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Blessed be the Lord; for he hath showed me his marvelous kindness in a strong city. He of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.—Psalms 32: 21, 24.

OUR WONDERFUL FLAX AND LINEN FUTURE

The purchase for the state flax plant by Col. W. B. Bartram of one of the newly invented Belgian Soenens automatic scutching machines means great developments in the flax and linen industries of Salem and the Salem district, and the whole Willamette valley—

For it points the way to cheap scutching, which has been one of the prime needs; the prime need, in fact. And it will be better scutching; will recover a larger percentage of linen fiber and spinning tow than could be possible with hand scutching, and of a higher quality. A better quality for the next process of hankling, and all the other processes up to the making of fine linens for the markets.

This will mean quantity production of flax fiber. It will mean that the penitentiary plant can take on 8000 acres of flax, instead of the present 2000 acres.

It will mean the production of spinning tow at the state plant at as low a price as 8 cents a pound, against cotton fiber at 15 cents, the present price, which is unusually low, costing the grower 18 cents a pound.

It will mean that scutching mills may be established at various valley points, operated by free labor, and at a profit.

It will mean quantity production, so that there may be fiber and yarn to sell in the open market, and to induce the building of specialty mills here, several of which are just around the corner, waiting for an adequate and certain supply of fiber and yarn, which could not be soon guaranteed without cheap scutching.

It will mean the making of coarse twine and cord at the penitentiary plant for the market, and perhaps paper string from the waste; from the shives, a by-product that is now burned.

It will mean the building up here in the Willamette valley of a gigantic flax and linen industry, in much shorter time than could have been dreamed of without cheap scutching—

And it will make much nearer the time when the Salem district will have a \$100,000,000 annual flax industry, with a million people employed, directly and indirectly, in and through the industry. It will make Salem the Belfast of the United States, and this consummation is not so very far away.

Captain Roald Amundsen proved the claim his admirers have made for him that he is the greatest living explorer, at the Elsinore theater yesterday afternoon and evening. He should have had larger audiences, though the crowds were by no means small. Captain Amundsen has given to his day and generation services that have been distinctive above those of any other man of all history. That is something worthy of a full house in any city in the world.

The present stage in the Chinese revolution was bound to come—the stage in which the new leaders, drunk with the flush of victory, cannot follow a leader. Cannot trust one another. Things may be much worse in China before they are better. If the wise leaders can agree, and work in harmony, China will have peace and progress, and growth towards the ideals of a real republic. If they cannot agree, there will be confusion worse confounded, for the old order is passing; indeed, has passed. The Chinese reeds have chosen Marshal Feng, the Christian general, for their leader—and he is the least red of any of them at heart. If he accepts their leadership, he will have a difficult part to play. Though he is perhaps the wisest man in all China, and the best, and he has played many difficult parts in his stormy and strange career.

The bowl at the Leslie junior high school, in its present state, looks like the making of a place big enough to hold many thousands of people. It may make Salem famous.

Now if the Salem district can get a beet sugar factory, and make sugar beets a rotation crop with flax and other appropriate crops, the real development of this section into one of the most populous and prosperous countries of its size in the world will be well on its way. It will mean a marvelous growth of the poultry industry and of dairying and all the live stock industries.

FLAX SCUTCHING COST REDUCED BY MACHINE

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chine of his own invention, for green tow, and there is a machine of the same kind made in Czechoslovakia. There are others working on such machines, in various countries.

But the machine which Col. Bartram selected for the prison plant is made in Belgium. It is the Soenens automatic scutching machine, manufactured at Bury St. Edmunds, Eng., by Robert Boby Limited, a subsidiary of the greatest concern in that country, making bath tubs and many other major manufactures. The sample machine is in operation at Stratford, Canada, where Major Colonel Bartram inspected it.

A Wonderful Product

Col. Bartram took with him samples of Oregon flax suitable for long line fiber and spinning tow. The results of long flax pulled on the Luper Rhea Luper farm near Hubbard showed: 26.85 per cent of long line fiber and 2 per cent tow, machine scutched, against 31.35 per cent from green straw and about 24 per cent of retted straw running about 6 per cent tow. In addition, the machine recovered about 14 per cent of line fiber now going into tow at the state plant.

