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SCATTERGUN SHOTS

Where's that myth, the "equinoctial storm"??

The primary law is alleged to have helped self-starters for office. Are they any worse than the boss-started kind?

The anti-saloon league has investigated Mr. Steiwer and withdrawn its opposition to his nomination to succeed Stanfield.

There is less personal liberty today among the people of Russia than anywhere else—less than under the despotism of the czars.

Friends of "government by party" are organizing for war on the direct primary. The latter gives common bores too much say in politics.

Republicans charge democrats with working for Stanfield's re-nomination. Why shouldn't they? If they can accomplish it they can even things up by working for his defeat later.

The biggest men don't live the longest. Che Mah, 28 inches high, whom Barnum exhibited for years as "the smallest man in the world," died last Sunday, 88 years old and wealthy.

Stanfield's grazing grab bill has been endorsed by both Jardine and Work, with a few modifications that don't modify worth a cent. If it becomes a law it will have as bad a smell, in a few years, as Fall's oil grant.

Men make slighting remarks about women's observance of fashion and the scantiness of their clothes, but there are hot days when the brutes would not wear any themselves if it were not the fashion.

Some of the kings of the bootleg business, on this coast and in the east, who a few weeks ago thought themselves securely out of jail, are now securely in. They are not chortling as gleefully as they did about the unenforceability of the prohibitory law.

The bureau of industrial technology announces that auto service costs Americans over \$14,000,000 a year. The average cost of an auto is \$1000 and the average upkeep and service cost is \$700. And there are people who call these hard times!

The league of nations is gun through a crisis, but its foes, who predict its disruption, should bear in mind that it has not encountered anything comparable to the Dorr rebellion or the Pennsylvania whisky rebellion, to say nothing of the civil war, which failed to budge the United States constitution.

Not at Washington, nor at Salem, but on the farm, will the farmer find prosperity. Better fertilization of soil, better selection of crops, better breeds of stock and more use of artificial power will characterize the farming of the future. Prof. Hyslop on this page advises against some spring crops that are likely to be unprofitable this year and recommends growing flax for seed in this county. On page 2 we publish a dissertation by John D. Sherman on the prospective utilization of electrically transmitted power on farms and in farm homes, where it is as much needed as in fields.

35,000 Orphans Would Perish

Without Aid From the Outside World...Will You Help?

The near east relief organization hopes in three more years to place the 35,000 orphans now under its care in homes where they will be cared for and be given a chance to become useful members of society. To that noble end it needs a constant inflow of funds.

How much will you give? Here is an offer: Every dollar received at this office before April 4 for one new yearly subscription to the Enterprise will be given to the near relief, which will send a receipt to the person who pays the money.

The paper will be sent to the name turned in for one year and then stop.

These are ten days during which every dollar received at this office or a new subscription will be given to the little orphans.

If you like the paper you will get your money's worth.

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And your money will feed the hungry and helpless.

Or you can send your donation direct to "Near East Relief, 613 Stock Exchange bldg., Portland."

Coolidge's Father Is Laid at Rest



John C. Coolidge, father of President Coolidge, who died last week after a long illness.

Plymouth, Vt.—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, was laid at rest Saturday on a bleak hillside covered deep in snow. They buried him among those of his kin who had passed before him, in the little town cemetery here. President and Mrs. Coolidge, their son John, representatives of nation and state, and a few relatives and lifelong friends stood in the snow at the graveside.

The funeral services were as starkly simple as the lives of these rugged dwellers in the Green mountain valleys. At the white farm house where Colonel Coolidge lived for many years and where Calvin Coolidge passed his boyhood, the brief burial services of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. John White of Sherburne, pastor of the union meeting house in Plymouth, where the colonel worshipped. Six national guardsmen acted as body bearers at the house and cemetery. There was no eulogy and no music. It was the desire of the first citizen of Plymouth, expressed long before his death, that his funeral service should be without ostentation, and his wishes were respected.

GERMANY MAY WITHDRAW

Leader Criticizes Opposing Powers for Obstructionist Tactics

Berlin.—Foreign Minister Stresemann told the reichstag that Germany reserves the right to withdraw her application for entry into the league of nations in the event the decision of the new commission regarding reconstruction of the council does not correspond with Germany's expectations.

The league has been plunged into a grave crisis by the breakdown of recent negotiations for Germany's admission to a seat, he said in a formal statement. He frankly criticized the obstructionist tactics employed by certain powers at Geneva in keeping Germany from the council seat promised her at Locarno.

