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MAKE THE START.

Some disposition must be made of the idle convict labor, or by all means ought to be. The most practicable proposition, and the one promising less of competition with free labor than any other, is the one for the employment of the prisoners in the treatment of flax fibre, preparing it for manufacture into articles of commerce, and, eventually, making it into such articles.

The American people send abroad about \$40,000,000 every year for the manufactures of flax. These can all be produced and made in Oregon, or at least in Oregon and Washington. Such a transfer would be of incalculable value. Let Oregon begin and encourage the work.

A SPLENDID PROSPECT.

The outlook for good prices for both hops and dried fruit next fall is very good, and in the case of each commodity the reason for the encouraging prospect is the same. It lies in the fact that the consumption is keeping up with the supply.



Those terrible dizzy spells to which women are subject are due nine times in ten to some of the following conditions: weakness of the system, or unhealthy condition of the distinctly feminine organism. The average doctor in general practice does not half realize this. He prescribes some superficial treatment for headache or dyspepsia or liver trouble without suspecting the real cause of the difficulty.

Not only this, but almost every bale of the crops of former years, many of which were still on hand, has been bought and shipped away for consumption. Men acquainted with the business, and the increasing demand for the various manufactures in which the aromatic fruit of the bine is used, say the world has not a pound to spare, or will not by the time of the harvesting of the next crop. There is still another reason why the outlook for good prices for our dried fruit crop is an encouraging one.

The women who have made the experiments in the culture of flax, and proved that we have the conditions of soil and climate favorable for the production of a most excellent quality, do not propose to go out of business, in case the state takes their plant off their hands and continues the work of which they have demonstrated can be made successful with virtually no further expense, but merely the direction of a part of the idle convict labor into this channel, which would not only prove beneficial to the people of the state, but would be profitable to the commonwealth treasury.

CANNOT ABOLISH.

The legislature ought not to abolish the office of one of the circuit judges of the district embracing Marion, Linn, Yamhill, Polk and Tillamook counties—the Third judicial district. It is the largest district in the state in point of population. It is larger than the Multnomah county district, which has four judges. There are other reasons, political and moral, and affecting the principles of honesty and good faith, why the office should not be abolished.

While the legislature might rob the second judge of his power, we do not think it can derive him of his employment, and therefore of his salary. We refer to the following constitutional provision, found in section No. 21, under the "Judicial Department" heading, prescribing the oath of supreme (and circuit) judges:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Oregon; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of a judge of the supreme and circuit courts of said state, according to the best of my ability, and that I will not accept any other office, excepting judicial offices, during the term for which I have been elected."

MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Official Report. (January, 1899.)

Table of court proceedings and financial reports for Marion County Commissioners' Court, January 1899. Includes sections for Stationery Account, Election Account, Tax Rebate Account, Sheriff's Account, Court House and Jail Account, Coroner's Account, and various inquest reports.

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Parsnip Complexion.

It does not require an expert to detect the sufferer from kidney trouble. The hollow cheeks, the sunken eyes, the dark, puffy circles under the eyes, the shallow, parsnip-colored complexion indicates it.

The local market quotations yesterday were as follows: Wheat—50 cents. Oats—35 cents, buying. Hay—Cheat, buying \$7; oat and wheat, \$8.

THE LOCAL MARKET

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CAPITAL FEED STORE

Will buy your chickens, hay, wheat, oats and other farm produce.

SALEM BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

MISCELLANEOUS. STEAM THRESHING FOR SALE.—Thirteen horse Russell engine, heavy cylinder rings, boxes in crosshead and wrist, cylinder oil cup, (a good one), and grease cups all over, all added last year; separator cylinder filled and balanced; shaft smoothed and boxes re-babbited last year; new wooden wheel sleeves, new lathe tables, and mostly new bolts, all put on last year; with an 18 foot short stacker, for \$850. D. W. Early, Salem, Oregon, four miles east of penitentiary. 1:12-4w.

Farm Loans

Clean rates. Easy terms. Long or short time. Do not close a loan without first communicating with E. BREYMAN.

FOR SALE

Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels. Fine large fowls, Price, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

ADMINISTRATOR SALE.

Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the court house door in Salem, Oregon, on the twenty-fifth day of February, 1899, at the hour of 2 p. m. the following described premises, to-wit: Beginning at a point 7 chains south of northeast corner of section 29, in T 8, R 2 W, of Willamette meridian, Marion county, Oregon; thence south 2 degrees, east 12.80 chains to an angle corner in the north line of the M. L. Savage donation land claim; thence east 99 links on said north line of M. L. Savage donation land claim to a point south of the southwest corner of lot 22 in Hampden Park; thence north 12.80 chains along the west line of said lot 22 to the northwest corner of said lot; thence west 90 links to the place of beginning, containing 1.15 of an acre of land, more or less; also lots 23 and 24, containing each 5 acres, more or less, all above described premises, or land lying and being in Hampden Park, Marion county, Oregon, as shown by the recorded plat in the office of the county recorder for Marion county, Oregon.

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