And such a product! The machine turns out a quality far above anything that can be done by hand. It takes a straw at a time, and shows the excellent result. The machine product hankles away above hand scutched fiber. Col. Bartram considers this machine a great find, for the indus-

try here. It can be operated by any one, without special training. The straw is just fed in, and the machine does the work.

Will Solve Many Things

Two of these machines can handle all the scutching of a crop like the one growing now; about 2000 acres. Four of them 4000 acres. Eight of them, 8000 acres. Think of that!

Think of what it means for the flax industry here! It will put scutching plants at Mt. Angel, Monmouth, Astoria, and other places "raring to go," but which might be held back some time, if hand scutching had to be depended upon.

Will Make a Surplus

This will make a surplus, above the needs of the Salem linen mills. There will be fiber, and perhaps yarn, to sell on the American market, which takes now 60,000 tons of fiber, and fiber worked into yarn.

Saw the Big Mills

On his trip east, Col. Bartram saw the American linen mills. He was at the big Barbour mills at Paterson, New Jersey, and was entertained by the vice presidents of that great concern, and Mr. Barbour himself. He took an order for a sample shipment of line fiber from the Barbour.

He sold the Stevens Line company at Boston a sample order of line fiber and tow. This is one of the great concerns of the country.

More Pullers

Col. Bartram bought for the state plant a car load of pulling machines at the factory at Toronto. This will make a total complement of 21 Canadian pulling machines for this district, besides an extra machine being sent by the makers for experimental purposes here. Our users here make some improvements on the original machine. The cost of the original machines was \$2250 each. The new machines purchased are furnished at \$1600 each.

The Cost of the Automatic Scutching Machines is Around \$2300

Each such machine will pay for itself every few months of operation. It will scutch retted flax at a fraction of a cent a pound, will recover a larger per cent of line fiber and spinning tow than can be done with hand scutching, and give a much higher grade product.

It Will Enable the State Plant to Go to 8000 Acres, in a Short Time, Instead of the Present 2000 Acres of Flax

And it will enable flax to be scutched profitably by free labor, in mills located all over the valley.

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Channel Campaign Continued By Body

Opinion Expressed That Government Should Continue Work

PORTLAND, April 19.—(AP)—The port of Portland commission will continue its campaign for a channel to the sea of a depth of 35 feet and a width of 500 feet, it was decided at a meeting today.

Opinion also was expressed that the federal government should take over the entire development and maintenance work of the channel in view of the fact that few other ports of the country are contributing anything for channel work, thereby relieving the port of Portland of an expenditure of thousands of dollars annually.

Decision was reached to hold a joint meeting with the board of directors of the chamber of commerce Friday with which United States Senator C. L. McNary will be invited, to discuss the entire situation and to outline plans for pressing Portland's claim for a deeper and wider channel.

Pioneer Deputy County Assessor Died April 19

Frank M. Lick, 70, died on April 19, 1927, at his ranch near Quincy, Or. He was well known throughout Marion county, where he had a host of friends.

Mr. Lick served as deputy county assessor under Fred Rice, Ben F. West and Oscar Steelhammer. More than 20 years were spent in this work.

He is survived by his son, Ray C. Lick of Quincy, Mrs. Bertha Jamer, Mrs. Elmo White of Salem. Funeral announcements will be made later by Rigdon's mortuary.

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Whether—Mountain States Power company may extend rural line to Mohler on Rosevelt highway.

EXPLAINS RABBIT JUDGING TO CLUB

H. E. Osborn of Portland Conducts Demonstration at Meeting Here

An interesting and largely attended meeting of the Salem Rabbit Breeders association was held in Woods' automobile paint shop last night, the principal event of the evening being a table show.

The meeting was called to order by President Zinsler, who introduced Judge H. E. Osborn of Portland, prominent rabbit breeder and judge.

The first class brought out was the Chinchillas, of which there were 24. The judge passed on the various classes in their order, explaining the good points and blemishes of each animal and keeping his large audience and the exhibitors in the best of humor by interspersing more or less wit and humor into his remarks as he proceeded.

He also answered numerous questions and pointed out to the new breeders wherein their stock could be improved and the good points as well as the bad ones to be looked for.

Other breeds of rabbits presented and judged were a pair of good Blue Beverens, a pair of New Zealand Reds and a pair of Flemish Giants.

