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**GREAT PROMISES**—"And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." Ex. 23:25.

## RAISE MORE FIBER FLAX

There is not enough fiber flax in sight for the use of the two linen mills of Salem—the first operating and preparing to double its outfit, and the second one to be operating some time this fall.

The flax plant at the penitentiary is speeding up, and will speed up more.

And, though all the acreage that was planned is under contract (over 2000 acres for the state and over 300 for the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc.), and 90 per cent of the seed in the ground, and most of it up now, the state plant will take on 300 to 400 acres more, if growers wish to contract NOW; and to plant the seed by the 15th.

More than this, the state will furnish the fiber flax seed to the growers, and they can, if they wish, thresh out their seed after harvest, and deliver the threshed straw to the penitentiary plant. That is, the state will buy the threshed straw, to make fiber.

Or the state will buy the unthreshed flax, at the regular contract price for this year.

**QUICKLY:** Farmers with suitable land who wish to help the linen industry and thus help themselves, should grow some flax, if they have not already contracted to do so.

The state has plenty of seed, and will furnish it and take its pay in either unthreshed or threshed straw, after it is grown.

But the state cannot obligate itself to take any of the straw of the flax that is being grown exclusively for the seed. That is not such a fiber flax as can be used at the penitentiary plant.

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY MUST IRRIGATE

Prof. Wilbur L. Powers, professor of farm management and chief of the department of soils, Oregon Agricultural college, addressed the Salem Chamber of Commerce at its noon luncheon meeting yesterday, on irrigation and reclamation. He made it very plain that the Willamette valley must finally vastly increase the irrigation of its lands.

For the soil survey being made by the college forces, now nearly finished, shows that a million and a quarter acres of land in this valley can be rendered very much more productive with the application of water under the proper conditions.

And at costs that will much more than justify the expenditure.

He said we have 40,000 acres of free working soils in Marion county that will produce two tons of alfalfa or clover to the acre, above the tonnage now being produced, with the proper irrigation; and other crops in the same proportionate or greater rate increase.

To say nothing of many other benefits in the way of improved soil conditions, second trucking crops in the same year, and the like.

He showed that flax through the use of irrigation has been increased six to eight inches in height, giving a much larger tonnage and of a superior and higher priced product. As favorable results have been had with the irrigation of hops.

Experiments have been carried on at the college at Corvallis for twelve years, showing the profitable use of water, though it had to be pumped, in the growing of many kinds of crops.

At the present rate of growth in the United States, said Mr. Powers, we will have 150,000,000 people in 1940. We have about 116,000,000 now, and we are now growing at the rate of about 2,000,000 a year. We have about two billion acres of land in the United States, of which less than one billion is capable of being used for cultivated crops.

And, while our population grows and is bound to keep on growing, the amount of our land that can be cultivated remains fixed. It cannot be increased.

And we will need all our good land, brought to the highest possible point of productivity, to feed and clothe our people.

Prof. Powers said the sugar beet crop is one especially susceptible to irrigation for the best results, and he added that manufacturing interests are looking this way now; people in position to take care of a large acreage are looking this way.

And he predicted that Salem would get the first beet sugar factory in the Willamette valley.

The case is proven. The Willamette valley must irrigate. Every acre that can use irrigation water with profit must finally use it. And the development in this field ought to be swift and steady.

## LIME PLANT GOING SOON

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE CUT TO FARMERS

The state lime plant which recently was moved to the state penitentiary here from Gold Hill, will be in operation sometime this week, according to announcement made by state officials. Besides providing employment for a number of prisoners the plant will furnish lime fertilizer to the farmers at a cost of \$1 a ton less than was charged while operations were conducted at Gold Hill.

The fertilizer will be manufactured by convict labor, at a small profit to the state.

## SOME SUNDAY SERMONS FROM SALEM PULPITS

**"Immortality"**  
 Sermon by Dr. Norman K. Tully, First Presbyterian church, Easter Sunday.

"If a man die shall he live again?"

This age-long, world-wide question which faces every man in every generation, is answered by Paul with a shout of triumph: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" The resurrection of our Blessed Lord has extracted the sting of death and robbed the grave of victory.

History, philosophy and science cannot, indeed, demonstrate a future life, but neither can they veto it. We must always distinguish between historians, philosophers, and scientists and history, philosophy, and science. Workers in these fields sometimes deny immortality, but their subjects never.

Kather do they present some facts which light our way and bid us hope.

For instance, history reveals that all races have believed in immortality; that the belief has persisted while others have perished; that it has grown with the progress of life, and that it conquers. Philosophy makes much of man's universal longing for immortality; of his love which refuses to lose its object; of the power of the mind to transcend material limitations; and the incompleteness of this life. Science emphasizes the indestructibility of matter, the persistence of force, the adaptation of faculty to environment, the survival of the fittest, and the principle of progression. All these facts, the more they are meditated upon, induce a hope that man is not made to die.