"The outcome of the negotiations must be deeply deplored because the chief mourner after all is the league itself," he said.

Flax for Seed on Spring Oat Ground

It is the More Promising Crop of the Two for This Year

(G. R. Hyslop, Agronomist, O. A. C.)

Linseed oil is one of the most important constituents of paint and the linseed oil meal is one of the best of the concentrated dairy cow feeds. During quite a number of years the experiment station has tried various kinds of seed flax and has secured yields of as little as 5 bushels an acre under some conditions, many instances of 10 bushels or better, and from there on up to 24 bushels. I feel safe in estimating an average yield per acre of 10 bushels on average grain land if the crop is put in in good season. Many growers of course will secure better yields.

The Portland Linseed Oil company, a branch of the American Linseed Oil company, will guarantee a minimum price of \$2.52 per bushel for 1926, or the Duluth cash price if it is higher. They are also willing to guarantee the Duluth cash price for 1927.

As there will doubtless be a large carry-over of corn in the east and as there is a considerable carry-over of oats in Oregon, the chances are that the oat price will be low in 1926, unless some wide-spread calamity in the shape of pest or unfavorable season seriously reduces the corn and oat crop east of the Rockies. With this in view and the guaranteed flax price, I believe that farmers under average conditions, planting flax in good season, may net at least \$5.00 an acre over similar plantings of oats, except on exceedingly rich land. But even at that, the oat yields will probably have to exceed 60 to 75 bushels an acre. I feel safe in a general recommendation that flax be planted in lieu of oats in many places in Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Linn, Benton, Lane, and Douglas counties in Western Oregon, and in Wallowa, Union, Baker, and Crook counties in Eastern Oregon.

Many soils unsuited to long straw production have been planted in fiber flax. Under the new grading schedules for that crop it is more imperative that only the best suited soils should be planted to fiber flax. Seed flax is much more certain of profitable production than is fiber flax where the straw length is likely to fall below 30 inches.

The Portland Linseed Oil company agrees to furnish seed, approved by the college, at \$2.50 per bushel f. o. b. Portland, which will mean a per acre cost at most points of \$1.65 to \$2.00 for that item. Thirty-five to forty pounds an acre is the recommended sowing. This is no more expensive than ordinary plantings of wheat and really not so expensive as wheat this year.

Reasonable fertile grain land sufficiently well drained to permit fairly early working is good. Medium to slightly heavy soils are usually best. Sandy soils, shallow soils or those that dry out badly are not so good.

An early plowed seed bed, well worked and free from weeds, is desirable. It should be rolled down firm to prevent too deep sowing and to assure moisture for prompt germination.

On dry land 25 to 30 pounds of seed an acre is enough. Otherwise, sow 35 to 40 with a grain drill like grain. Sow as early as possible when the ground is warm enough to sprout seed quickly. Late March, and early to mid-April is best. Late April is good. May sowing is more likely to be successful than grain at the same time but is not usually as good as earlier sowing except in wet years.

The company permits growers to purchase at a reduced price

The Great Outdoors

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POTATOES were a very profitable crop in 1925, according to a survey made by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The acreage was the smallest since 1919 and the yield the lowest since 1917. Following four years of overproduction and very low prices, the 1925 season started off with a good price, which increased daily. The peak will be reached in spring shipments.

The annual consumption of 3½ bushels per capita, including seed, is 370,000,000 bushels. The 1925 crop is estimated at 323,243,000 bushels or 40,757,000 bushels under normal consumption.

The 1925 crop is 24 per cent less than the crop produced in 1924, but the ratio of consumable potatoes for the two years may vary still more in favor of the 1925 crop.

With the acreage cut severely all over the country in 1925, the opening prices started out on a higher scale than the peak prices for 1924 and began to increase at digging time until they reached in some instances \$3.50 and \$4 per hundredweight at local shipping stations. Every grower should save seed for next spring, as all indications point to high-priced seed potatoes for 1926 with an exception that the acreage planted will be larger in 1926.

Albany Creamery Association

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linseed oil meal to the extent that may be produced from their delivery of flax seed. This amounts to 37 pounds of oil meal for each 56 pounds of flax seed delivered. They charge one-half the price per pound paid for the seed. At current prices this is substantially less than farmers are paying for this valuable cow feed, but it is not mandatory that they accept it if the United States flax seed price should fall substantially below the company's guarantee minimum.

