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Flax Rasing Could Succeed If Farmers Would Co-operate

Eugene Bosse, of Salem, a Belgian and acknowledged to be one of the most experienced flax men in the country, says that by co-operation on the part of farmers the flax industry can be made a profitable success in the Willamette valley.

commerse, University of Oregon, Mr. Bosse presents his plan. For a number of years Mr. Bosse was employed by the department of agriculture as a flax expert, and in that way he was instrumental in first interesting Willamette valley citizens in flax growing 15 or 20 years ago. He bought a farm at Salem and has grown flax there for many years. In his letter he says:

Work is interesting. "All is said about the growing of flax, but it must be added that when it is properly handled for fiber, it is so pleasingly so interesting, so well paying and prepares the land so nicely for the following crop that, once in it, you will soon sow flax every year and in a very few years we will have a national flax industry."

"Now we need the buyers of the flax from the farmers to give them the regular market. They want to erect their mill in a well selected place on a river, or lake, or pool, that will furnish them plenty of soft water to establish their tanks or retting, which takes an experienced man to judge of the degree to ret, and it takes the proper men to prepare it for market, as it is of such great value — from 20 to 40 cents a pound in normal times."

How Tanks Are Made. "In Belgium the tanks are made to contain two tons of flax straw, and they ret the flax twice in tank in generally 12 days, according to the temperature — 60 degrees F. The function of the mill will be to take care of all the flax offered them, that is, straight flax for water-ret; retted flax for tow; and waste flax for upholstery tow; to turn all the flax into marketable fiber; to market it and to give all information required by the growers of flax."

"They need tow machines, threaders, cleaners, scutching machines, baler and all accessories that will amount to about \$30,000 in all to operate a mill of 800 acres capacity. There should be a fair profit. "In order to be well fixed on the Pacific coast to handle the flax affair, we must have linen mills to work up to crash and coarse linen the tow we will make with our second grade flax, but we cannot expect to have linen mills before they are certain to find here the proper quantity of raw material to feed their machines."

Market is Ample. "Anyway, linen mills or not, the party making the fiber cannot be disturbed with the question, 'Where shall I sell my fiber?' They could not make enough flax fiber for the United States mills at remunerative prices and they can sell it to England at still higher prices. They were praying at Belfast, November 15, 1915, for the little Dutch water retted flax. They could have as much as 67 cents per pound. All the flax spinners will buy the tow. The fine water retted flax will go to Belfast because they do not use such high priced fiber in America, and the upholstery tow will not be enough for the Pacific coast."

"I have studied very deeply this flax making question for the United States and I am convinced that the system I am advising here will be the only one practically and commercially feasible in the near future."

Increased Activities Among Submarines

London, March 2.—In the sinking of the Russian 2,800 ton steamer Alexander Wentzel yesterday, Germany may have claimed her first victim in her new submarine campaign against merchantmen. Dispatches today said 18 of the Wentzel's crew were lost and 11 rescued, though the reports failed to hint whether a submarine was responsible for this destruction on the opening day of the campaign.

The French mine sweeper Au Revoir was sunk Tuesday by a German submarine, but her crew was saved.

Four fishing smacks have been sunk within a day, but their crews were landed.

Though dispatches did not indicate that the destroyed vessels were armed, the sinking of five reported today, with the Thersaby yesterday, showed a sudden renewal of submarine activities.

RAILROAD LANDS

Washington, March 2.—General Land Office Commissioner C. V. Talman today told the house public lands committee that the Oregon-California lands, involved in hearings, should be classified as timber, agricultural, mineral or power sites before being opened to en-

SASKATCHEWAN HAS BIG GRAFT SCANDAL

Leading Men Skip As Story of Three Years' Era of Graft Is Told

Regina, Sask., Mar. 2.—Through disclosures just made and ordered investigated by a royal commission, the province of Saskatchewan is seething today in a stench stirred up by the sudden disappearance of several members of parliament and departmental officials. Business is at stagnation. The sole topic of conversation from morning till night is the terrible charges made against members of the Liberal government party under Premier Scott, by the opposition members.

An era of graft, existing for more than three years is alleged. One banker has disappeared; the head of the roads department has left; the whole province is set by the ears. And yet, the full conditions of affairs has not been disclosed, as yet, according to Opposition Leader Willoughby, who says he is keeping the biggest disclosures for submission to the Royal commission.

Canada has never in its history been confronted with such wholesale political corruption as the province of Saskatchewan is now facing. The city is filled with detectives and every stranger is shadowed. If it is thought he has been brought here to testify in the graft cases, every effort is made by friends of the accused officers to have him railroaded from the province.

try, in order to prevent contests and friends. He said the secretary of the interior ought to handle the timber on the grants, selling it only as the lumber market would absorb it, and allowing the purchasers 15 years to remove the timber. Moreover, he recommended reimbursement of the state of Oregon from the proceeds to pay for taxes to the time when the lands finally enter private hands.

