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## CULTIVATION OF FLAX FOR MARKET

How to Sow Seed and Care for the Growing Plants.

### MANY INTERESTING FACTS

Concerning This Ancient Plant Which Clatsop People Should Learn if We Are to Have a Mill Here.

Every farmer should vie with every other farmer in his efforts to make the best results in the experiments to be made with flax seed in the spring. If flax can be grown here, and it certainly can, the establishment of a spinning mill will surely follow. A spinning mill means big money to the farmer, the fisherman and to hundreds of employes. Further commenting upon the methods of handling flax, "The Irish Textile Journal" says:

**SOWING.**  
Three and one-half bushels will sow seven rods, at the rate of two bushels to the statute acre, but the most experienced sower could hardly spread a given quantity of seed on a large expanse without something to guide the eye; a handy plan is to set up stakes at regular intervals, and divide the seed into portions to correspond; this will insure greater evenness in sowing and prevent waste of seed. The rolling which follows should be carried out before rain falls, as the earth adhering to the roller would toss and displace the seed in a manner most injurious to the regularity of the sowing, and on potato ground extra rolling is most required to give firmness to the seed-bed. When clover and rye grass are to be sown down with flax, they should be sown before the flax is commenced; but this rule is varied in some districts on the continent. The writer already quoted—Demore—says, "For putting in clover, it would be better to wait six or eight days, that is to say, until the flax throws up the seed, then to the surface of the soil. This precaution is recommended by experience, and for this reason—because of the difference in the time which the two seeds require to come up."

With the very variable seasons experienced of late in this country, the time for sowing is very difficult to fix; in short, it would be impossible to make a hard and fast rule. Under ordinary circumstances, the second and third weeks in April are favorite times; but flax sown through the first week in May has proved successful.

### WEEDING.

One other operation, which can be described in a few words, takes place before the crop is left to mature. We refer to weeding, for after all that has been done previously, this operation has again to be carried out. With a favorable temperature the seed will have come up in seven to nine days, and by the time it is fairly above ground, careful weeding must commence, and it is important to observe that this should not take place if the ground is so dry that pulling the weeds would loosen the young plants in the soil, as this would be very injurious. Another danger to be guarded against arises from the fact that the stems become brittle at a very early stage; and as men or women, with heavy boots, would destroy much flax, children bare-foot, or women on hands and knees, moving smoothly along the field, do the least harm. If the first weeding is not sufficient to destroy all foreign vegetation, no time should be lost in repeating the process, two or three times if necessary, as, without this care the result would be found later on in a diminished crop.

### HIGGEST TOWN

Without a Park on the Pacific Coast—Astoria.

Astoria is conceded to be the biggest town on the Pacific coast without a public park. This fact was emphasized yesterday in conversation by several property owners who were discussing the prospect of the future in one of the real estate offices. It is the general opinion that a city park would add to the attractiveness of the city for strangers, and it is certain that good roads and parks are necessities in all cities, and recognized as such in all civilized countries. There must be some place for the people to go to when they want recreation and pleasure—some place open to all alike, where out door amusements and the pleasures of nature may be enjoyed by the rich and the poor.

On the eve of the enlarged growth of the city, and before all of the available sites have been dedicated to other uses is certainly the time to lay out a park site and commence its improvement. What better time in Astoria for this work than the present, when there is time to give the work and a careful selection can be made? The ground can be surveyed and staked off during pleasant days, plans made for future improvements and the foundation for handsome parks and boulevards laid which will not only afford pleasure, health and recreation for Astorians, but make additional inducements to

strangers to settle here. The question is, who will take hold of the matter now, while sites can be had free and land is cheap? The Chamber of Commerce is the natural agency for handling such a matter, but will it? The agitators of the subject yesterday could not decide.

### WHEN GIRLS SHOULD MARRY.

Only When They Have Qualified Themselves to Be Cooks and Housekeepers.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.  
A girl should marry when she is capable of understanding and fulfilling the duties of a true wife and thorough housekeeper, and never before. No matter how old she may be, if she is not capable of managing a house in every department of it she is not old enough to get married. When she promises to take the position of wife and home maker, the man who holds her promise has every right to suppose that she knows herself competent to fill it. If she proves to be incompetent or unwilling he has good reason to consider himself cheated. No matter how plain the home may be, if it is in accordance with the husband's means and he finds it neatly kept and the meals (no matter how simple) served from shining dishes and clean table linen, that husband will leave his home with loving words and thoughts and look ahead with eagerness to the time when he can return.