At the end of the judging a social hour was enjoyed, and all members and guests present were much pleased with the information on breeding and judging they had received.

Judge Osborn was given a cordial reception, as were the other Portland and outside guests, and it was stated that more meetings of this kind will be held in Salem and Portland during the season.

The forthcoming state fair rabbit show was also discussed informally at the close of the meeting, and it was predicted that it would be one of the largest and best ever held in the northwest.

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O'Brien Loses Decision to Battler From Gotham

PORTLAND, April 19.—(AP)—Sammy Shack, New York, won a decision over Tommy O'Brien, Portland, in a ten round main event on the boxing card here tonight. They are featherweights.

Capital Bargain House, Capital Tire Mfg. Co., Mike's Auto Wrecking. Three in one, Bargain center of Salem. Thousands of bargains. H. Steinbock, 215 Center.

Army and Outing Store. Biggest bargains in clothing, shoes, underwear, hosiery, gloves, valises and suit cases. The working man's store, 189 N. Commercial.

25,000 PEOPLE NOW HOMELESS IN FLOODS

homeless and flood an immense amount of land at the junction of the Cache and White river.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 19.—(AP)—Valiant but defenseless communities in the Mississippi valley north of here and in Arkansas to the west today saw another of their bulwarks crumble and many additional square miles of bottomlands laid open to the flood.

New crevasses are threatened in Arkansas; new washouts and spread of the flood waters have further crippled rail and highway traffic, to add to the misery of the refugees and to the danger of the situation, additional rains fell in many sections and thunder showers were forecast for tonight and tomorrow.

The St. Francis and Little river basins are in the path of the rushing waters from St. Johns bayou and government engineers feared they would be unable to carry the excess waters.

National guard officers reorted to the adjutant general of that state that a break seemed inevitable near Rosedale in Bolivar county. A crevasse there would cover 200,000 acres of land.

Meanwhile the river continued to rise today at every station between this city and St. Paul. Every important tributary except the Cumberland and the Tennessee rivers also were rising. The gauge at New Orleans stood at 29.2, one tenth of a foot above yesterday's reading.

The St. Johns bayou levee, eight miles north of New Madrid, Mo., followed the Bradley levee in succumbing to the eddies of the current and tonight the yellow waters swept onward down an area 100 miles long and many miles wide to Helena, Ark., adding hundreds of persons to the long list of homeless.

Southeast Missouri, already prostrate before the flood, faced additional loss, as did unhappy Arkansas, whose three major streams, the Arkansas, White and St. Francis rivers, already have

broken in a number of places, putting much farm land under water. More than 75 towns and villages in the two states were in the threatened section, while it was estimated that three million acres of land were in danger.

Crops Destroyed

In addition to the wholesale destruction of crops in sections of Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, the flood disrupted railroads, highway and telegraph traffic, made thousands of farmers farm-less and placed before merchants and bankers of the territory the prospect of an autumn without crop revenues.

Governor Martineau of Arkansas today issued a proclamation calling the flood the "greatest in a century" and appealing to citizens of the state to respond to the appeal of the American Red Cross for funds with which to aid the upward of 25,000 flood sufferers.

For the wrecked and damaged automobile, Hull's, 267 S. Com'l St. Tel. 578. Taps, glass, radiator, body and fender work. No over charges here. Expert work. (*)

Mrs. H. P. Stith, millinery, Most beautiful hats, Salem, all shapes and colors; full stock from which to make fine selections. Best quality, 333 State St. (*)

LIMITS DELANEY TO LIGHT HEAVY

NEW YORK, April 19.—(AP)—Jack Delaney, light heavyweight champion, must stay within the limits of his own division and not wander into the precincts of the heavyweights, the New York state athletic commission ruled today.

The decision automatically forces the Bridgeport battler out of his match with Paulino Uzcudun, arranged this week for June 22. As a result Delaney probably will be matched with Mike McTigue, Celtic warrior, on the same date in a bout for the 175 pound title.

Mike posted a challenge with the commission today. The motion to bar Delaney from the ranks of the weightier battlers was sponsored by Wm. Muldoon, 81 year old commissioner and was supported by Commissioner Farley with Commissioner Brower opposed.

