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SALEM AND OREGON MADE LINENS

Eugene has suddenly awakened to the importance of the flax industry, and to what it means to the state once it is inaugurated.

It woke up suddenly, in fact so suddenly that it accepted Portland's offer to devote $500 toward starting the growing of flax in the valley before Salem even heard of the offer.

Then it went after the matter in true Eugene style, getting a meeting of farmers, business men and railroad officials and arranging to go at the job in a workmanlike and intelligent manner.

Eugene Bosse, who is from Salem, though his name belongs to our neighbor up the creek, was there, and told the gathering all about flax growing, for he knows all about it and has tried to get the industry on its feet here twice at least, both times unfortunately his plant being lost by fire.

It will be seen from this that the movement at Eugene is not as stated "the beginning of a great industry in the state."

The Capital Journal has advocated the growing of flax for several years and it was largely due to this agitation that the state was induced to try the experiment, and provide the money and machinery for putting the product in the form of fiber. This paper has insisted that it would eventually prove one of the great industries of the state, owing to the fact that climate and all other things necessary to its successful growth and subsequent preparation were here ideal. It pointed out the fact that it is a crop that requires a great deal of hand labor and would thus give employment to many and establish payrolls for a large part of the year.

The trouble with the matter in Salem was that we tried to run before we could walk, and wanted to go to manufacturing linens and laces before we understood how to handle the flax, or get the fiber from it.

The state is now experimenting along these lines and has so far made a satisfactory showing.

We are glad to see Eugene also getting in the swim, for the more the merrier, and the better; for the greater showing we as a state can make the sooner will the manufacturers of the east turn their eyes and plants in this direction.

There is a great demand in the United States for linen and other flax products, and an important feature of the crop is that it will stand shipping without the cost of transportation eating up all the values.

Once the fact that the growing of the flax and its conversion to fiber is shown to be easily and cheaply done, those engaged in manufacturing linens and twines will attend to the balance of the business. Here in Oregon is the greatest and cheapest water power in the world and it is easily controlled. With abundant material, and cheap power there is no reason that Salem should not be the Belfast of America.

The Commercial club can do no more important work than keep everlastingly at it, and in touch with the manufacturers of the east, until there is one or more linen factories running here.

The farmers should take hold of the matter with a vim, even though the crop for a year or two might not bring big returns, for it would be the making of a dozen towns through the valley and a good market for all the other products of the farm. Flax should make Salem a city of 50,000 in a few years and treat Eugene and other places as well.

The United States imports annually above twenty million dollars worth of linens and other flax products and there is no reason why the Willamette valley should not supply the entire demand.

A motion picture company in Los Angeles is advertising for men who will leap from the top of a 150 foot blazing tower into a net. The company offers $150 each for several persons, and a life long pension is promised if permanent disability results. This should be a splendid opening for such persons as contemplate suicide.

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John Bryan, a second cousin of the Nebraska Bryan, has submitted plans to the government for controlling flood waters in big rivers. His plan is to construct dams across the peninsulas formed by the bending of the channels, these canals to be built at a level with the normal flow of the river at low water. At flood times the surplus water would flow through the canals and be carried off much faster than through the tortuous old channals. He strongly protests a against building dams in the Ohio or any other stream, for that matter, and says that this plan has been tried for thousands of years and has always proved a failure. He also claims it would reclaim much land and make it productive. If the dam system is a failure of course something else should be tried. Bryan's plan seems feasible and sensible.

"A wealthy merchant of Oakland and San Francisco" while hurrying with his family to a wedding a few days ago ran over and killed a young woman in San Francisco. The girl was dragged 130 feet, and the machine traveled 160 feet with the brakes set before it stopped. The "wealthy merchant" was arrested on a charge of manslaughter. He said he would "send a floral piece to the funeral" but if the girl's parents brought suit against him for damages he would fight it. Evidently he thinks a bouquet on the girl's coffin should be ample recompense for the loss of so trifling a thing as her life.

Federal Judge Dooley, of San Francisco, yesterday gave a sentence of one year in the county jail to Mrs. Thompson-Nigro-Bryant-Isaacson-Christinson and then some. The woman in the case was a dashing widow—several of them—who was arrested on her latest honeymoon for getting, as she admitted, thousands of dollars from farmers under pretext of marriage. The judge said: "I have no sympathy for these long-range lovelorn swains, but a fool and his money must be kept together." Had her sentence been in proportion to her name she would have got "life."