Let a girl play the piano and acquire every accomplishment within her power—the more the better—for every one will be that much more power to be used in making a happy home. At the same time, if she cannot go into the kitchen, if necessary, and cheerfully prepare just as good a meal as anyone could with the same material, and serve it neatly after it is prepared, she would better defer her marriage until she learns. If girls would thoroughly fit themselves for the position of intelligent housekeepers before they marry there would be fewer discontented, unhappy wives and unhappy homes.

### HE DID NOT KNOW THE ROPES.

Harper's Round Table.

General Morgan of Illinois, who commanded a brigade in Davis' division, was one of those men so stoutry in his appearance that a stranger would never have picked him out for an officer of rank. One day a raw recruit of his brigade who had lost some books asked a veteran where he might be likely to find them. The veteran said the only thief in the brigade was Jim Morgan, who occupied a tent near the blue flag. The recruit hastened to Morgan's tent, shoved his head through the flap, and asked:  
"Does Jim Morgan live here?"  
"My name is James Morgan," answered the general.  
"Then I want you to hand over those books you stole from me."  
"I have none of your books, my dear man."  
"That's a lie," cried the soldier. "The boys say you are the only thief in the camp. Turn out them books or I will grind your carcass into apple-saus."  
General Morgan appreciated the joke, and laughed heartily, but when the recruit began pulling off his coat to make good his threats, the officer informed him of his relations to the brigade.  
"Waal, blast me if I'd take you for a brigadier!" said the man. "Excuse me, general, but I don't thoroughly know the ropes yet."

### CHILDREN AND BIRDS.

It is proposed to interest the school children of Evanston in the welfare of the birds, which, in that shady suburb, as in all others, abound, and whose songs and beauty add so much to the pleasure of living. Citizens interested in the movement propose that there shall be a "Bird Day" selected and half of the school time on that day be set aside for special exercises in behalf of the birds. Suggestions are being considered and it is likely that the matter will come before the Evanston board of education at its next meeting.—Times-Herald.

### TIE GAME.

San Francisco, November 14.—The Reliance and Olympic Athletic Club football teams played a tie game today. The score was 4 to 4. It was a game full of interest, as both clubs are regular rivals for supremacy. Olympic played the better game and Reliance managed to score only by accident.

### STEELHEADS RUNNING WELL.

A well known fish dealer said yesterday that the recent heavy southwest blow caused a good run of steelheads in the river. Fishermen are being paid 25 cents a pound for this fish and are making fairly good catches.

The Elks will hold their memorial service the first Sunday in December, according to custom. These services are held in every lodge of Elks in the United States and the ceremonies are always impressive.

There's more clothing destroyed by poor soap than by actual wear. "Hoe Cake" contains no free alkali, and will not injure the finest lace. Try it and notice the difference in quality. Ross, Higgins & Co.

## OPENING GUN OF NEXT CAMPAIGN

Mr. Bryan Addresses a Ladies' Club in Lincoln, Nebraska.

### TALKED POLITICS TO WIVES

Thirteen Hundred and Fifty Members of the Mary Bryan Club Listen to the Vanquished Candidate.

Lincoln, November 14.—Wm. Jennings Bryan delivered two speeches in Lincoln this afternoon and evening which had been previously announced as the opening guns of the political campaign of 1900. Mr. Bryan this afternoon talked to an audience at Funke Theatre, composed of 1350 members of the Mary Bryan Club (ladies). Mr. and Mrs. Bryan reached the theatre shortly before 3 o'clock in the carriage of a friend and were escorted to the place of honor upon the stage. The president, Mrs. Wm. Morning, of the Mary Bryan Club, introduced the defeated candidate. The pronunciation of the ex-candidate's name was the signal for continued applause from a forest of gloved hands. Mr. Bryan smilingly acknowledged the ovation and, when quiet was restored, said:

"I am glad to thank you in behalf of myself and wife for the interest you have taken in the recent campaign and still further for the kind reception tendered us upon our return from Washington." Mr. Bryan explained that the audience was limited to actual members of the Mary Bryan Club because of the seating capacity of the house. He was personally glad to talk to believers in the gold standard and had frequently had to disagree politically with his oldest and best friends. He believed now, as always, that every man, woman and child has the inherent right of free political belief and had no ill will toward anyone who differed from him.

