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Long cash ends are seen on some of the large hats. Why is it hotels so universally run to red carpets.

THE GROWING OF FLAX IN CLATSOP

Practical Experiment to Be Made in the Near Future.

SPINNING MILLS TO FOLLOW

If the Flax Can Be Successfully Raised Here—An Industry of Great Value to the Columbia River.

Clatsop county is rapidly coming to the front as a manufacturing section of the state. It has frequently been stated what might and would be done in the way of manufactures when the railroad was completed, but an entirely new project is now on foot and one which would be distinctly appropriate to the lower Columbia river. One of the largest and most successful manufacturers of linen twines, large quantities of whose products are used in Columbia river fishing nets, is figuring upon the establishment of a twine spinning mill in Astoria. Stewart's twine is known the world over, and together with Barbour's and Marshall's, stands highest in England. Mr. T. J. Porter, of the mills at Lisburn, Ireland, visited Astoria only a few weeks ago. At that time he was impressed with the possibilities of this port as a manufacturing center, and the result of his visit is shown in the following letter to his agents, Foard & Stokes:

Lisburn, Ireland, Oct. 21st, 1896. Mr. Stokes, Messrs. Foard & Stokes, Astoria:

Dear Sir: When I was in New York I received a letter from Mr. Kinsey making an offer of which no doubt you were cognizant. I have been thinking the matter over since, and am desirous to know what the flax-growing qualities of your country are, and in order to test it I have taken the liberty of sending out to your address a small bale of flax seed which I hope will arrive sufficiently early to be put into the ground for next season, and will ask you to consult with Mr. Kinsey and make such arrangements with some farmer in your neighborhood to sow the flaxseed, and send me the flax after it is grown, etc., and I will then be able to satisfy myself and report as regards the quality of the flax grown.

I am sending the flaxseed in one of P. Tredeale & Porter's ships, the name of which I will send you a week or so. In the course of a week or so, I will give you all the useful instructions regarding the selection of the soil, cultivation of the flax, preparation for the market etc. This I am testing in other parts of America to find out where is the most suitable place for the growth of flax.

I hope you will place this matter before your Chamber of Commerce as I believe Mr. Kinsey had already placed his proposal before them, and it is only with the view of possibly in the future following out his ideas that I will now desire you to make this experiment, and I hope sincerely that you will be successful.

I would ask you kindly to have the exact quantity of seed measured before it is sown and have it sown according to instructions contained in the book, and give me the accurate acreage on which the flaxseed was sown, together with the approximate idea of what you consider has been the cost of handling of the flax from the seed until its finished condition. If there are any questions which you would like to ask me regarding these points there is ample time before the seed arrives out with you. If at the same time you have any flaxseed in your district a sample of the flax grown from it, together with flax grown from the seed which I am sending you would be of much value to me in arriving at a proper conclusion.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date, I remain, Yours truly, T. J. PORTER.

In conversation with Mr. Frank Stokes yesterday afternoon, that gentleman stated that the proposition would be laid before the Chamber of Commerce, and that when the flaxseed arrived in Astoria, he would personally see that a thorough experiment was made with it in various sections of the state of Oregon. "It will not make so much difference whether the flax is raised immediately around the spinning mill or not. It may be possible that the climate in the Willamette Valley will be found more suitable to the raising of flax than is the climate in Clatsop county. We have, however, in this county a great variety of climate and soil which in many respects are almost identical with the climate and soil of Ireland, and I have high hopes that the experiment will be successful in Clatsop."

If flax raising proves successful in Clatsop there is no question of doubt but that a large spinning mill employing hundreds of hands, will be established in Astoria.

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HOW ELECTION AFFECTS TRADE

General Revival of Business Because of Major McKinley's Success.

WOOL MARKET IMPROVED

American Dealers Importing Goods Because High Tariff Goes Into Effect—Wheat Advances.

New York, November 6.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Business was practically suspended throughout the country early this week and there is little increase in the volume since the election compared with like periods in preceding weeks, but manufacturers and jobbers are more inclined to purchase in advance instead of for nearby wants only, and in a few lines, notably wool, cotton, iron and steel, a larger volume of purchases is reported. Merchants generally share a belief in an early revival, as indicated by hardening staples and the increase in quotations, in addition to those given in preceding weeks.

