton contest in 365 days, also beat- more than "Lady Jewell," laid in ing Lady Jewel for value of her 365 days. eggs to the amount of about \$1; also a hen with more beauty and better size, I cannot understand this editorial in regard to Leather's hen. Could he please explain this, or correct this statement?" Indeed He Could

The "he" referred to is the Slogan editor. Indeed he could nearly \$1. correct the statement-

And is very glad to do so, be part of the Salem district than is Woodland, Wash.

son strain, have been taking 1014 eggs in four years. world's records right along.

This all confirms the oft re-

The Slogan editor wants to There is another reason why make an apology. He is very the Slogan editor is glad to make glad to make it. In the editor- this correction. It is because ials of the annual poultry Slogan Mrs. Hanson is a former Salemnumber, last Thursday's Daily and ite. She taught English in the Washington Junior high school in Salem in 1915 and 1916. Her She is a sister of Miss Ava B. ligton Experiment Station at of home economics of the Oregon Agricultural college, and there er being H. M. Leathers of Wood- are other members of the family land, Wash., near Vancouver and who have done and are doing big things in the world of affairs. tension of the Willamette valley. The Milam family is a worth these worth while things is the work of Mrs. Hanson, with her husband, in building up the greatest White Leghorn strain in the ember 9 of last year. But on world, thus attracting all poultrydom to the Salem district, because ore, Lady Jewel's nose was out of this is the best poultry country joint. A greater White Leghorn on the green earth, proven so by came on the scene; also a Salem actual accomplishments, and by facts that pile up as the industry

When the Slogan editor wrote J. A. Hanson, owner of "Han- the editorial in question, he had son's Pride," last Saturday wrote not the information at hand reto a friend of the Slogan editor as porting the result of the last egg laying contest at Puyallup, Wash-"Inclosed find a clipping from ington, in which No. 43, bred and

Another victory for the Hanson hen in this contest is the further fact that she laid a larger per cent of standard size eggs than any other champion hen in this contest, her eggs in value exceeding those of "Lady Jewell by

The Hanson strain has been bred for large standard eggs cause Corvallis is more intimately longer than any other strain. He has the world record for a two year individual laying hen, and The White Leghorns of Mr. for the four year laying hen; 614 Hanson, and the hens of the Han- eggs in two full seasons, and

He is making world records peated statement of the Slogan right along in contests througheditor that the Salem district is out the United States, with his the best poultry country in the trapnested pedigreed White Leghorns.

DIRECTIONS FOR PLANTING GLADIOLI, SALEM'S OFFICIAL FLOWER, BY UPJOHN

It is a Good Time to Plant When the Ground is Suitable and Planting May Be Done Well Up to the End of June -the Flower Needs Plenty of Water and a Great Deal of Sun-Very Plain Directions

say something again in regard to yourself best results. this wonderful flower. Perhaps, Planting may continue on well anything to those who plan to add frost. some gladiola-Salem's official

wet, it will cause trouble almost period lengthened. The later throughout the growing season. t must also be remembered that the gladiolus bulb is planted three or four inches deep, according to its size, and it welcomes warmth as well as moisture. A number of good sun baths are required before warmth penetrates to a point where it will accelerate the germ even if it does not cause sprouting. Cut This early root growth may add in any soil that will raise good strength to the flower later. Plant Potatoes. If fertilizer is wanted now if you wish—always remem-bering that the ground should be

friable. If your land is of the Gladiolus planting time is at heavy clay variety, by all means hand again, and I have been asked wait awhile and save yourself by the editor of The Statesman to trouble later, as well as assuring

with the constantly growing inter- up toward the end of June for est in this flower of flowers, some continuity of bloom. Plant a few simple directions as to planting bulbs every week or ten days apart. and culture may be as welcome as and bloom will continue well up to

Different varieties have differflower—to their garden collection. ent blooming periods. The aver-Planting here may be done at age length of time required for any time the ground is in good blooming is 90 days from the time condition. Generally speaking the of planting. Some varieties, howground is in condition when a ever, will bloom in 70 days, some handful of dirt, squeezed in the in 80 and so on up to as long as palm, will granulate and not roll 120. By proper selection of varinto a sticky ball. If ground is leties planting of all may be made worked too early, when it is too at the same time and the blooming planting, and thus the warmer weather and ground condition the faster will the blooming period

> In planting your gladiolus bulbs select a sunny situation, if posslizer is by no means an essential, in fact is not absolutely necessary for top size blooms, bone meal or