"We imitate what we admire," said the speaker; "the child's life tells what the man will be. I am glad to see the wives and mothers at last deeply and fully interested in the great political issues of the day, and there is one matter I should wish to impress upon their minds and to have them carry away in their hearts to their homes, and that motto is: 'That a government like ours, receiving its powers through and by the people, should be founded upon one principle—equal rights to all and special privileges to none.' The common people—the masses—who are sometimes slightly alluded to as the 'riff-raff' (laughter) are the people who fail to benefit by special legislation. We do not mean to say that perfect equality can ever exist among people—for that, my friends, depends largely upon character, energy, frugality, and those distinguishing traits in human beings which tend by natural agencies to raise one man above the head of another. But what I do mean is that the common people, every man of them, shall enjoy the same legal privileges as those of the greater financial powers."

In conclusion, he said: "I earnestly hope that these ladies who are interested in questions of government and who have worked so faithfully throughout this campaign will not now drop their studies, but will continue to gain an insight into practical politics, which will prove of incalculable value in the training of the coming generation of voters."

The closing sentences of Mr. Bryan's speech were well nigh inaudible, his voice failing him utterly at times. In this connection he said, laughingly, that he was glad that it had not given out during the campaign.

Bryan tonight delivered a brief address to the Travelling Men's Bryan Club, veterans and Bryan Home Guards at Funke Opera House, and later spoke a few minutes to an overflow meeting at Bohannon's Hall. His voice had practically failed him at the afternoon meeting and he had not sufficiently regained the use of his vocal chords to speak long. He was accorded a warm welcome and spoke very briefly and in general terms of the necessity of carrying on the work of free silver education and of maintaining their harmonious organizations.

The first demonstration this evening came when Governor Holcombe and suite entered the left proscenium box. There were wild cheers for Holcombe, but when Bryan was seen making his way through the ranks of the Bryan Home Guards cheers went up which almost shook the chandeliers and disclosed a very lively binnetal sentiment.

### MCKINLEY'S TROUBLES.

The Personnel of His Cabinet Causing Him Considerable Worry.

Cleveland, Ohio, November 14.—National Republican Committeeman Henry C. Payne, chairman of the Chicago headquarters, who arrived in the city from New York today, with Gen. W. M. Osborne, of the New York headquarters, who came up from Canton last night, held a long conference with Mr. Mark Hanna in the latter's private

office. It is stated that among other subjects discussed was that of formulating plans in connection with the future of the Republican organization. At the conclusion of the conference Gen. Osborne was asked by a reporter: "Has Major McKinley commenced considering cabinet possibilities?" "I guess that is about the only thing agitating his mind nowadays. He realizes that he has a hard task on his hands."

"Would ex-President Harrison be acceptable to the McKinleyites for the secretary of state portfolio?" "Most certainly; but I believe he would not accept it. His law partner has given it out that Mr. Harrison would not be in a position to accept the honor."

### BANKS IN BETTER CONDITION.

Can Easily Meet All Legitimate Demands Upon Them.

New York, November 14.—The New York Financier says this week: The effects of the return of confidence are plainly shown in the statement of the clearing house banks of New York city for the week ending November 14. The expansion in gold has probably never been equalled in a similar time. The movement is now purely voluntary and if the increase of \$3,000,000 in the United States treasury is added to the amount received by New York banks it will be seen that over \$16,000,000,000 in gold has already come into sight since the election from these two sources alone. How many other banks throughout the country are carrying gold there is no exact means of knowing, but the total must be enormous. For the first time in weeks domestic exchange at interior points has risen to a premium, and the banks of New York are now gaining largely in cash from these sources. The sub-treasury has also been losing money to the banks, so the accumulation of funds is really normal. The last imports of gold have also swelled the total. The expansion in loans is a favorable feature of the statement, but there is room for a great deal of growth in this item. In a sentence, the statement shows that the banks are in a position to meet all legitimate demands made upon them.

### WOOL LOOKING UP.

Denver, November 14.—A Republican special from Espanola, N. M., says:

The wool that was held back during the summer and fall pending the result of the presidential election is now coming to this market in large quantities and it looks as though McKinley's election had really brought prosperity to some of the people of New Mexico. The shipping of sheep and lambs goes on briskly. C. Reynolds, of Raymond, Neb., shipped 5,000 head from Espanola and 2,000 from Santa Fe yesterday. N. B. Green, of Wahoo, Neb., is also interested in shipments. They will be fed in Nebraska and Missouri.