Sales of cotton goods have been freer and some mills are better employed. Woolen mills also report more orders and a tendency to proffer higher cost goods. Numerous industrial establishments which have started up within two days report being offered large orders if they would sell for 1897 delivery at present prices. Many Rhode Island manufacturers report preparations for a larger output than anticipated, and more orders contingent on election results, notably in the lumber and jewelry lines, are now being filled.

Owing to the lateness of the season, few have regarded the outlook as promising much in the nature of a boom during the current year. At a few northwestern commercial centers large orders have been received from country merchants within a few days, and in Georgia the farmers have met their obligations this autumn more promptly than for years past. Southern merchants and manufacturers are reported looking ahead confidently to a marked improvement in business in the near future.

Business failures throughout the United States this week were 223, 23 fewer than last week, 23 less than the corresponding week of 1895, 15 fewer than a like period of 1894, and 119 less than in the first week in November, 1893.

There were 20 business failures in Canada this week, as compared with 37 last week, 29 in the corresponding week a year ago, 42 two years ago, and 28 in the first week of November, 1893.

WOOL MARKET.

Boston, November 6.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: There has been an advance since the election of nearly five per cent, as some of the wools are held for even better figures. The market has been materially strengthened by the immediate advance in foreign markets on the strength of the election.

During the summer holders of territory wools were squeezed for money and they exported wool at panic prices to get spot cash quick. Some lots of fine staple territory was sold in this way on a basis of 25 cents free on board in Boston. Now the same men who exported are holding similar wools for 35 cents clean. Last week these wools would not bring over 32 cents clean. This is the best measure of the extent to which the election was discounted.

Foreign markets are exceptionally strong and buoyant. Bradford evidently means to get goods over here before the tariff is raised. A cable says: "McKinley's election gives an impetus to trade in the wool and clothing districts of Bradford and Yorkshire. American dealers cabled large orders today and the prices of raw and manufactured materials are advancing."

STOCK MARKET.

New York, November 6.—The stock market today, while less sensational than in the forenoon boom on Wednesday, displayed great strength and the volume of business, which was better distributed, did not fall far short of that day's record.

WHEAT GOES UP.

Chicago, November 6.—There was a good trade and more active market in wheat today, and it closed with a 4 1/4 cent advance. The closing price was: November, 78 1/2; December, 78 3/4.

New York, November 6.—The wheat market was unexpectedly strong today, December opened at 82 1/2, sold off to 81 1/2, advanced to 85 1/2, closing at 84 1/2 cents.

MARKET REPORTS.

Liverpool, November 6.—Wheat—spot, firm; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 8d; No. 1 California, 7s 4d.

Hops—At London, Pacific coast, 43 1/2s. San Francisco, November 6.—Hops, 7 1/2 to 9 cents.

Portland, November 6.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 74 1/2 to 75; Valley, 77 1/2 to 78.

MRS. VANDERBILT DEAD. New York, November 6.—Mrs. Mary Louise Vanderbilt, widow of the late Wm. K. Vanderbilt, died today at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Elliot F. Sheppard, at Scarborough, in Westchester county.

DOUBTFUL COLUMN IS OBLITERATED

Kentucky and North Carolina Added to the Republican Ranks.

MAKE-UP OF NEXT SENATE

Republicans Will Remain in Control if Defectionists Return to the Fold—South Dakota a Tie.

Washington, November 6.—The next senate, it is believed, will stand: Republicans, 44; Democrats, 33; Populists and Independents, 12.

This table takes all the states out of the doubtful column, placing Kentucky and North Carolina in the Republican column, as Senator Butler says today the free silver Republicans probably will be returned by the fusionists; Delaware in the Democratic column, and Kansas and South Dakota in the Independent and Populist column. This will prevent the Republicans from taking control of the senate unless some of those who bolted the Republican platform at St. Louis should return.