Further, land that will produce 20 bushels an acre of spring wheat, or 37.5 bushels of white spring oats will produce over 10 bushels an acre of flax.

Trollinger Bros are having exceptionally good luck with their sheep this year. They have 72 head of ewes, and so far 36 of

them have brought twins and two brought triplets, making 78 lambs from 38 ewes. The boys are unable to account for this phenomena, but believe it is due to good green grass and healthy, vigorous bucks.—Seio Tribune.

If the weather holds out till danger from frost is over this county will have the biggest strawberry crop in its history, and the market is ample at higher prices than last year. Barrelers and canners want all they can get. Bush berries also promise well, due to the start already given by the fine weather all winter.

As shown in an article in this paper last week, from the Eugene Register, the tariff might be so changed as to benefit the farmers by a few millions. But it won't.

Flax waste from the scutching plant at the state prison is used for fuel, saving \$30 a day. It is thought that with a \$20,000 plant and prison labor it could be converted into \$300 worth of twine daily.

H. C. Davis, E. B. Penland, Grant Taylor and John N. McNeil were seen in Albany Friday.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.48; hard white, soft white, western white, \$1.47; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.44; western red, \$1.43.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$19.50@20 ton; valley timothy, \$19@19.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21.50@22.

Butterfat—43c shippers' track. Eggs—Ranch, 20¢@22c. Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook; Triplets, 31c; loaf, 32c per lb. Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.75@8.75. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$13@14.10. Sheep—Lambs, medium to choice, \$11.50@12.50.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.48; hard winter, \$1.44; western red, \$1.45; northern spring, \$1.46; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.47.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$28; timothy, \$28; timothy P. S., \$20; do, mixed, \$26.

Butter—Creamery, 40¢@42c. Eggs—Ranch, 25¢@30c. Hogs—Prime, \$14@14.25. Cattle—Prime steers, \$8.50@9.00. Cheese—Oregon triplets, 27c; Oregon standards, 25c; Washington triplets, 27c.

Spokane.

Hogs—Prime mixed, \$13.75@13.85. Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.50@8.25.

Oregon Fair Board Job Filled

Salem.—Frank B. Ingles, prominent wheat grower and livestock raiser of Dufur, Wasco county, was appointed a member of the Oregon state fair board to succeed Wayne Stuart of Albany, who recently left the state.

The Mount Hood irrigation district is seeking approval of a contract whereby the district would take over the Mount Hood Water company's water rights and irrigation system at a cost of \$7600.

Bend will be the site of a fall meeting of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, if plans tentatively worked out by K. G. Warner of Pilot Rock, president, and Hugh Sproat of Pendleton, secretary, are approved. The meeting will take up problems of central and southern Oregon wool growers.

Wallowa county farmers, organized in the Alder Slope Ditch company, will construct an irrigation ditch seven miles in length in the Alder Slope territory near Enterprise, drawing the supply of water from the Wallowa river and Hurricane creek, which streams have been filed on by the farmers.

Professor W. L. Powers, secretary of the Oregon reclamation congress, and head of the department of soils at Oregon Agricultural college, was notified from Washington, D. C., of the passage of the Columbia basin appropriation of \$25,000 to complete allocation of the waters of the Columbia river.

This Boy Thinks He Knows It All

Astoria, Ore.—Astoria's boy bolshevik, Paul Siro, 14, who was dismissed as president of the student body of the Captain Robert Gray school when he refused to renounce his communist affiliations, has been used as a "red" orator throughout the Pacific northwest by the parent communist society, it was revealed.

The boy is classed as exceptionally bright by his teachers, is retentive and speaks well. Within the last few months young Siro has been taken to Portland, Seattle, Aberdeen and probably other northwest cities to address radical meetings.

Those who have heard the boy speak declare he makes an excellent address and has spoken to large crowds.

In his discourse he avails himself of the stock phrases and principles of the red agitator, frankly encouraging the employment of force to bring about the "dictatorship of the proletariat." Those acquainted with him give Paul little credit for originality in his speeches, declaring he merely parrots the words taught him in the classes which he himself confesses are held by the older communists to inculcate their doctrines in the minds of the school children.

Hammond, Ind.—WMAA Investigator... conditions of eight children who had been reported to her as starting Mrs. Lucille Myers, 45, a court probation officer, was shot through the head by Lester Fintkins, 52, their father, after he had quarreled with her for interfering in his affairs.

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