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OREGON FLAX

Nearly a million dollars are being invested in two linen mills at Salem, one is completed and a second one will be built the coming spring. These are in addition to the state plant—and by the way it is the largest flax manufacturing plant in the United States. These are the foundations for a big industry that will no doubt develop in the Willamette Valley, the State Market Agent believes.

The permancy of the flax business is what recommends it to any locality that can grow and manufacture flax. There is hardly a pound of waste from the field to the finished products—every part of the growth is utilized in some manner. It is a wonderfully valuable product. And flax growing is about like hay. With normal weather conditions it will yield about two tons to the acre, which the state is paying $76 for. Under irrigation the yield is larger.

More than one hundred million dollars' worth of manufactured articles and by-products of flax are imported into this country annually. The Willamette Valley is adapted to both growth and manufacture—soil, moisture, dearth of electricity and mild climate—and as there are nation-wide markets for all flax products it would seem that eventually both growing and manufacture would become major industries and of great benefit to the state. Flax experts who have investigated conditions of the valley state that it is the only known locality where flax can be both grown and manufactured in the same locality.

Before being entirely crowded out of the transportation business by auto cars and busses, the street railway car is to be improved with the addition of eight-wheel brakes, bumpers, smoking compartments, floodlighting, individual leather seats, better spring suspension, etc. All of which will be thankfully received by a public that has already been converted to travel comfort in the auto bus, which it will continue to patronize to the contrary nothwithstanding or holding onto the dangling strap to maintain its equilibrium.

We once heard of a sheepherder who called his flock off the mountain by name and one at a time, but it remained for a fellow to demonstrate his efficiency in coaxing a bunch of mules through the streets of Athena, leading a bell mare, and calling on the mules to follow. The stunt was one that might have been pulled on a mountain trail or in a bunchgrass pasture with eclat; but in town, a trail of trampled parkings and lawns may lead to damage suits.

The habit formed by federal officers in tapping telephone wires to secure evidence against booze venders, now has Seattle stepping sidewise, so to speak. The upper crust has been punctured and the names of the elite are being read into the record, as the taking of testimony goes on.

One of the most interesting numbers on the Athena community program broadcast from KOWW, was the old-time dance music played by Al Johnson. Good? We'll say it was. And we are telling the world that few places can boast of an 81 year old fiddler who plays on a 63 year old fiddle.

The storm that raged along the coast from Alaska to Southern California, never touched us. It was muzzled before it had a chance to get over here—over here where the meadow larks are warbling and the buttercup is about ready to cup.

Casting aside all highfalutin' notions, the average man is ready to concede that his betterhalf is a better looking woman with her hair bobbed than she ever was, when night found her tresses stretched across the back of the only chair in the bedroom.

That fellow Brown is out for reelection as Mayor of Seattle, and he is taking a rap at courts and pulpits. He opens his campaign with the statement that they are being used for political purposes. Oh well, it does seem that Seattle would tire of him. Everybody else is.

In Atlanta, Georgia, they award a loving cup each year to a citizen of that city adjusted most valuable to the community during the preceeding twelve. Why not introduce the practice in Athena. Now, don't all speak at once.

Even though the War Deparment has accepted Colonel Mitchell's resignation, the trimmings are still fluttering. What the colonel won't say to them in the near future, will not be worthy of record.

Every once in a while we read of some member of the Weston club buying a calf, which is of local importance. General interest will come later, when we wake up to the fact that Weston vicinage has developed into a diary center, and the velvety check comes fluttering home.

Only 1,400 bills seeking to regulate the insurance industry were submitted to the legislatures of the various states during the past year—and the insurance industry isn't yet regulated.

It really looked like snow, it felt like snow, and it was snow—about a half inch of it, that melted away shortly after it fell.

After they used the hook on the filibusters in the senate, the United States found no obstacle in entering the World Court.

Great is the radio, and greater still when it carries to you the familiar voices of friends and favorite musical selections.

As a standpatter Mr. McCamant is running true to form; he says Theodore Roosevelt was not a good American!

With their throats slashed, husband and wife are in the hospital at Portland. Another result of domestic discord.

