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MORE ABOUT FLAX.

A gentleman writing from Albany has the following to say regardiug flax:

In regard to the manufacture of flax fibre from the straw, there is no need of centralizing large plants of machinery for this purpose. A machine called the Irish flax dresser and scutching machine will dress and prepare for the market 50 pounds of fibre per day of hand-picked flax. As it performs the work without skilled labor, it can be utilized on a farm, power being provided by any motor having a capacity of three horse power. The machine costs $350 in New York City. The fibre can find ready sale in unlimited quantity at the rate of 10 to 50 cents per pound, according to length and firmness. Fibre having a length of 30 inches cannot be obtained in the United States, unless in Oregon; all the other choice samples coming from Belgium and other foreign countries. Canada produces a grade that is valued at 6 to 10 cents, owing to the shortness of the staple

A machine costing $750 is also made by the same company for the purpose of working tangled flax straw. The dressing is all completed at the one operation, which simply requires a boy at each end to manage the machine. This machine is intended to prepare the fibre for such manufactures as rope, binding twine and sewing twine for wheat or flour sacks The value accords with the care bestowed upon the length of fibre, which is a matter of importance, and especially in keeping the straw straight, so the banks of fibre correspond. Any quantity of this fibre can be disposed of at $35 per ton in the Eastern states. The tow, which is the refuse, is used for caulking and other purposes; in fact, there is no loss in this respect in working up the product. It is estimated that three tons of straw make one ton of fibre.

It requires costly fertilizing to produce a straw over 20 inches in length, even in Belgium, the great fibre producer in Europe, and such fibre is a scarce article. There is no doubt that in time this will be the leading industry of the state, and will build up manufacturing towns to the surprise of the present generatio . If state aid is given to educate the people to a knowledge of the value of this product, it would be well bestowed. The fact that $2,000,000 are sent to Europe for fibre to supply the mills in the East is evidence of a neglect on our part to take advantage of the wealth that is so recklessly wasted.

The first real "traveling postoffice" started on its rounds last month in Maryland. It is a stout covered wagon, manned by a driver and a postal clerk, which will leave the town of Westminster every week-day morning, make a circuit of more than thirty miles through the surrounding country, and return to Westminster at night. There are eight village postoffices on the wagon's route. The traveling postmaster will carry mail to them and receive it from them. His wagon is fitted with cases and pigeonholes, so that he can assort mail while he travels; and he will deliver mail to all residents along the road who will take the trouble to put up letter-boxes or to wait for the wagon. He will be authorized, moreover, to sell stamps, register letters and issue money-orders; and a railroad town being the terminal of his circuit, the conjunction of the traveling postoffice and the railway mail car will bring the farmer and the outside world very near together. This traveling postoffice is, we need hardly add, one of the experiments by which the government is trying to solve an imperative problem —that of rural mail delivery. If the plan succeeds, a long step will have been taken toward the adoption of a reform which every one approves, and which is delayed merely because no one has devised a way to carry it out.

The committee appointed to look into the deaf mute school have reported that its management cannot be improved on; but that some of the buildings are in bad condition, and recommends that they be turned over to the asylum and $25,000 be appropriated to build new buildings. They might have added that measures to positively secure good work be also adopted.

The senate is willing that the supreme judges may have clerks, and passed a bill to that effect. But as yet, nothing has been done to lessen the work of the supreme bench.

Montana's legislature is having a hot time over the senatorship. One state senator has been unseated so far. Verily money is figuring largely in the fight.

Oregon is never behind in anything. This time she is to erect a monument to her brave sons who gave up their lives over at Manila. To raise funds for this, a committee of one person from each county, has been appointed. Deputy sheriff Brown has been appointed for Sherman county. A special edition of a new and unique history of the United States is to be published, and when out, Mr. Brown has made arrangements to have them on sale at the postoffice and at Aker's cigar store, at 25 cents each. Your name and money can be left at each place, and a book will be mailed to you as soon as they are out. This is a good cause and it is to be hoped every person in the county will buy a book.

In another column will be found the school clerks report. It will be seen from that the affairs of the district have been handled carefully, economically, and wisely along the line of finances by the present board, and when the recommendations for a 10 mill tax were given the tax was voted with a hearty good will that shows the board has the confidence of the people, not only in financial matters but in the school room the same thing exists. The board has been a success in every way.

