

OREGON PRISON HAS LARGE FLAX PLANT

Nation-Wide Publicity Is Given Oregon Penal Institution.

State Market Agent. The flax industry in Oregon's state penitentiary has been given nationwide publicity during the past year, and the periodicals of the east are yet printing stories. The Toronto, Ontario, Sun of September 3, states that the prison has the largest flax seeding mill in the world, 24 machines, its nearest competitor being in Ireland, where there is a mill of 23 machines. The Sun states that more than 50 convicts are given employment on these machines, and as an inducement for faithful work they are paid 50 cents per day, also that this compensation is given to other convicts in other departments of the flax industry. "Flax is being received at the rate of 100 to 150 tons daily," states the Sun, "and every available inmate who can be extended trusty privileges in the penitentiary is engaged in the industry." The article is headed "Enlightened Dealing with Prison Problem."

Going After Law Violators.

C. E. Spence, State Market Agent, is giving public notice that the State Inspection Department is going to enforce the potato grading and stenciling law henceforth, and growers and dealers are warned of the penalties of \$100 fine, 30 days in jail or both. The law provides that the potatoes shall be graded and both the grade and the grower's name shall be stenciled on the sack. No stock of more than 50 pounds can be legally sold otherwise.

Wheat Smut Greatly Reduced.

In the month of August, last summer, 2423 cars of wheat were received at the Portland terminals, of which 1434 cars graded various percentages of smut, or 59%. In the same month this summer 1605 cars were received of which but 410 cars showed smut—25%. This remarkable decrease is due largely to the fact that much winter wheat was winter killed and spring wheat sown in its place. Smut thrives on the winter crop.

Results of Honest Pack.

State Market Agent Spence cites that in the month of August last year 66 carloads of potatoes were shipped into the state, to compete with Oregon farmers. In August of this year but 30 cars were received. "I do not attribute all of this to grading and standardization of our own stock," says the market agent, "yet much of the decrease is because buyers and retailers do not now have to buy Yakima stock to get an honest pack. The grading and inspection law is making friends of honest growers and dealers."

Making Great Progress.

Amazing progress is being made all over the country in farmer unity and it would seem that a more even footing is certain to result from the work of the thousands of co-operatives. Farming has long been out of balance with the rest of the business of the country. When farmers are as strongly organized as other industries and trades, and when they will work together as the corporations do, results will be that returns from farm products will be increased and costs of farm operations reduced. Organizations built from the bottom, then merging, pooling and co-operating generally for mutual benefit will pull farming up to a level with other business. Thousands of farmers' boys and girls are now leaving the farms to better themselves in the factories and shops of the cities.

When School Begins.

State Board of Health. September is an anxious time, not only for the students but also for the teacher. In addition to her regular work, the latter is worried by the various epidemics of children's diseases which make the beginning of school exciting. Each fall sees a new lot of children who have never had these diseases coming to school, so that a fertile field is offered.

Anything which keeps children in school saves their time and the taxpayers' money. A good deal can be done to hold down the spread of catching diseases, if certain precautions are observed. First of all, it does no good to allow a child to remain in school until its disease is well developed. Almost all of the common contagious diseases are at least as catching in the early stages, before they are recognized, as they are later on. It therefore is necessary to keep on guard, and pick up suspicious symptoms.

Whenever measles exists in a community, children must be watched for signs of "cold in the head." Any child appearing with a cold, unless it has already had measles, should be sent home at once, before it has a chance to spread the disease. This means that the children should be quickly looked over at the beginning of the day. Similarly, if scarlet fever or diphtheria are prevalent, every child which has a sore throat should be immediately excused from school, unless it has had these diseases. If the trouble is simply a cold or sore throat, the condition will clear up in a day or two, and the child can return. If it should develop into something more serious, many additional cases will have been stopped by quick action. If whooping cough is suspected, all children with a bad cough should be excluded. At any time, a child with a suspicious skin rash should at once be sent to a doctor.