### TWELVE TO ONE.

That Is the Ratio by Which Kentucky Has Gone for McKinley.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 14.—Complete official returns have been tabulated by counties, showing that Smith, one of the Bryan sectors, run 2,990 ahead of the lowest McKinley elector and is elected. The other twelve Bryan electors run from 800 to 700 behind twelve of the McKinley electors. The total vote of the state was 44,243, divided as follows: McKinley, 278,005; Bryan, 217,798; Palmer, 5,818; Levering, 3,374. McKinley's average plurality was 250 on the vote for electors.

### WILL OPEN A BIG SPRUCE BELT.

The railroad between Astoria and Goble, in Oregon, now nearing completion, will tap the largest spruce belt in the Westfoot state, and is of more importance than appears upon the surface. The Union Pacific will probably absorb the local rate through the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, and the mills along the road will no doubt enter the Eastern trade. A good deal of spruce is used in the Missouri river territory, being sold as white pine, and much of it comes from Gray's Harbor. Therefore the new road may cut into the latter trade to some extent, but the demand is growing, and there will be a trade for all.—Pacific Lumber Journal.

Meany is the leading tailor, and pays the highest cash price for fur skins.

## NOT PROBABLE BUT POSSIBLE

Consul-General Lee Does Not Deny Relations Are Strained.

### INDEED, THEY ARE STRETCHED

Very Guarded Remarks, Which Might Mean the United States and Spain May Become Involved.

Washington, November 14.—General Fitzhugh Lee, consul-general of the United States to Cuba, returned here this afternoon from Virginia, where he has been visiting his family. No time has yet been fixed for his return to Havana, but it is understood he has been asked to remain here in order to hold himself in readiness to confer with President Olney and Secretary of State Olney over the Cuban question. General Lee talked tonight on the Spanish-Cuban situation, and while not denying the possibility of war with Spain, expressed the opinion that the reports that open rupture was imminent and that consequent preparations for trouble were being made by both countries might be greatly exaggerated. He said he had no knowledge of immediate danger of hostility, though of course there was a great feeling among some Spaniards against this country, as they thought that, without subsidizing aid and comfort from here, the rebellion might easily be suppressed. He had no information as to whether the Spanish were prepared or preparing for war.

### SLIGHT FALL IN WHEAT.

Rains in India and Heavy Northwest Receipts the Cause.

Chicago, November 14.—The news which helped the operations of the bears in wheat today comprised the rains in India and increasing farmers' deliveries in the Northwest. A prominent cotton house in New York had a cablegram from its Bombay correspondent saying that rain had fallen and had done much good to crops. There were numerous messages received from Minneapolis and elsewhere in the Northwest to the effect that farmers' deliveries had increased considerably and Kansas City reported better receipts there. The week's shipments of wheat and flour from both coasts were 4,664,000 bushels, being the heaviest for any week in several years. The Liverpool market was still lower; Berlin was a trifle lower, but Paris was strong and higher. December sold sparingly at the opening at 90¢ and from that down to 78¢, closing at 73¢ against 80¢90¢ yesterday.

### THE MARKETS.

London, November 14.—Hops, Pacific Coast, 85¢.  
Portland, November 14.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 118¢; Valley, 146¢.  
New York, November 14.—Hops, firm; Pacific Coast, '95 crop, 297½; '96 crop, 241½.  
Liverpool, November 14.—Wheat, spot quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 7s 10; No. 1 California, 7s 7d.  
Futures, November, December, January, and February, 7s 11½d. March, 7s 11½d.

### SITUATION IN INDIA.

London, November 14.—The viceroy of India, the Earl of Elgin, cables that there has been no rain in the affected tracts during the past week; but he says a detailed examination shows that the prospects in Punjab and the northwest provinces are more favorable than at first imagined. Distress, however, is imminent in several districts of the Delhi. According to the latest reports over 120,000 men are employed on relief work.

### PLURALITY IN OHIO.

Columbus, Ohio, November 14.—McKinley's official plurality in Ohio is 51,108. All parties except the Republicans and Democrats, having failed to cast one per cent of the total vote, cannot be placed on the ballot at the next election except by petition of one per cent of the voters. Heretofore the Prohibitionists and Populists were able to cast more than one per cent of the vote.

### MARK HANNA WILL REST.

Thomasville, Ga., November 14.—Mark Hanna's palatial winter residence here is being put in order for his arrival on January 1. A private letter says that he will bring Major McKinley with him to rest.

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