

Strange Pageant Opens as Teasel Harvesters Gather Unique Crop

ODD SIGHT SEEN ON LARGE TRACT

George H. Gregory Believes 90 Acre Farm Only One in West

By LILLIT L. MADSEN SILVERTON, July 21.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Teasel harvesting is now at its height, and motorists through the hills and valleys northeast of Silverton near Molalla see perhaps as strange a sight as they ever be-

lieve in the Willamette valley teasels recognized as weeds growing along the roadside; weeds which grow with an artistic bent, in various shades, and which they find very uncomfortable on

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picnic grounds. Few Oregonians know that they are grown commercially here, and across upon acres of them form an odd sight. Yet George H. Gregory has grown them on his farm above Without Springs since 1898.

Mr. Gregory has 90 acres of teasels this season, and he says that as far as he knows, his is the only teal farm of any size west of the Mississippi. He has grown as high as 115 acres of them at one time, but, as they are a biennial crop, the acreage varies from year to year.

During the harvest season the fields are gone over twice. Cutters, numbering between 65 and 70, are now making the first round. They are equipped with little four-inch knives made especially for teal cutting. The cutting crew greatly resembles a group of hop pickers, made up of men, women and children over 12 years.

The teasels are severed from the plants three inches below the heads and thrown into baskets similar to hop baskets, although the teal basket is somewhat shorter and wider. These are emptied into wagons and taken at once to the drier. Cutters report that they average from \$3 to \$4 a day.

Teasel driers are unlike hop driers in that they are not equip-

ped with artificial heat. Shutter-like doors on both sides of the building open to permit air to circulate through the racks upon which the teasels have been spread. In September, work in the drier begins. The teasels must be hand-trimmed, hand graded and hand packed into large boxes before they are shipped to eastern markets where they are sold for dressing cloth.

Mr. Gregory, who is an important factor in the Molalla country, has worked with teasels for 54 years. When he was but 10 years of age he had to quit school to work on his father's teal farm in New York state. Although he later returned to school, he has been out of the teal fields only a few months at a time.

DELEGATES NAMED

Mrs. Henry Hutton and Mrs. George Anderson have been chosen Silverton's delegates from the American Legion auxiliary to the convention in Marshfield next month. Mrs. Dewey Allen and Mrs. Walter Arbutnot are alternates. The committee in charge of the recent concert by the Salem men's chorus reported. It consists of Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Lester Cooper, Mrs. Cosper Towe and Mrs. Alford R. Nolan.

AURORA FLAX GOES NEARLY THREE TONS

The State Plant Has Received About Two Thousand Tons of Flax

R. H. Etzel of the Aurora district grew 10 acres of flax this year for the state flax plant at the penitentiary. He has received his check in full. He delivered to the state 56,855 pounds of flax. That is nearly three tons to the acre. The price was \$38 a ton. The average length was close to 36 inches. Had there been another rain, he would have had \$40 flax, for length of straw above 36 inches.

The total value of the flax he delivered was \$1080.24. The state furnished the seed and did the pulling; the pulling at \$10 an acre, with a state machine. The check received by Mr. Etzel was for \$931.54; the difference of \$148.70 being for the seed and the pulling.

That is, Mr. Etzel got \$931.54 net for the use of his 10 acres of land. Of course, he had the expense of working the land and planting, and hauling the flax. But it is submitted that he made a good profit. Any grain grower in Oregon will say he did; especially any grain grower in the Willamette valley this year.

About 2000 Tons Now
But Mr. Etzel is not the high man in flax production this year. A lot of \$40 flax has been delivered. And there have been crops with more than three tons to the acre. None of the others have been fully settled yet. Mr. Etzel is the high man for early delivery.

The state flax plant has received and stored under its sheds so far about 2000 tons of flax. Nearly 1000 loads. Some of the truck loads run to five tons. Many of the loads run very much lighter.

It is expected that the full delivery will run to around 3000 tons. So the crop is about two-thirds in. Every grower who has delivered his crop and called for his check has got it. The \$100,000 authorized by the state emergency board was placed to the credit of the state by the Ladd & Bush bank the next morning after the board gave its o. k.

The flax is practically all harvested, in the valley. The more than 200 acres in Columbia county mentioned elsewhere in this morning's paper, is not yet ready to pull. Of course, there will be deliveries, delayed for various reasons, for several weeks yet. The 300 acres in the Stayton district, under contract to the Oregon Linen Mills Inc., is also about all harvested, and a good portion of it delivered and paid for.