Other heros have come to the Pacific Northwest; but only one "Red" Grange.

Maybe Mitchell will show them what a real flyer is, after all.

Jungle Still Unsafe for Tourist Traffic

While a motor omnibus was proceeding along a road through a dense jungle in Ceylon, the driver noticed a herd of wild elephants a short distance ahead.

Thinking to scare them off, a passenger in the omnibus took a shot at the leader. The bullet grazed its back, whereupon it bellowed loudly and charged the omnibus, followed by the rest of the herd.

The passengers dived beneath the seats, but the driver stuck to his post and accelerated steering the car straight at the leading elephant. As he approached, he swerved past the animal.

In a flash the animal stretched out his trunk and tore the hood from the omnibus. A chase of more than a mile followed, but eventually the herd was thrown off.

Nothing Small About Him

Sir Ernest Cassel, the financier, came to London when still a boy and entered the banking house of Bischoffsheim & Co. in an insignificant capacity. There he soon gave evidence of extraordinary ability and he advanced rapidly. One day the house was confronted with a difficult situation, the handling of which presented seemingly insuperable obstacles to all. Young Cassel suggested a solution which appeared to be feasible and was intrusted with the task. Having accomplished it successfully, to the complete satisfaction of his superiors, he was called into the office and informed: "We are entirely satisfied with the manner in which you have discharged this undertaking, and, as an indication of our appreciation, we have decided to raise your salary to five hundred pounds.'" Young Cassel calmly replied, "I suppose you mean five thousand pounds." Whereupon everyone looked with astonishment at everyone else, but Mr. Bischoffsheim retorted just as calmly and promptly, "Yes, sir."—London Answers.

Depew Booms Smith for Coolidge Mate

New York.—Republicans and democrats, marching arm-in-arm to the polls in 1928 and voting a non-partisan ticket, with Calvin Coolidge for president and Governor Al Smith for vice-president, was pictured as a possibility by Chauncey M. Depew, in an address before the Pilgrim's society. He described the present as the "most wonderful age of non-partisanship" in politics in his 70 years of experience."

1 Bank Robber Dead, 3 Caught.

Sacramento, Cal. — Within three hours after four men robbed the Railroad National bank at Roseville Monday afternoon, taking $45,415, one of the robbers had been killed by gunfire of Sacramento detectives and his three companions were taken prisoner, two of them badly wounded. All of the money was recovered.

Grain Rate Rise Denied on Exports.

Washington, D. C.—Acting upon protests of the Montana, Oregon and Washington railroad commissions, the interstate commerce commission refused to allow northwestern railroads to raise export rates on grain and grain products moving from western Montana to Pacific coast ports.

The KITCHEN CABINET

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Who are you that you should escape criticism? If it is just, profit by it. If malicious, don't listen. In either event do not allow your tranquillity to be disturbed.—Lloyd.

FOODS AND DIET

It seems reasonable when thought is put upon it, that our food and health are closely related. An unvaried diet is often the cause of stomach trouble, so it is wise to have a variety of foods, not all at one meal, but varied during the menus of all the days of the week.

Green leaves such as lettuce, chard, spinach, watercress, cabbage and beet and turnip tops contain the valuable vitamines, without which we cannot grow or be healthy. The strictly vegetarian diet is not generally accepted as good. We need fresh milk, milk products, eggs and a moderate supply of meat and fish to have a perfectly healthy body. Too much meat is considered bad diet.

White bread, though called the staff of life, is lacking in vitamines, but does supply energy as do potatoes cooked in their jackets. Whole wheat bread, graham and cornmeal are all wholesome for breads and should be freely used.

Eggs cooked in the shell, using a pint of boiling water to an egg, closely covered and placed on the back of the range where the water will not cool, may be served, hard cooked in thirty minutes, yolks well done, dry and mealy, while the white is tender and delicious. For medium boiled remove at fifteen; for soft boiled six to eight minutes.

Sugar should not be used on fruits by those who suffer from rheumatism.

Professor McCullom of Johns Hopkins tells us that liver and kidneys are more nearly complete foods than lean meat of any kind, which is lacking in calcium, sodium, chlorine and the three types of vitamines.