But assurance is reached in the clear sunshine of the revelation of Jesus. He never argued for immortality; He assumed it. He said, "If it were not so, I would have told you." He knew, for He was "one with the Father." He said, "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." He promised to prepare a place for us, and to come and receive us unto Himself. Since He has been found true and faithful in all other assurances by the experiences of our race for nearly twenty centuries, we can rely implicitly upon His revelation of immortality. "He came to bring life and immortality to light."

"Easter Chimes", Luke 24:34—"The Lord is Risen Indeed," sermon by Rev. E. H. Shanks, First Baptist church.

There is no message that carries more joy than the message of the resurrection. There is not only joy, but a hope that "springs eternal." The chimes that ring out the Easter message scatter joy to every nation and hope to every yearning heart.

What message could be more cheering to a sin-cursed tear-stained, weary world? The chimes! There is something wonderfully cheering in the ringing of the chimes. The succession of bell-tones swelling through the air fills the heart with thoughts of God, with hope of eternal life and with courage for the toil of the daily burden.

Of all the bells, those of Easter are the sweetest. There seems to be something new and different in their tone. A joyousness! Have you noticed it? Or is it just in the heart, something that makes the ear detect a new pulsation of spiritual sense? After the night of sorrow, comes the morning of joy.

"Weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning." Death has been conquered. Never again may that "king of terrors" frighten the children of hope.

The chimes of the bells have various messages. The plighted troth; the new life given; the call to worship; the resurrection song, each with a message of its own. Even the passing of a soul is cheered on its flight to glory by the sweet toned music of the bells.

It is a peal, a shout of victory; the triumph of a faith that would not doubt, and the redeemed life is heralded into glory of the Aeternal Presence. The Lord is risen indeed. Let the bells peal out this message.

"Christ, the Lord, is risen today; Sons of men and angels say: Raise your joys and triumphs high! Sing ye heavens, and earth, reply!"

Yes, "Love's redeeming work is done!" Joy banishes the night of sorrow. Light breaks through the gloom. The grave is no longer a dark narrow house that makes the heart grow sick. It is a triumphal archway, gilded with the glory that shines from Joseph's Garden, revealing the trophies of the Conquering Hero who leads captivity captive and gives gifts to men. Looking through this golden arch we see the redeemed hosts of glory and hear their song as they sing in a heavenly chorus:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain To receive power" . . . For He has redeemed us unto God."

Bright is our path to the Holy City, this day and forever more. Let the Easter Chimes ring out. Let every Christian heart beat high with hope. Jesus lives.

Let us turn for a brief consideration of that First Easter dawn.

ingest bound. Let us tell the story to every burdened soul. Let us bear the light to every darkened mind. Let us preach Christ crucified, risen, glorified to a sin-cursed world. Preach it until men everywhere shall know the story.

Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with the saints to reign. Hallelujah, Christ arose.

## CHANGE IN DIAMOND LAWS IS DISCUSSED

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that if a team does not want its captain on the field it can have him in the coach's box. It has become the custom to have the captain a player other than one of the regulars.

The double-header rule, which makes the first game of the afternoon the legal game for the day, has been set apart by itself instead of being classified with the "regulation game" rule.

In Section 2 of Rule 28, about substituting players, there has been no end of confusion among the youngsters as to what "any stage of the game" means when one player was put in the contest for another. Frequently it has been ruled that a player could break down between first base and second, and if another player touched first base and continued to run for the injured player, the run would count. Of course, that would result in a farce, because slow runners could pretend to break down at first base and faster runners could take their places. The rule has been changed now that a substitution cannot be made while the ball is in play. The umpire always calls "time" when a substitution is made.

To Section 2 of Rule 30 there is appended the rosin bag paragraph which has become famous this early. The National League will use it and the American League will have none of it.

The rule does not say that the pitcher must dry his hands on the rosin bag. It says he may. There can be a legal rosin bag, and if there is a league that doesn't want to carry the bag, there is nothing to compel it to do so.

Note one thing very carefully. Not a word of the rule about the use of a foreign substance on the ball has been changed. To dab or to smear the ball is as illegal as ever it was.

The rule in regard to the pitcher throwing to an unoccupied base has been changed so that if he does it once he is warned, and if he repeats it he is out of the game. This change has been erroneously confounded in some way with the intentional pass, but has nothing whatever to do with it. The change is very proper and a good one, as it prevents needless delay of the game.

Various slight changes have been made in the balk rule, but none of them alter the balk or its penalty. The changes have made the rule much clearer.

If a batsman stands at the plate and, in the opinion of the umpire, dodges into a slow ball so that he spoils either a ball or a strike, the umpire may penalize a strike on the batsman. In the past it has often been ruled a dead ball, and thus the batsman got away with a play at the expense of the pitcher. Of course, if the batsman is hit accidentally, the rule of hit by pitcher applies as it always did.