EAST IS SWEEP BY TERRIFIC STORMS

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passed with long promised cooling showers still only a hope. As the trend of summer's most intense heat wave drew to a close, it left in its wake a record of offices and industrial plants closed, of men and women prostrated at their work and on the streets, of drownings among crowds that surged to seaside and lake fronts, of both animals and humans demented by the scorching weather.

Although suffering was intense Wednesday, temperatures were generally several points higher Thursday. Records of 100 were unusual and scattered before, but on Thursday such temperatures became the rule rather than the exception. From all the reports of prostrations, drownings, suicides, and deaths of persons already ill, all to some extent attributed to the weather, it was impossible to compile any accurate list of deaths for which the heat could be held directly and solely responsible.

In various places in New York, New England and Pennsylvania stores and industrial plants closed their doors so that employees might seek what relief was possible. New York City experienced its hottest July 22 since the weather bureau has been in operation. After a rushing start with a 10 degree rise in three hours in the morning, the mercury reached 97 degrees at 3 o'clock. An hour later it had dropped one degree and some hope was held out for relief.

Formality went by the board and in many courts officers and visitors were permitted to remove their coats. Business was stopped in one New York court when a court room crowd, taking too literally the judge's permission to make themselves comfortable, removed their shirts as well as their coats and drew a sharp reprimand. The record of the heat wave was one of mingled tragedy and humor. In Binghamton, N. Y.,

four persons became temporarily deranged, and had to be restrained by police; and in Lowell, Mass., an egg was fired on a brick roof. In Jersey City three heat crazed dogs attacked two young boys; and in St. Armand, Quebec, the nearest Canadian point for Vermonters, an American invasion was reported to the bear tables.

And so through the whole record, tragedy walked hand-in-hand with farce and the sufferers found time to laugh at their plight as well as to moan.

The weather bureau still spoke brightly of showers but the heat parched easterners were in a mood to be shown. Promises and predictions had ceased to satisfy.

FAMED TANK COACH WILL VISIT SALEM

Tom Robinson, Producer of Stars, May Teach Swimming Here

Tom Robinson, swimming coach at Northwestern university, and generally recognized as the greatest swimming coach in the country, will be in Salem September 15, 16, 17 and 18, according to present expectations. It is hoped that he will give lessons at the YMCA tank during these days, and negotiations to that effect are under way now.

In a letter, received by Fred Thielsen of the Salem Rotary club and written by another Rotarian at Chicago, high praise is given Mr. Robinson as a swimming coach, although, as the letter says, he is a member of the Kiwanis club. He had four worlds' record men on his team at Northwestern university last year.

Old Sumpter smelter, idle for past three years being remedied for reopening.

NORRIS GRAND JURY NOW UNDER ATTACK

"Bitterest Enemies" Are on Jury, Church Publicity Director Says

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 22. (By Associated Press.)—The personnel of the grand jury investigating the killing of D. E. Chipps by Dr. Frank Norris was attacked here today by J. J. Mickle, publicity director for Norris' church, as the jury recessed until Tuesday.

In a statement which is to be published Saturday in "The Searchlight," Norris' weekly paper, Mickle charges that some of Norris' bitterest enemies are members of the jury, that it contains Roman Catholics, and that one of the main purposes in the formation of the jury was to indict Norris for criminal libel for his attack on Mayor H. C. Meacham and others.

The statement declares that one member of the jury attempted an assault on Dr. Norris' life 10 years ago, and reiterated charges of a conspiracy against Norris, declaring that "the conspirators" met on a certain night this week and raised a large fund to hire well known criminal lawyers to prosecute Norris.

Frank Anderson, a prominent Fort Worth business man who is a member of the jury stated that the jury is of a very high class, being composed of business men and farmers.

"There are two Catholics on the jury, one of whom I believe is not a regular church member. The

other members are Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians or do not belong to any church."

Anderson's statement was concurred in by other jurymen who declined to be quoted. The jury after working three days on the case recessed to give time to transcribe the testimony, and to permit development of additional evidence.

PRUNE PICKERS CAME TOO EARLY

But They Will Soon All Be Needed, and a Lot More Besides These

Sim Phillips of the Y free employment office has been swamped with a flood of prune pickers— it seemed to him that there were about a million of them, but the number is probably somewhat short of that total.