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- Tonight—Moose entertainment at Opera House.
- Elks' annual election.
- March 3—Cherrian-Company M dance at armory.
- Mme. Powell at opera house.
- March 4—Lamar Tootze at the Commercial Club.
- Better Babies week, March 4-11.
- Peg O' My Heart, Grand Opera House.
- March 7—Burbank day.
- March 9-10—Salmon day.
- Wallace Mae Murray lecture, Public Library.
- March 13—Salem Floral Society at Commercial Club.
- March 15—Monthly meeting of members of Commercial Club.

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The Rev. F. B. Wendel, of Idaho, is in the city today in the interest of a plan to build a hospital near the city, to be in charge of the Mennonite church. This afternoon he went to Stayton to attend services of the Mennonite church.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic," colored film from the General Film company, will be shown Sunday evening at the First Congregational church, following the address of Lamar Tootze on his experiences in the war zone with the Ford peace party.

The Christian Women's Board of Missions of the First Christian church will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the parlors of the church for their monthly discussion of the affairs of the Mission. Mrs. E. W. Powers will act as leader for the session and Mrs. Ed Townsend as toastess.

The Salem fire department was called out before breakfast this morning to dispose of a conflagration which broke out in a clothes closet at the residence of W. A. Alderman at 2350 Maple avenue. The fire cleaned out the closet and seriously damaged the contents of the adjoining bedroom. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Attorney General Brown will leave Salem this week for Washington, D. C., where he will represent the state in the water code cases brought by the Pacific Livestock company. Since the settlement of the issues involved take into consideration a complete review of the water codes of several states the suit is considered of great importance to the state.

Special meeting of Multnomah Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., this evening. Work in the R. A. M. degree. Visiting companions welcome.

While inquiries are being received at the commercial club from all parts of the country regarding business openings possibly half of them come from California. Within the last few days letters have been received at the club from parties in California and the east asking us to the business prospects for fair dressers, dry cleaners, florists and garages.

Captain Dick and his Cherrian cohorts are getting into fine shape at the Wednesday evening drills. Last night the attendance was 56. The interest in the welfare of the organization and the desire on the part of the members to avoid the two bits fine assessed when not present at roll call in bringing out a large attendance at each drill Wednesday evenings.

Residents living at the end of the Summer street car line may now come to town an hour earlier and continue to come early during the summer months. The Summer street car now leaves the barn at 6 o'clock instead of at 7 and starts back to town from Summer and Jefferson streets at 6:10 o'clock instead of an hour later. This schedule will be maintained until further announcement.

Arrangements are now about completed for the services of installation at the First Congregational church March 14, of the Rev. James Elvin as permanent pastor. Delegates and pastors from all the Congregational churches in the valley will attend. The Rev. Dr. Luther R. Dyott has been invited to deliver the installing sermon. Mr. Elvin came to Salem as pastor of the church January 1, 1915, and was re-elected last month. With his installation, he becomes the permanent pastor.

Co-operation in securing data for a 1916 road book is asked by the Portland Chamber of Commerce from the Salem Commercial club. The club expects to issue a tour and map book that will be of great practical value to tourists in the valley. Charts are already being prepared at commercial club and committees will be appointed to make surveys of the roads leading from Salem to Silverton, Albany, Dallas and other routes. The Portland Chamber of Commerce hopes to issue the map early this spring.

February was rather a rainy month with a total rainfall of 6.31 inches, about six inches falling during the first half of the month. The January rainfall was 5.12 inches, giving a total precipitation for the first two months of the year of 11.43 inches. The mean maximum temperature for February was 54 degrees and the mean minimum 39. The highest for the month was 62 and the lowest 25, and the average temperature, 46. The rainfall yesterday was 27 of an inch. These records are kept by C. C. Graham of the Oregon City Transportation company and his official title is "Co-operative observer."

For the past few months, it has happened at the high school that articles such as books and clothing have been mysteriously missing, and they continued to be missed to such an extent that the junior class of the school felt called upon to take the matter up before the student body this morning. After a discussion of the matter by the members of the student body, the president appointed a committee composed mostly of juniors who are to devise means to prevent the disappearance of various articles of the value. In other words, the student body have put it up to the junior class to find out who has been stealing.

Seattle's mayorality fight having entered the "you're another" stage, reports of casualties from asphyxiating gases and stinkpots may be expected shortly.

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Potato Market Poor. Portland, Or., Mar. 2.—The market for potatoes is very disappointing to the local trade. There is practically an entire absence of business from the outside at the moment. California's wants seem to be well taken care of, despite the fact that late receipts there have not been liberal.

Hops Are Moving. Business in the hop market continues on a small scale in the Willamette valley, with some small sales reported as high as 13 cents a pound for strictly choice goods, while ordinarily good stuff was quoted around 11 to 12 cents a pound.

On the other hand, even though orders from the outside were available here for supplies at this time, it would be practically impossible to secure more than a small amount of stock. Willamette valley growers have their price ideas to the point where they were placed during the extreme cold snap last month, when it was impossible for shipments to be made from the country. They cannot realize that the extreme price was due to the inability of the trade to secure shipments, and not to any lack of supplies in the country.

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