The rule about the intentional pass stands as it did, although the members of the rules committee were quite willing to admit that it is superfluous and unnecessary. However, it had been incorporated into the rules as sort of a precautionary warning to the catcher, and so it was permitted to remain. The words "the intentional pass" were stricken from the rule. The umpire do not recognize, or pretend longer to recognize, that there is not such a thing as an "intentional pass." Mindreaders can not play baseball in the capacity of umpires.

The distance of a home run is 250 feet, and yet the size of a ground does not necessarily have a minimum limit of 250 feet. A ground may be 235 feet at its least measurement, but home runs will not be legal over that 235-foot wall. That point is flatly

## DINNER STORIES

Jemima was a young colored maid fresh from the cotton fields of the south. One afternoon she came to her northern mistress and handed her a card.

"De lady what gib me dis is in de parlor," she explained. "Dey's anoder lady on de steps."

"Gracious, Jemima!" exclaimed the mistress, "why didn't you ask both of them in?"

"Kase, ma'am," grinned the girl, "de one on de do'staps done forgit her ticket."

"What are those terrible yells, officer?" demanded an excited pedestrian, as an unearthly screams issued from an unquiet window.

"I investigated and it's all last got a sacrifice hit and the one who batted the first got nothing, yet the run could not have scored had it not been for his play. The rules committee logically decided that if one fly helped to score a run, so did the other. And so it did, and so it will.

If the change does anything it may assist some batters to a slightly lower percentage; but if there are any who hold that such sacrifices are not sacrifices, then let the rule bout sacrifice flies be abolished in its entirety. If a batsman advances a runner by any kind of a play which is perfectly played in the field the batsman is entitled to credit, and that is as certain as spring.

Two gentlemen were walking along a highway near a railroad. One of them was exceedingly hard of hearing. Along came a train, and the locomotive emitted an ear-splitting shriek.

"H'm," said the deaf man, "that's the first robin I've heard this spring."

**GET OUT CHATTER**

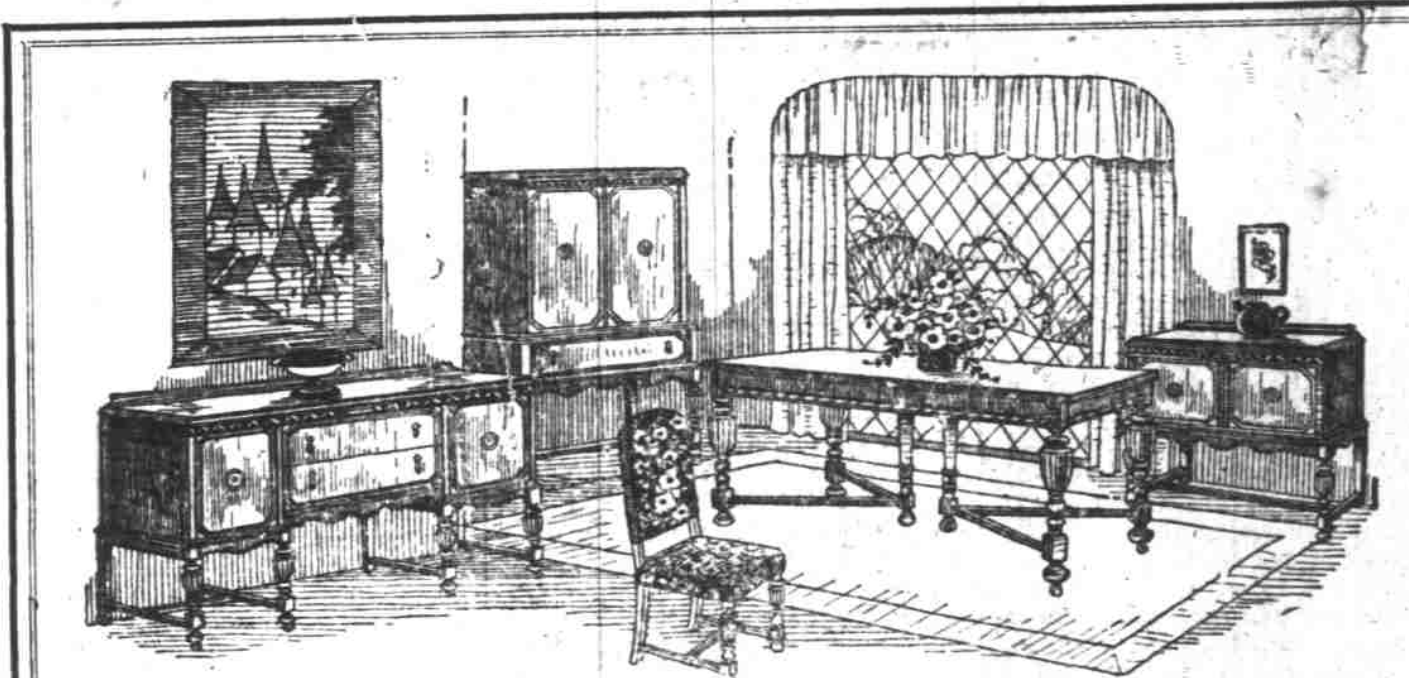
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