The reapportionment bill, just passed will not materially effect Sherman county. We will have two joint senators as usual. One with Wasco county and one with Grant, Gilliam and Wasco. We will have three joint representatives, which is an increase They will be with Grant, Gilliam, and Wasco.

The different legislatures now in session are sending in to Washington protests against the seating of Roberts, the polygamist from Utah. This needs no comment. The opinion of an entire people is enough in itself.

General Eagan got what he deserved. Even, though he may have had some cause, such talk as he indulged in can not be allowed. If he had cause for redress, there must have been some other way to get at it.

The school meeting Monday afternoon voted a ten mill tax by a vote of 26 to 8. This tax will allow us an eight or nine months school, and pay off about one third of the bonded indebtedness.

The bill to abolish the state fair appropriation has in some manner been sidetracked. That's a shame. This is a draw on the taxpayers that should be shut off. Let the state fair be self supporting.

The house sat upon the bill for a bounty for beet sugar. Verily that industry will have to struggle along as best it can without any encouragement.

We do not believe in toll bridges or roads. If there is business enough to warrant a bridge across the John Day let the county build it.

The town of Milton is preparing to build a $15,000 schoolhouse. This is an improvement that amounts to something.

The anti-department store bill will not become a law during the life of the present legislature. They sat on it.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, in a recent sermon, advises a protectorate over the Philippines.

Governor Culberson has been sent to Washington as senator by the Texans.

Silver is not dead in Nebraska. At least they reelect Stewart without any tooble.

Wheeler county is dead. At least so far as this legislature is concerned.

Wyoming had but little trouble in electing Mr. Clark senator.

Oklahoma is makiug an effort to become a state.

Scott is the new senator from West Virginia.

Danger in Calcium Carbide.

Superintendent Murray of the Bureau of Combustibles, has made regulations governing the transportation, storage and sale of calcium carbide, which the firemen declare to be a source of danger in a burning building because when water reaches it acetylene gas is given off. A number of stores keep it for use in bicycle lamps. Hereafter, in transit or on storage, it must be inclosed in hermetically sealed iron receptacles marked "Dangerous, if not kept dry." No package may contain more than a hundred pounds. It must be stored in isolated buildings that are fire proof and water proof. No artificial light or heat will be permitted in the building where it is stored. Not more than twenty pounds, in bulk or in cartridges, may be kept in any store or factory, and this must be in a fireproof safe or vault and it must be kept six inches above the floor. The manufacture, transportation, storage, sale or use of liquefied acetylene is absolutely prohibited within the limits of this city.—N. Y Sun

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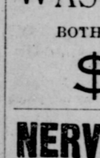

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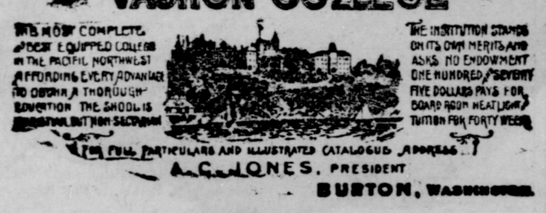

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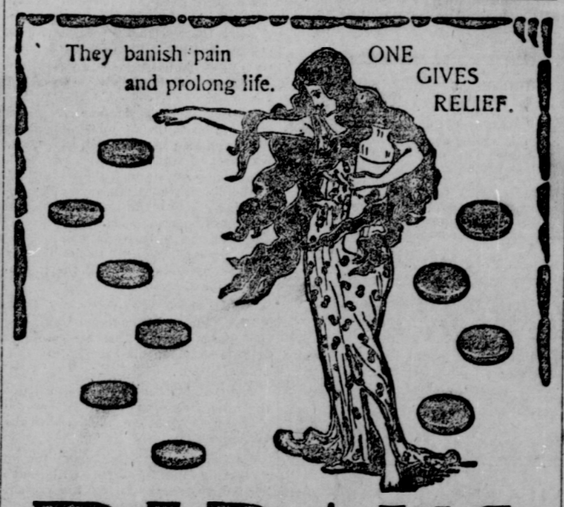

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