It is better to keep one or two children out of school unnecessarily for a day or two than to have half the school away for weeks while they go through a siege of measles or whooping cough. Usually, by employing prompt measures, closing school will be made unnecessary. Keeping children with suspicious symptoms out of school will do more to prevent the spread of diseases than all fumigation and quarantining of children who have already developed the disease.

Last—Lady's small closed case Elgin gold watch, with crack in dial; shield engraved on back of case. Valuable as keepsake. \$10 reward. Inquire at this office.

Wanted—Woman or girl for general housework. Good wages. Write or phone Pat Ward, Sixprong, Wash.

Burroughs Sees Real Happiness on Farm

It is a common complaint that the farm and farm life are not appreciated by our people. We long for more elegant pursuits, or the ways and fashions of the town. But the farmer has the most sane and natural occupation and ought to find life sweeter, if less highly seasoned, than any other. He alone, strictly speaking, has a home.

How can a man take root and thrive without land? He writes his history upon his field. How many ties, how many resources, he has—his friendships with his cattle, his team, his dog, his trees, in his improved fields; his intimacy with nature, with bird and beast, and with the quickening elemental forces; his co-operation with the clouds, the sun, the seasons, heat, wind, rain, frost!

Nothing will take the various social distempers which the city and artificial life breed out of a man like farming, like direct and loving contact with the soil. It draws out the poison. It humbles him, teaches him patience and reverence, and restores the proper tone to his system.—John Burroughs.

Users of Ink Seemed to Possess Advantage

A magazine editor told at the Algonquin in New York an anecdote about the late Anatole France. "A youth," said the editor, "once persuaded Anatole France to read the manuscript of a novel that he had written. The master read the novel and then he pronounced his verdict."

"Your novel is rot," he said. "But," the youth protested indignantly, "I wrote that novel with my heart's blood."

"Anatole France smiled and shrugged his shoulders."

"You youngsters," he said, "write with your heart's blood, and we old fellows write with ink; but our ink burns with a redder flame than your heart's blood."

Old Crown of Lombardy

It is a famous crown composed chiefly of gold and precious stones, so-called on account of a thin circular band of iron that forms part of it, says the Kansas City Times. This iron band is said to have been forged from a nail on the true cross, given by the Empress Helena to her son, Constantine the Great. It was first used at the coronation of Agrulf, king of the Longobards, in 561. Charlemagne was crowned with it in 774, and so were all the later emperors of Germany that were also kings of Lombardy. When Napoleon I was crowned king of Italy at Milan in 1805, he himself placed this iron crown upon his head, saying: "God has given it to me; woe to him that touches it." This ancient crown remained in the cathedral at Monza until 1850, when it was removed to Mantua. After the peace of Vienna in 1806 the crown was presented by the emperor of Austria to the king of Italy, and was restored to the church at Monza for safe keeping.

To Make War on Ants

As an effective poisoning bait for ants, mix a spoon or a piece of bread with a drup made by dissolving an ounce of sugar and ten grains of arsenate of soda in two ounces of hot water.

Some ants may even carry the poison liquid back to the nest, resulting eventually in the destruction of the entire colony.

The employment of this effective bait, if used with care, may replace the application of the many insecticidal preparations which, principally on account of the odor they impart, cannot be conveniently employed.—Hygeia.

Ancient Gates and Weirs

On the Exeter (England) ship canal gates were recently removed which had been in continuous duty for 400 years. Even this, however, was not the oldest waterway contrivance in existence in Great Britain. An ancient stone weir, dating from 1100, was adapted a year or two since to drive machinery for supplying Chester with electricity, and instead of the canal connecting the Trent and William navigations is the Foss dyke, which the Romans cut during their occupation of Britain.

Lafayette's Kiss

Hero worship was as prevalent in the days of Lafayette as it is now. The following anecdote is taken from "The Life of Edward Everett": When Lafayette, the hero of two continents, arrived in America in the year 1824 and attended the Phi Beta Kappa meeting at Harvard for which Edward Everett had been chosen orator, one enthusiastic lady declared: "If Lafayette had kissed me, depend upon it, I would never have washed my face again as long as I lived."