It is difficult to estimate the exact standing of the next senate on money, owing to the new alignment of parties in the recent campaign. Men who have been pronounced silver men have been supporting the Republican platform and candidates, and pronounced gold men have supported the Democratic platform and candidates. Perkins, of California; Wolcott, of Colorado; Shoup of Idaho; Carter, of Montana; Mitchell, of Oregon, and Wilson, of Washington, have all voted for and supported silver legislation, and what course they will now take is altogether problematical.

As no free coinage bill possibly could pass the house, this fact would influence the voting in the senate on silver, and particularly in the shape of a rider to a tariff bill. The probability is that on a free coinage amendment to the tariff bill all of the forty-four Republicans would vote against it and possibly some Democrats, such as Caffery, of Louisiana; Gray, of Delaware, and Lindsey, of Kentucky, who bolted the Chicago platform, and perhaps even some of those who supported Bryan during the campaign.

It is not unlikely that some of the Republican senators who bolted the Republican platform might take a position which would permit the tariff bill in which their constituents are largely interested, because of wool, lumber and lead ores, to become a law. Senator Butler, on the other hand, said that he and others of the Populists would support the right kind of a tariff bill, but not a measure like the McKinley bill. Butler wants adequate protection on raw materials.

LINCOLN'S VOTE.

Lincoln, Neb., November 6.—The vote of the city of Lincoln is as follows: McKinley, 3869; Bryan, 2841; McKinley's plurality, 1019.

TIED IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

Yankton, S. D., November 6.—South Dakota's vote on the presidential electors is tied and an official count will be required to determine the result.

UNFORTUNATE KANSAS.

Topeka, Kan., November 6.—The Republicans have finally given up Kansas completely, not only conceding the election of the Bryan electors by about six thousand, but giving up the whole state ticket, headed by Leedy, Populist, for governor, by something near 4,000.

IN WASHINGTON.

Portland, November 6.—Nearly complete returns from every county in the state of Washington except Skamania and Okanogan, give Bryan 42,040; McKinley, 34,118; Bryan's majority, 8,922. For Governor, Rogers, 41,510; Sullivan, 25,111; Rogers' majority, 8,399.

KENTUCKY'S VOTE.

Lexington, November 6.—Chairman Roberts, of the Republican committee, says that official returns from 100 counties and unofficial returns from the remaining 19 give 475 Republican plurality.

DELAWARE'S VOTE.

Wilmington, Del., November 6.—The political complexion of Delaware's next legislature will have to be fixed by the courts.

CLOSE IN OREGON.

Portland, November 6.—Complete returns from every county in Oregon give McKinley 46,722; Bryan 44,750; McKinley's majority, 2,042. The official count may change these figures slightly.

NEBRASKA'S VOTE.

Omaha, Neb., November 6.—Complete returns from the state give the following results on president and governor: Bryan, 79,714; McKinley, 72,208. For governor, Holcomb, fusion, 73,555; McCall, Republican, 61,355.

CALIFORNIA SAFE.

San Francisco, November 6.—The latest legislative figures show the Republicans will have control of the legislature in both houses.

Circuit Judge McBride will open court here today. No cases are set for hearing and the business transacted will probably be slight. It is expected that an effort will be made to have the appeal of Dr. Estes set for trial.

THAT CENTRAL MARKET SCHEME

Merchants Will Make Astoria Attractive to Farmers.

BICYCLERS JOIN IN THE PLAN

Good Roads and a Market Place Where Business Can Be Done Will Centralize Trade in Astoria.

Astoria needs a central market for the accommodation of the farmers in the county. Such a market will undoubtedly be established, if the views and work of certain merchants towards that end count for anything. The project is certainly a most commendable one, as looked at from the stand point of business men who have already taken the matter under consideration. The city council and chamber of commerce, in the judgment of leading commercial men, should lose no time in taking active measures towards the accomplishment of the scheme.

Speaking of the matter yesterday a gentleman connected with the firm of Foard & Stokes said: "Even in the far west where commercial matters are yet in the rough, many cities have already established central markets where the farmer and gardener can offer their products for sale. There are many such markets in California and the condition of things in Clatsop county is particularly favorable to the establishment here of such a market. Look at the great market places of New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. Fulton Market, New York, has a world-wide reputation. The old Central market in Washington City is only second to it in prominence. The K street market in Washington is one of the finest structures of the kind in the world, with a steel trussed roof and ample provisions for all manner of dealers. Here the merchants have their stalls as well as the farmers, and on market days general trading, even including the handling of cattle and horses goes on from morning till night. No one can doubt the beneficial results to any community when by this means it can make a general gathering place in the city for the country people contiguous to it.