Grated carrots served in various ways are especially recommended for toning up the blood. Use them with finely minced celery, a little chopped onion, a few minced nuts with a good portion of salad dressing. Serve on lettuce leaves at least twice a week. Vary with apple, green pepper, cabbage or with other vegetables. Raw carrots are richer in these food adjuncts than they are when cooked.

Nellie Maxwell

Washington, D. C.—Reservation in public ownership of a number of small islands in the Pacific ocean off Coos and Clatsop counties, Oregon, is authorized in an executive order issued on recommendation of the secretary of the interior. The purpose of the withdrawals is to convert the islands into permanent bird reservations and to prevent their private exploitation.

TWO GREAT COMEDIANS IN A GLORIOUS FUN NIGHT

A glorious night of fun is being offered tomorrow night at the Standard Theatre, when two of the greatest comedians of the screen will be presented in a double program.

Harold Lloyd will appear in "Now or Never," a three reel spasm of mirth, and clever Douglas MacLean will be featured in "Never Say Die," booked the world over as the corkingest, corking comedy since he was seen in "The Hottentot."

In addition to the double feature comedies, the usual two reel comedy and International news reel will be on the program. Be there early to secure your seat for they will all be taken at 10c-35c.

Sunday night, one of Paramount's best pictures of the year will be shown when Gloria Swanson will be seen in "Mlle Sans Gene," made to beat "The Humming Bird"—and it does. Also Roach comedy and Pathe Review.

A special production will be given on next Wednesday night, February 10, when the famous Rin-Tin-Tin will have the leading role in the thrilling and interestng photoplay, "The Lighthouse by the Sea," one of the Warner Brothers, classics of the screen. Here are three wonderfully fine programs, and if possible you should see them.

Nebraska Governor to Call Conference.

Lincoln, Neb.—Governor Adam McMullen has decided to call a meeting of 50 representatives of Nebraska's agricultural interest for a conference here relative to seeking farm relief measures.

McKAY RESERVOIR IS TO AID WEST END

A new era of development for the irrigated district in the west end of Umatilla county looms with the approach of the time when the water that will be stored in the McKay reservoir is available for use. The dam is expected to be finished this fall and water will be available from the reservoir in the spring of 1927.

According to the records in the reclamation offices at Hermiston, two contracts with the government have already been signed by irrigation districts. The Stanfield distrct has signed for 15,000 acre feet, which will be used to supplement the present inadequate supply. The Westland district, which comprises 10,000 acres of raw land southwest of Hermiston, has signed for 29,250 acre feet.

The estimated storage capacity of the McKay reservoir is 73,632 acre feet, and about 30,000 acre feet of the water is still awaiting allocation. A survey of the land surrounding the Umatilla project from an economic and agricultural point of view, was made several months ago by a board of three experts.

SHIPMENTS SET RECORD

Walla Walla truck gardens, shipping every day last month, broke all records in volume of profits of January vegetable sales. On several days full carloads of spinach, raised in open fields, have been shipped. Green onions have gone out almos t every day, but spinach has been most consistent. Green stuff has found a ready market at good prices. Acreage planted to spinach will be increased this year.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Matter of the Estate of James Nelson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account as Administrator of the estate of Jackson Nelson, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, and that Monday, the 15th day of February, 1926, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, and the County Court Room in the County Court House at Pendleton, Umatilla County, State of Oregon, has been fixed by said Court as the time and place for the settlement of said account.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at such time and place in said Court and file any objections they may have to such account or to any part thereof.

SHELDON D. TAYLOR, Administrator of the Estate of Jackson Nelson, Deceased. J15F12.

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of William B. Hale, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Sarah F. Hale, executrix of the last will and testament of William B. Hale, deceased, has filed with the clerk of this court her final account and report; that the court by order duly made and entered has appointed Monday the 15th day of February, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton as the place, where all objections and exceptions will be heard to the said final account and report and a settlement of the estate made. This notice will be published for four consecutive weeks in the Athena Press newspaper, published at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, beginning with the issue of Friday the 15th day of January, 1926, and the last publication on Friday the 12th day of February, 1926.

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Will M. Peterson, Attorney for Executrix. J15F12.

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