Curiosity of Hair

Some curious anomalies regarding the hair and skin have been noted by Prof. Joseph Bancroft. He tells us that hair is merely skin which has grown in a particular way, hardened, and instead of being rubbed away as happens with the ordinary surface of the skin, sticks out in tubular form. The pigment which colors the hair is not the same as that which colors the skin, for the skin of an Anglo-Saxon, however black his beard, is not negroid.

Theoretical Line

The one hundred and eightieth meridian in the Pacific ocean was selected as the international date line largely for the purpose of convenience. It is theoretically the opposite half of the circle of the meridian of Greenwich, which by common consent of the navigators of the world is the earth's prime or first meridian and is used as the common standard for reckoning time and measuring longitude.

An Irish Quibble

Pat—On phwat grounds is Murphy tryin' t' get a pardon? Mike—He wor sinticed for th' rist av his natural loife, an' sure that came to an end phwin he wint t' prison.—Boston Transcript.

The Foreman's Joke

Visitor—What small girls you employ in your dairy? Foreman—Yes, those are our condensed milkmaids.—The Progressive Grocer.

Southern City Keeps Old Funeral Custom

The custom of having a funeral announcement on a silver salver carried through the streets by an aged negro of Chesterfield department, an old Spanish custom, still exists in Tallahassee, Fla., and nowhere else in the United States, according to the historical committee of the Florida Centennial celebration.

"This means of announcing the death of a member of a leading family long antedated the newspaper," said Col. Fred T. Myers of Tallahassee, whose family has resided there continuously for more than a century. "It was common in the days when the flag of Spain waved over Florida, and has persisted in the face of modern means of communication."

"A carefully engrossed announcement of the place and date of funeral and burial is attached to a broad silver tray by bands of black silk ribbon. A dignified negro then bears it through the business section with a man in keeping with the solemnity of his duty. He presents it ceremoniously to all who care to read. Later, he carries the tray to the homes of friends of the deceased."

Vast Wealth Easily Carried in Pocket

Gems represent a value so highly concentrated that it is possible to carry a million dollars worth of precious stones in a waistcoat pocket. Though the diamonds of the world probably have a value of \$5,000,000,000, the African yield since 1880, according to Dr. George F. Kunze, in the Engineering and Mining Journal-Press, has been only about 14 metric tons, and with the diamonds from all other sources, the world's production in the last 35 years may have been 25 tons—an average of only about

30 pounds a week.

The profitable sapphire mines of Montana have produced since their discovery in 1900 not more than one or two tons. The total yield of Burma rubies has been not more than a ton or so. In extreme values natural precious stones have ranged up to \$20,000 per carat. \$30,000,000 per troy ounce, for an exceptional 20-grain pearl; \$5,500 per carat for a red diamond; \$3,500 per carat for a white diamond; \$6,000 per carat for an emerald; \$4,500 per carat for a ruby, and \$2,000 per carat for a sapphire.

Why Henry Went Out

It was pouring rain and dreadfully cold. He came in, kicked off his wet shoes, slid his tired feet into a pair of comfortable carpet slippers, sat down in an easy chair, drew forth his pipe, lit up and declared that nothing would make him stir from the house until next morning.

"Henry, my dear," said his wife, "did you mail my letter?"

"Of course I did, my love," he answered.

"I asked mother to postpone her visit for a while," the wife went on; "you see—"

Apparently Henry did see, for with a single bound he sprang from his chair, grabbed his shoes, slipped them on and tore out into the murky street.

A little later he returned and remarked:

"Do you know, my dear, I couldn't resist the temptation of popping round to see the new motion picture." He had carried the letter to the branch post office.

Fame and Glory

Fame is the favorable celebrity that is handed to a man who has made folks think he has done something better than the ordinary; glory is the wide-spread praise and honor accorded to any one by common consent. They are two of the most widely advertised articles ever put on the market. If, in a general way of speaking, fame is the red seal of merit pasted on a man's brow, then glory is three coats of scarlet paint, rubbed down and varnished and touched up with gold leaf.—Ellis Parker Butler in Hearst's International-Cosmopolitan.

Bargains In Drills

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