They have come in the last couple of days in answer to an advertisement in the Portland papers. They have been telling Mr. Phillips that they came expecting to be sent into the orchards at once— But they are what they used to call "sooners" in land settlement rushes. They will all be needed, and many more, very shortly, in prune and evergreen blackberry and pear and peach picking—to say nothing of about 50,000 of them a few weeks later

in hop picking. But Denney & Co., who put in the advertisements, are not to blame. They fixed the date for commencing prune picking, at a number of points where they have contracted for prunes. Following is a copy of one of the advertisements:

"500 Prune Pickers Wanted. Picking starts some orchards Monday, July 26; heavy crop, good picking; most growers furnish good camp ground, wood; bring camp outfit. Apply for instructions Denney & Co., Salem Fruit Union bldg., Salem, Or. Phone 2490."

Oregon, Washington and Idaho producing some 111,000,000 of wheat, oats and barley, compared with approximately 105,040,000 bushels last year.

Druggist's Daughter Gained 6 lbs. in 30 Days

Only 7 Years Old He Writes

After sickness and when children are run down, pale and weak, nothing seems to help so much as the vitalizing vitamins in McCoy's Cod Liver Oil Compound Tablets. Mr. E. H. Alvey, pharmacist, of Clinton, Ill., writes as follows: "Gentlemen: Enclosed find check to balance account to date; Also order for 12 dozen McCoy's TABLETS. My little girl (7 years old), had the measles and was very much run down. We started her on McCoy's and she has gained 6 pounds in thirty days. The other morning she and her mother overslept and Betty did not have time to eat breakfast before going to school. She came home at noon starving and said to her mother, 'Mother, you will have to get me up in time for breakfast or stop feeding me McCoy's'."

Sixty sugar coated tablets for sixty cents at J. C. Perry, D. J. Fry and druggists everywhere. Try them for 30 days and if they do not help your ailing child, money back. Ask for McCoy's. Adv.

SHOE SALE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Two more days to buy shoes at big reductions. We want to close out the final lot of broken sizes in these two days so come early as we are handling capacity crowds in the later part of the day.

EXCLUSIVE STYLES AND PATTERNS AT EXCEPTIONALY LOW PRICE

Broken Lines
LADIES' \$12.00 PUMPS
In all the late styles of colored kid, both stepins and ties, no old ones, all right up to the minute go at **\$8.95**

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Regularly sold at \$12.00, most all sizes, both Cuban and spike heels, all the late things to pick from **\$8.95** they all go at

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COLORED KIDS AND PAT- ENT LEATHER PUMPS
For ladies and girls, regular \$10.00 values, both in block and spike heels. Get a pair while they last **\$6.95**

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In brown calf, regularly sold at \$7.00 and a real value at this price. **\$3.50** Only a few pairs to sell at

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Wonderful values, all colors, all sizes, only about 50 dozen in the lot. Come early and get a pair **\$1.00**

MEN'S TAN OXFORDS
Regularly sold at \$9.00, best values on the market, only about 60 pairs. Come early and get a pair **\$4.50**

MEN'S BLACK OXFORDS
Most all sizes, regularly sold at \$9.00. We are putting a lot of these in to stimulate the sale at the ridiculously low price of **\$4.50**

Men's Florsheim
OXFORDS AND SHOES
Hundreds of pairs to select from, almost every size in both tan and black. Get a pair now
\$10.00 Values \$8.95
\$12.00 Values \$9.95

\$1.00 Shoe Sale LADIES' PUMPS AND OXFORDS

In the basement, white canvas pumps and oxfords, patent pumps, satin pumps, suede pumps, and a few oxfords, formerly sold up to \$12.00, all go at **\$1.00**

It's Here JULY SUIT SALE

Quality stands firm while prices take a tumble.

These reduced prices fail to give you an inkling of the high character of the merchandise offered in this our most important sale of years. You will recognize their extreme high worth the instant you see them and the label of the makers, and so interesting are these values that we are expecting to do a volume of business. So great in fact that it is doubtful whether this sale will continue many more days.

Styles that you seek; Patterns that you demand; Fabrics that you want and Tailoring that you desire. All these things are offered in this quality clothing.

Suits that you will be pleased to wear right now. Suits you'll want for fall—you get them all in these three groups, reduced for quick clearance. SEE THEM NOW.

\$16⁹⁵ \$22⁹⁵ \$27⁹⁵

UNDERWEAR So inviting are these special values that many a man will come here and put in a most complete season's supply. 98c	Straw Hats YOUR LAST CHANCE At these low sale prices, it's very worth while to get a new straw hat for July and August wear! All the newest shapes and braids at a fraction of regular values. Now reduced 98c and \$1.79	SHIRT SALE Hundreds of quality shirts in all styles and fabrics, at these two greatly reduced prices. \$1.40 - \$1.98
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