The persistency with which the statement was iterated and reiterated in the senate yesterday, that President Wilson had declared he wanted war with Germany, and this in the face of his unqualified denial of having made any statement from which such an inference could even be drawn, makes the whole affair look as though it was a desperate attempt of politicians to get him in bad with citizens of this country of German birth. In other words the interests of the country are lost sight of and patriotism vanishes when political advantage is to be gained.

Someone has filed Henry Ford's name in Michigan as a candidate on the republican ticket for the presidency. Henry says it is a joke, and that he "does not want anything to do with political offices." That reason should not deter him from running. Ford auto run-about as well—well it's hard to say with the price of gasoline still going up.

An Iowa court has decided the anti-tipping law is unconstitutional, holding it is class legislation. If the judge could have inserted the letter "L" in the word and given the same decision here in Oregon, he would be pronounced wise and hailed as the savior of American liberties. With that change it would have been the anti-tippling law."

A Chicago man charged with atempting to kill his wife, tried to kill himself by swallowing 35 cents in change. His attempt was a failure, but if the money had been counterfeit it might have got him.

San Pedro wants a naval base established on a 450 acre tract offered free by the city. It doesn't state whether the naval base desired is "orange" or other.

When the old guard got through with that slate Tuesday night there was nothing left of it. Not even enough of the frame to make another frame-up.

A dispatch yesterday read "the French mine-sweeper Au Revoir was sunk by a submarine Tuesday." Wonder if she said "good-bye?"

THE LUCKLESS MAN

I heard a fellow say, this morn, "I've had hard luck since I was born." Yet he was fixed with hands and feet, and health so good 'twas hard to beat. While he bemoaned his gloomy fate, and tried to keep his grouch on straight, and while some maudlin tears he shed, an ailing cripple forged ahead, ambition glowing in his eyes, and gathered in a handsome prize. A blind man, groping in the dark, in human annals made his mark. A sick man, toiling with his pen, produced a book that drew from men so loud a burst of honest praise, as cheered the balance of his days. A thousand brave, undaunted chaps, borne down by grievous handicaps, were struggling up life's rugged steep, too full of hopeful plans to weep. How pitiful the man who stands, with active lungs and idle hands, complaining of the luck he's had, since he was but a knee-high lad!

WEST SALEM

The E. Rhodes and L. Wallace families have moved to Brooks on to the M. L. Jones' property, where they will engage in the onion raising business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fennell, of Marion, were recent guests at the Joseph Fennell home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ruge have moved from the Frazure house on Second street to their home on South Commercial street, Salem.

Mrs. Moore, of Newberg, was a recent house guest of Mrs. T. D. Yarnes.

Miss Dorothy Ward, of Fruitland, was a Sunday visitor at the Dane Purvine and M. J. DeLapp homes in Kingwood Park.

Mr. Applewhite, who was teaching in the high school at Sprague, Wash., is at home on account of illness.

The Forest family have moved into the Smith residence recently vacated by the E. Rhodes and L. Wallace families.

Andrew Nicols, of Dayton, was a Wednesday guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ed Brock. Mr. Nicols is administrator of the Geo. Nicols estate and while here transacted some business in connection with same. He returned home by way of Dallas Thursday morning.

Portlands Population Estimated at 281,000

Portland's new city directory, which will be issued next week, will report a population for the city of approximately 281,000.

This is an unofficial statement, based on the number of names that probably will appear in the book. The compilation of names will not be completed for several days.

It is predicted, however, that the new directory will carry nearly 125,000 names.

The multiple of 2 1-4, to provide for wives and unmarried minors not listed, is usual.

As the directory compilations include residents of Milwaukie and other suburbs not contained with the arbitrary boundaries of the city, the estimate of 281,000 covers the population of those places, as well as of the city proper.

Last year the directory publishers' estimate for the population at large was 275,735.

Portland's population, according to the official federal census of 1910, was 207,214.

