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FLAX WILL SOLVE PROBLEM.

SALEM is somewhat of a railroad center, and is steadily growing in that way. She has six railroads in operation, and a few more in perspective. One of these, running to Stayton, thence up the Santiam and through the Minto pass, stretching across Eastern Oregon and tapping the Oregon Short Line at Ontario, will be under construction probably this summer, and when once begun will be rushed to completion. Being a railroad center, makes it naturally a desirable point for factories. To attract factories requires cheap power, and here again Salem is favorably situated, for the almost unlimited power of the Santiam and its tributaries is at her door. Here, then, is the central distributing or accumulating point, and here is an abundance of power. This is half of the necessary combination to make Salem a great manufacturing center, the other things are the capital to operate factories and something to manufacture. The first will be available in abundance once the fourth portion of the combination is made available, and that is something to manufacture.

As The Capital Journal has suggested, flax is the thing that completes the combination. This is no new idea here, unless indeed it may be counted as having been so long neglected and forgotten that it is again new. Years ago Eugene Bosse, a fine old gentleman, a flax expert and enthusiast, undertook to start the industry here. He claimed that the Willamette valley would produce not only as good a flax as Ireland or Belgium, but that it would produce a longer and finer fibre than either. He not only claimed it, but he proved it. Through his energy and persistency he got a small plant here, and would undoubtedly have made a success of the venture, if ill luck—or worse, had not pursued him. He was given some support by Salem people, but it was not strong and wholehearted. In spite of this failure to properly support the industry and put it on its feet, he would, with his indomitable will and complete knowledge of the industry, have made a success of it, had not misfortune in the shape of fire destroyed the plant. This fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin, and it is claimed by some, that the plant was caused to be burned by a Belgian flax company. However this may be, the plant was destroyed, and Mr. Bosse, finally weary of the thankless task of trying to force fortune onto Salem and the Willamette valley, dropped the matter. We have the benefit of his experience. We know that he demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt, that the Willamette valley would grow the best flax in the world. Are we energetic enough, far-seeing enough, self-reliant enough to profit by what he has taught us?

Flax, such as is grown, or can be grown here, is the most valuable fibre grown, and flax as a crop one of fine profit. The area suited to its cultivation, in this neighborhood, is practically unlimited, and there is no reason why Salem should not come to the front as the greatest flax center of the United States, and in time the leading flax manufacturing city of the world. To do this will require some effort, and it will require the expenditure of some money in the initiative, but it is certainly worth it. With this industry once established here, a few years would see Salem growing more rapidly than any city in the state. It would see property values double and double again in a short time, and surely property owners can afford to advance the

money necessary to establish a small plant here, and increase the value of their property many times by so doing. An expert can be hired, or probably Mr. Bosse could be induced to take hold of the matter again, and the initial steps taken this year—so the next year something tangible could be accomplished. The Board of Trade should take it up systematically, and give it a trial. As The Capital Journal stated recently, the matter had gone past the experimental stage when fire put an end to the matter, and it can be taken up, as a business proposition, and in a commercial way from the start.

A small company could be incorporated for that matter shares at a minimum value, and thus it could be made a people's company. It offers so much, at so little expense, that money spent in testing it out practically will be money well expended, even though the matter should prove a failure. The possibilities are so great, the chances of failure so small, that we cannot afford not to make the trial.

THE RECALL ORDINANCE.

THE ORDINANCE making possible, and perfecting the details by which the recall may be used in recalling city officials came before the council last night and was put over until Monday night next. This was done on motion of Councilman Brown, who also moved that a copy of the bill be furnished each councilman. Mr. Brown said the bill should pass, and that he would vote for it, but before doing so, wanted to understand it thoroughly, and suggested that every other councilman should familiarize himself with it. This is eminently correct, and the same system should be applied to all other bills coming before the council. Undoubtedly the many little jokers contained in the ordinances were not known to the councilmen; and had they been so known, they would have been eliminated. The people want the recall made possible not that they have any use for it now, but that it may be available, should the occasion arise when its use might be required. Councilman Brown is eminently correct, in wanting to investigate the bill, and he is also correct in saying the bill should pass, which it undoubtedly will.

X-RAYS AND SMILES.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company wants the city of Portland to pay it the amount it was out in changing its grades on account of the Broadway bridge, some \$2563.29. The company has the use of the public street, and wants the city to pay it for any expense it is put to in using it. It is a modest, retiring diffident little corporation with few of the attributes of the common hog, other than its greediness. It figures to a cent, too.

According to our exchanges a colony of several thousand Russians will settle in at least a dozen places between Salem and Klamath Falls, and all in a bunch, too.

One of the conductors on the South Commercial street line Sunday lost his automatic switch off the tail end of the car. A Want Ad. in the Capital Journal would certainly lead to its recovery.

Salem folks, especially those on South Commercial street, will be glad to learn Mr. Strahors is to remain at the head of the P. & E. He is wide awake, energetic and a hustler, and

sometime when the net work of electric roads is completed in the valley, and things got quieted down, he will call a meeting of the board of directors, and almost before we know it, there will be automatic switches on that line.