REJECT WILSON RIVER TOLL ROAD APPLICATION

(Continued from page 1.) also submitted objections to the proposed plan, principally on the ground that the toll road would start at Glenwood and the county would have to build and maintain 12 miles of road between Forest Grove and Glenwood, with an attendant cost of \$225,000 and that this sum would be increased when the road would be paved.

On motion it was voted to disallow the franchise on the showing made by the applicants. The vote was unanimous and was approved by William Dube, H. B. Van Duser and C. E. Gates of the highway commission; F. A. Beltze, S. G. Reed and F. L. Owens for Tillamook county, and E. J. Ward, F. W. Llyermore and J. N. Hlatt, for Washington county.

STEAMER REPORTED ABLAZE

but No Request for Aid

SAN PEDRO, Cal., April 19.—(AP)—Radio advices to Norton, Lilly and company, steamship operators tonight gave meager details of a fire in one of the holds of the shipping board steamer Sagadahoc, which reported her position off Salina Cruz.

The cryptic message from Captain...

RUMOR OF COOLIDGE HOOPER RIFT DENIED

(Continued from page 1.) over China was untrue; that Secretary Kellogg was not thinking of resigning, and finally that if Mr. Kellogg did step out, Mr. Hoover would not be his successor.

At today's cabinet meeting Secretary Hoover was the last to leave, remaining alone with the president for a short period just before the Tuesday conference with correspondents. Then, through the usual medium of the official spokesman, the president's views were set forth substantially as follows:

"Mr. Hoover's abilities were not spoken of at the meeting of the correspondents with the official spokesman last Friday for the reason that it was assumed those abilities and the president's opinion of them were well understood.

"The secretary's reputation is so thoroughly established in this country and abroad for ability and executive achievement that the president doubts very much whether he would be able to shake it, even if he wished to."

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SAPIO CASE IN CHAOS

Court Adjourns Until Thursday Because of Reed Illness

DETROIT, Mich., April 19.—(AP)—Chaos took possession of Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford today and shrouded its status after next Thursday in extreme uncertainty.

Court was adjourned until then upon the plea of counsel for the automobile manufacturer that their leader, Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, would be unable to appear before that time because of illness and with the request was coupled the formal serving of notice that the alleged official misconduct of a woman juror would be ground for a motion for a mistrial.

Sapiro's chief of counsel, Wm. Henry Gallagher, countered with assertions that Ford detectives had meddled with the jurors, that the defense's case had collapsed and that the Ford attorneys had disregarded propriety in conferring privately with Judge Fred M. Raymond, but did not renew his motion for a mistrial, made and denied several days ago.

Myrtle Point—N. G. W. Perkins will build modern business block of three storerooms.

MARY BROWNE'S CASE UNDECIDED

NEW YORK, April 19.—(AP)—The executive committee of the United States Gold association adjourned late this afternoon without reaching a decision on the case of Mary K. Browne, who has asked the officials to rule whether or not her amateur status on the links has been affected by her entry into professional tennis ranks last winter.

Declining to forecast the possible outcome of the committee's deliberations Herbert H. Ramsay, secretary of the association, forecast a verdict would be reached tomorrow when the committee will resume consideration of the case.

Opinion in golfing circles was that Miss Browne's prompt denial of a report that she had accepted a position as tennis instructor at the New Westchester Women's Golf and Tennis club, would have an effect on the committee's ruling.

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lain A. R. Adams, commander of the ship, said there was a fire aboard the vessel. No request for aid was made.

The ship's charterers here took the brevity of the message to indicate that the fire was of no serious consequence.

Bits For Breakfast

Watch them grow— Our flax and linen industries, with spinning tow possible to be produced at 8 cents a pound—

With possible profitable scutching plants in all the towns, using the automatic scutching machines.

There were 610 inmates in the penitentiary yesterday afternoon—a new peak.

The institution has rented 60 acres of land for garden—mostly for potatoes. It is a problem to feed the increasing prison population.

But there will be plenty of work for all of them. The orders for lime at the lime plant there are behind 51 cars. More men will have to be worked in that plant. The farmers are crying for lime, and they must have it. The management expects to supply it. May have to develop the Falls City lime deposit, to keep up with the procession.

The best automobile insurance is to own a crumpled old car nobody cares to bump into or steal.

You can tell an uneducated man. He doesn't dislike any particular university.

Things that are not kept up run down—homes, health, reputations.

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