It is well understood that the growth of Portland has been slow but steady since the last census was taken. Its greatest growth was in the five-year period immediately preceding the last official census. Many well-informed business men believe that the next four or five years will witness another steady and substantial growth.

Salem-Mill City Railway Is Certain Says Stayton Paper

The Salem to Mill City railroad is progressing nicely, the preliminary survey reached the latter place on Monday of this week, and the surveyors are going over the work correcting, getting details etc. in order to enable them to begin work on the blue prints at once.

The Mail is reliably iformed that before the week is over, offices in Stayton will be secured for the completion of the preliminary details, and that these same offices will be occupied by a corps of competent draughts-men who will expedite matters considerably.

Stayton was chosen, as being a central point, and of easy access to the survey for the field notes, etc.

Of course the wise-acres shake their heads and tap their foreheads but the work is going on just the same, and the Mail has every reason to believe that it will keep going on to completion.

Barring the catastrophe of getting involved in the European struggle (which could cause capital to disappear as if by magic) next November will see the Stytonites connected by rail with the outside world. Then just watch her grow!—Stayton Mail.

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BACKACHE AND RHEUMATISM

Dear Mr. Editor:

For the benefit of others, I gladly give this statement regarding the merits of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets. Am nearly 76 years of age. I suffered from backache, weak back, rheumatism, and could not control the excretion of the kidneys. I can safely say that "Anuric," the new discovery of Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., has done me more real good than anything I have ever taken for these ailments.

I thank him and wish him success in his field of relieving the suffering.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. N. M. Flint.

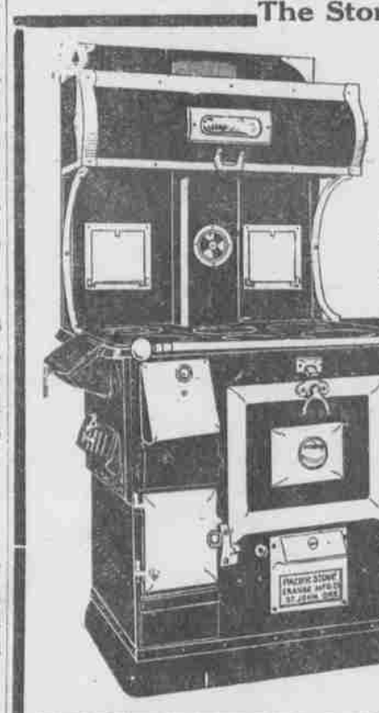
Note:—Up to this time, "Anuric" has not been on sale to the public, but by the persuasion of many patients and the increased demand for this wonderful healing tablet, Doctor Pierce has finally decided to put it into the drug stores of this country within immediate reach of all sufferers.

Simply ask for Doctor Pierce's Anuric Tablets. There can be no imitation. Every package of "Anuric" is sure to be Dr. Pierce's. You will find the signature on the package just as you do on Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the ever-famous friend to ailing women, and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, proven by years to be the greatest general tonic and reconstructor for any one.

At any rate don't give up hope of being cured of your malady until "Anuric" has been tried. Just a few doses have proven that it will make one feel like a different person.

Editor—Please insert this letter in some conspicuous place in your paper.

The Store That Saves You Money



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The pride of the kitchen—has perfectly smooth nickel trimmings, built from Ingot iron throughout, as illustrated.

16-inch oven, polished top, for $47.80
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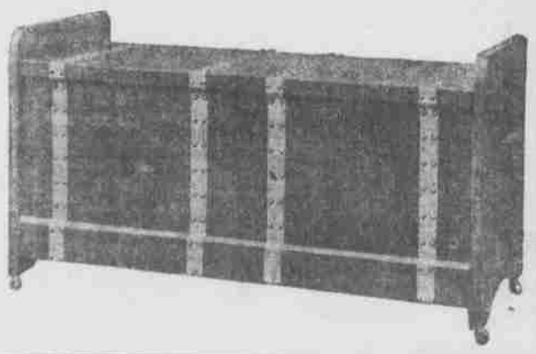

Baby Buggies

$13.35 buys a fine roomy buggy just as illustrated, for instance—mud guards, 10-in. wheels, Princess foot hood, 4 bow top, fine springs and best of all our guarantee to give satisfaction or your money will be refunded.

Others priced from $3.50 and up.

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