When it rains the suburbanite wishes it would clear up so he could get busy in his garden. When the sun shines the suburbanite wishes it would rain so he could get busy anywhere except in his garden.

About the only place the garden suits the whole family is at meal time or on the front porch along in the evening, when it can be discussed with safety to the old man and the kids.

THE ROUND-UP

M.D. Davis, former city marshal of Lebanon, is now holding down a home-stead near Mill City. Deer come almost into his dooryard, and the trout fishing is fine.

The date of the Wasco county fair, to be held at The Dalles, has been changed from September 17-20, to October 8-11. It is to be made the biggest ever held in Wasco county.

There are now 59 passenger trains daily into and out of Albany, and the Democrat says there is "no excuse for everybody in this part of the state not trading at Albany."

A famine in the labor market in Astoria is reported. The Budget says carpenters, plasterers, trades and other mechanics are needed to supply an immediate demand.

The Baptist church at Carlton will celebrate its forty-third anniversary tomorrow. Of the six charter members, three are living, Mrs. Sarah Black and Mrs. Hanna Ketch, of Carlton, and Mrs. Maggie S. Scott, of Latah, Wash.

Reports from all parts of the state west of the Cascades show that but little damage has been done by frosts.

The Alaska Fisheries Packing Co., sold its plants and business to Libby, McNeil & Libby, the Chicago meat packers. The consideration was approximately \$500,000.

The Independence creamery, which has an output of from 30,000 to 35,000 pounds of butter a week, is believed to be the largest institution of the kind in the state.

The annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society will meet in Eugene the first week in June.

THE CITY EDITOR HAS A DINKY LITTLE LID

Acting absolutely contrary to the ancient and customary requirements of "straw-hat day," and furthermore, casting aside a venerable antique which has made him an object of friendly curiosity, and which was his constant companion in or out of doors since the winter of '92 The Capital Journal's city editor swaggered into the bright glim this morning with one of those dinky little college non-entities known by a select few as a hat(?)

Now, the writer don't give a hoot what sort of a creation the city editor springs out in, but he feels sorter queer when he meets the old man coming down the street with a 14-year-old lid perched at a naughty angle upon a head which has been in this world since Heck was a waddling infant. Of course, the manipulator of equine matters is acting within the law in wearing the funny sky-piece, but his friends wonder where he got the nerve to spring it on a patient and unoffending public. The "force" has voted to damage that confounded dome-piece and Chief of Police Shodeck threatens to have the editor arrested if he don't cease impersonating Little Lord Fauntleroy, Ward McAllister and 'is Royal Highness.

This Interests Every Woman. A family doctor said recently that women come to him thinking that they have female trouble, but when he treats them for their kidneys and bladder, they soon recover. This is worth knowing, and also that Foley Kidney Pills are the best and safest medicine at such times. You cannot get better, purer medicine for backache, irregular kidney and bladder action and nervousness due to kidney troubles. Try them. They are tonic in action, quick in results. Dr. Stone Drug Co.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. D., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effective and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

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We are now selling new Spring suits for values up to \$12.00, \$18.00 and \$23.00.

The Chicago Store

Is Salem's headquarters for stylish suits sold at lower prices than anywhere else on the Pacific coast. We do the volume of business, and can prove every word we say about our goods and low prices. Only the latest garments shown.

THE NEW REVISION OF TARIFF

Is putting a crimp in the manufacturers' high prices. Come to our store and see what spot cash buying now means in the New York market. We have never had a chance before to give you such good values. This means the high cost of living cut down. Note our prices carefully.

Chicago Store

Is Salem's Millinery Shop. Come here for millinery bargains. Trimmed hats, shapes, flowers and fancy stickups offered at the closest prices in Salem. Only the newest shown.

DRESS TRIMMED HATS
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The greatest showing in Salem offered at the lowest price.
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Embroideries, Laces and Dress Trimmings

NOW ON SALE. The greatest showing we ever made of the latest and newest novelties. No big store shows a greater line in florencings, shadow laces, Bulgarian nets and Persian styles. Embroideries, yard:

4c, 5c, 8 1-3c, 10c and up

Wonderful Bargains in Gloves

We show the most complete stocks of Kid and Silk Gloves in Salem, both in long and short and in all colors. Advertised prices.

Price, 25c, 35c, 49c, 65c and up

SHOE BARGAINS

The prices we sell shoes at makes all the shoe sales in Salem look like two cents. How is this? Shoes from the Dayton floods, worth \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.00, slightly soaked.

SALE PRICE
\$1.45

SUMMER UNDERWEAR

Now on sale for women, misses and children. Our stock is complete. Any class or kind of garment you want we have here to show you in knit underwear.

4c, 5c, 8 1-3c, 10c and up

DOMESTICS

10,000 yards of the latest and newest wash goods—

now on sale.

Come here for bargains.

Lawn, yard
4c

Percales, yard
5c, 8 1-3c

Ginghams, yard
5c, 7c, 8 1-3c

Beautiful Lingerie Dresses

Now on sale, stylish dresses like the picture offered at low prices

\$2.50
\$3.50
\$4.90

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We show the most complete line in Salem of pretty

WASH DRESSES

Price
25c, 35c, 49c, 65c, and up

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