"I think that the city council, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, should take steps to secure the use of the court house square, which should be planked over in order to secure dry footing. Upon this planking should be built proper sheds and stalls for the accommodation of teams, cattle and horses, and a central building for the main market place. Merchants would undoubtedly take stalls in the market, and the rents would soon pay the expenses of the buildings. All the conveniences for the comfort of the farmers should be constructed and I guarantee that such a modernized market will ten fold repay all of us, besides securing fresh products and making an inducement to the farmers to raise larger crops. The movement in favor of good roads which will next season be seconded by the bicyclists, has opened the way for the successful establishment of the proposed market. I hope to see this enterprise taken up vigorously by the city council and chamber of commerce."

MEXICO APPRECIATES IT.

Mexico, November 6.—No previous presidential election in the United States has created such excitement and interest among all classes as the present one, for business men, bankers and manufacturers felt that Mexican interests demanded the election of McKinley. The Mexican Herald says: "For Mexico the declaration of the American people in favor of the gold standard means continued prosperity here. It signifies large dividends for our mills and banks, thus carrying into effect many large and important undertakings for which capital would not have been obtained in the United States had Bryan been elected. The result is for the general good of Mexico."

HAS SOMETHING ELSE TO DO.

Omaha, November 6.—Mr. Bryan today sent the following reply to the telegram from Messrs. Siegel, Cooper & Co., of New York, offering him \$25,000 a year to attend to the law business of the firm: "During the next four years I expect to devote as much time as possible to the advocacy of bimetallicism, and therefore cannot consider the proposition made by you. I appreciate the confidence which you offer implies."

CHARLES CARLSON WAS UP.

Charles Carlson was up on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, for which he was fined \$20. It is said Carlson abused his wife shamefully during the time he was drunk, but she refused to prefer a charge against him.

AN OBJECT OF PITY.

Blind Chinaman Up in the Police Court Charged with Begging. There were two cases in the police court yesterday. Ah Fong, a blind Chinese, was tried on a charge of begging. There is a hard luck story connected with Fong's present condition. He has seen better days and is the victim, so he says, of unscrupulous countrymen.

After court had adjourned Fong told city and was employed by Dark Woo, a pawnbroker, doing business at the corner of Seventh and Bond streets. Fong prospered, but he could not stand it. Soon after he was arrested for felony, tried, convicted and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary. While in confinement the unfortunate man lost his eyesight and he was turned loose by the state officials to shift for himself without a friend in the world and no possible chance to earn a living. He returned to Astoria and has been here since.

Day after day and night after night he stood against some telegraph pole trying to beg a price of a bowl of rice, and when he heard people passing endeavoring to attract their attention by calling, "Say! Say!" But few, it seems, heeded his pitiful call for a few cents and he has almost starved to death. Of late he has carried a piece of broom handle and would stop people by striking them gently with it. In this way he frightened several ladies and children and was arrested.

After court had adjourned Fong told a reporter his story. He said that Dark Woo owed him \$48.25, and that he owed Woo \$2.50, which would leave a balance due him of \$45.75. He says he has repeatedly asked Woo for the money, the latter always telling him that he would pay him "by and by." Another man owes Fong \$5. The poor fellow says he wants the money to go to Portland and consult an eye specialist. To all appearances he is a catarrh in either eye and it is thought his sight can be restored.

Judge Nelson fined the poor fellow \$20, thus assuring him a place to eat till something can be done for him. In court yesterday Fong said he was so hungry that he was weak and begged to be given his freedom, as some Chinese, more sympathetic than his countrymen, had promised him a bowl of rice. He was assured that a good dinner was awaiting him in the jail, and was lead downstairs by Captain Hallock.

The city officials are of the opinion that the county should see that Fong is sent to the state institute for the blind. If he is sent away from Astoria he will no doubt starve to death in some other city.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE