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JUST A SUGGESTION FOR THE STATE GRANGE

Now that the State Grange is in session, and only across the hall from the governor's office in the capitol, it would be a wise move on its part to make diligent inquiry as to what the governor has done or purposes doing in regard to the flax industry. This is something in which the farmers of the valley are deeply interested, and it is a subject about which they should be given the fullest information. The growing of flax, and the manufacture of its products will sometime make the Willamette valley one of the wealthiest sections of the country, one of the richest in the world. It will mean a dense settlement that will make a home market for all farm produce and at good prices, for money will be abundant. All that is required, since it has been demonstrated that the valley grows the very finest flax is the awakening of interest in the crop. Once this is done the balance of the industry will take care of itself. Once the flax is grown there will be plenty of capital to handle it. Indeed there is a greater demand for linens now than ever in the history of the flax industry. Russia, the great flax country, has practically quit, temporarily, growing it. Belgium has been forced to quit, so has France, which the war has forced to devote all her soil to food production. This leaves Ireland the sole producer of linens at this time and Ireland was never so prosperous.

When the value of the finished product, the linens, is taken into consideration it will be found an acre of flax will yield from \$1700 to \$2500 an acre. A 40 acre farm will produce flax that when it goes over the counters to the consumer as a finished product will be valued at from \$60,000 to \$75,000. The crop from 1,000 acres of flax will, in the finished product, be worth as much as the entire crops of Marion county, or around \$2,000,000. Of course the greater part of these values come from the manufacturing and not from the raw material, at the same time the growing of flax will bring fine and steady returns directly; and indirectly will prove of inestimable value to the farmer from the creation of a great market for farm produce and especially for the truck patch and garden materials.

Ireland is estimated to have had 150,000 acres in flax last year, and the value of the finished product from this industry was placed at above \$300,000,000, or about \$90 for each of her people. It is because of the tremendous possibilities of the industry that it should awaken interest among the grangers, and especially their representatives gathered here to discuss matters of importance to the members of the order. It would be good business to appoint a committee to examine into the industry and lay before the next state grange a full statement as to the growing of flax and the manufacturing of its products. One thing that is in favor of the manufacturing side of the industry is the wealth of water power that can be furnished more cheaply than anywhere else in the world. Incidentally the state's experiment in flax growing should be investigated by the grange whose members helped with their taxes pay for it. Such an investigation would clear the atmosphere and show where the monkey wrench was dropped into the machinery, who dropped it, and why. It should make both interesting and profitable reading.

The Germans would feel decidedly disappointed over their submarine raid on the American coast could they realize the effect it had on the great American pulse—the New York stock market. Instead of there being anything like a panic such as the Germans no doubt would expect the market was steady and prices stronger. The raid cut absolutely no figure on Wall Street.

It is claimed the French air fighters have regained control of the air over their battle front. If this is correct it will prove of great advantage as it will make the moves of the enemy visible and at the same time compel the Germans to fight more or less in the dark.

The State prison seems to be getting unpopular. Even the guards are leaving it. Joe Keller, however, sticks.

THE NEW SUBMARINE MOVEMENT

If the new German submarines were all the junkers would have us believe them, they would not be on the Atlantic Coast. The plan is to attack nothing but coasting vessels, that are not armed, and this being the case these will soon be placed in condition to fight the submarines and there will be destroyers and seaplanes enough to keep pretty close watch of the coast shipping. If however the new submarines were capable of the things the Germans claim for them, that is of establishing a blockade of the American coast, they would as we have said not have been here. If they could successfully attack armed ships they would have gone into business in the danger zone and attacked shipping along the coast of England and France. It is probable the attempt will prove of as little practical importance as the much heralded Deutschland, that was to revolutionize shipping and give Germany communication with the balance of the world. While a successful trip or two was made, "the game was not worth the candle." In the case of the submarine attack the first destruction will undoubtedly prove the worst, for it was unexpected. After this shipping will stay in port until it can be equipped for doing battle with the enemy, or can have convoys that will protect it. It raises the question however as to whether the Germans have a new type of U-boat with a greater range, or whether a supply base has been secured on this side of the ocean. If the latter it will finally be hunted out for it must be some place in the West Indies or along our own or the Canadian coast, for a base in Mexico would be about as distant as a home port. While there may be a menace for some time, and the loss of more ships perhaps, the trans Atlantic service is not going to be interfered with to any serious extent.

The last opinion written by Justice McCamant before retiring from the bench is of especial importance to Salem folks and especially property owners. La Grande had had difficulty in collecting delinquent assessments for street improvements and so amended the city charter providing that when for any reason an assessment heretofore made or that may be made is defective that the council of the city may make a re-assessment. The opinion upholds the charter amendment and says the re-assessment is constitutional. It will be remembered that Salem last year adopted just such an amendment to its charter. This apparently would legalize the reassessment of Church, High and other streets in this city.

If Ireland expects to see her "home rule" ideas materialize she had better get in and help destroy the great enemy of all home rule. If her leaders expect to get anywhere by joining forces with the kaiser all they need to disabuse their minds of the idea is to take a look at Russia, at Ukraine, at Finland, at any of the other countries or provinces that have accepted Germany's peace promises. If the kind of home rule Ireland is looking for is of this brand she is taking the right course to achieve it in refusing to fight for the liberty of the world as well as her own. She cannot expect to remain free in a world of slaves.

Hoover estimates the supply of wheat available for home use between now and the coming of the new crop about the middle of August, at 26,000,000 bushels. The normal consumption would be about three times that, so that according to his figures the use of a little less than one-third of wheat flour in our bread should be permissible. The country can go on a wheatless basis and will do so cheerfully if shown it is necessary, but trying to select one or two states for wheatless ones while the others are not, quite naturally arouses opposition.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

BIG TALK

The foe is always spiling in loud majestic tones, and hopes he is congealing the marrow in our bones; in language high-falutin he twists the truth askew; the Austrian is tootin', the Teuton tootin' too. Old Hindenburg was boasting, in his fat Teuton way, through Paris he'd be coasting upon a certain day. The certain day was cheery, though rather cool and wet, but Hindenburg was leary—he hasn't got there yet. Big things they're always planning, the Prussians in command, and we take pleasure in the mighty things they've planned. It's always been a habit of chesty Kaiser Bill, to think the foe a rabbit, whom sounding words would kill. "Your Uncle Sam had better," he said to Brer Gerard, "lie low, or, donnerwetter! I'll jolt him pretty hard!" Forever, always bluffing! "Twill be the Teuton way, until we knock the stuffing from him, and eke the whey. Big words and scowls tremendous may scare a sheep, mayhap, but they will only lend us amusement while we scrap. I'm feeling pretty skittish," said Bill, "so, dead game sports, let's clean up all the British, and take the channel ports." To bragging he is given, he'll brag the long months through, he'll brag until we've riven the tootin' Teut in two.

The Woman Who Changed

By JANE PHELPS

MERTON GRAY'S PLEA.

CHAPTER XXVII.

I continued to see Merton. Why should I deny myself the pleasure his society gave me, if George didn't care? It was the old story of a girl marrying a man who gave her less of himself than she thought she had a right to expect. It seemed to me that I had given all of myself, my love, and had received very little in return. I suppose many girls would have been satisfied with the material things George gave me—that they would have considered the lovely home, the beautiful clothes, the outings, etc., enough. Unfortunately, I was not like this. There had been so much of tenderness in my own home. Dad and the boys were so devoted to Mother—so considerate—that I was ill fitted to make excuses for the lack of this in my own life. So, when Merton seemed to enter into my feelings, to give me the understanding which George denied me, I simply accepted it as my right, never thinking.

"Helen, I can keep still no longer. You are unhappy, dear. Let me try to make you happy!" he said to me, one day, as we walked on the beach. I had been crying over George's neglect, and he had asked the cause. I did not tell him in so many words, but he shrewdly guessed, and taxed me with it.

An Uncertain Moment.

"You care for me, don't you, Helen?" he went on.

"Of course I like you," I said carelessly.

"You know that isn't what I mean. I love you, Helen. I think I have from the very first. I can't endure to see you unhappy. Had you been happy and contented—I had not seen and sensed your need of love and companionship—I would have kept still; but what is life without love? Tell me that you love me!" he urged.

"Oh, don't—Merton."

"You must, Helen. Do tell me, dear."

"Really, Merton, I do not know," I answered distressed. "I like to be with you, I enjoy your society better than that of any man I ever have met. You see, I am honest. But I do not feel hurt and unhappy when I do not see you, as I do when George leaves me, and—"

Moving On.

The next morning, at breakfast, George said:

"How would you like to move on, Helen? Have you had enough of Newport?"

"Where would you go?" I asked, evading the question.

"To Bar Harbor for a few days. I think you will enjoy it there. I shall be able to be with you more. I am not as well acquainted with the crowd up there, as I am here; they don't leave a fellow alone a minute."

I could have laughed aloud. As if anything on earth could make George go anywhere he didn't want to! But I only said:

"If it will be as you say, let us go at once. I am tired of depending on others when I want an escort. It will be delightful to have my own husband."

He looked at me in a peculiar manner, but made no remark. When we arose from the table, however, he said:

"You better let Celeste commence packing. I think we will go Saturday."

As it was Thursday, it would give us little time.

After he left, I wondered if Merton Gray's attentions had had anything to do with his decision to leave Newport. I had enjoyed myself in a way—the novelty, the gaiety; but I had tired of it very quickly, and then my loneliness had reassessed itself. I had not been at all clever, and I realized it. I had played into Julia Collins' hand, instead of using the weapons Mrs. Sexton had taught me to use. Would I ever learn?

Friday we went bathing, in the early morning, for the last time. I swam away, then suddenly became cramped. I tried to attract George's attention, but failed. I was sinking. Drowning.

(Tomorrow—When Love Asserted Itself.)

There are a lot of kill-joys who won't find much comfort in the fact that the nation is facing its largest rye crop just as a large part of the nation is going dry.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

COMMENCEMENT AT CHEMAWA SCHOOL

Operetta 'Tonight, Drill and Graduation Exercises During Tomorrow

Continuing the graduation exercises of the week at the Salem Indian school at Chemawa, the operetta "Gaderella" will be given in the Chemawa auditorium this evening beginning at 8 o'clock.

The program for Thursday begins with the competitive military drill and parade at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the graduation exercises will be held in the auditorium with the presentation of diplomas.

At 6:45 o'clock in the evening there will be the usual band concert with the class play "The Moose Trap" in the evening at 8 o'clock.

The program for the graduation exercises for Thursday afternoon is as follows: Processional; orchestra; vocal solo, O Come for the June (Forster); Rose DeChamp; salutatory, Mamie Frisk; girl's octette, Summer Days (Abb); vaudeville, Catherine Reed; girl's octette, Life's Dream (Lennox); address, Hon. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction; presentation of diplomas, Hon. J. A. Churchill; recessional, orchestra.

In the evening of Thursday the class of 1918 will present "The Moose Trap" with the following cast: Mrs. Amy Somers, a charming young widow; Marie Shashnikoff; Mr. William Campbell, a rising young legislator engaged to Mrs. Somers; Mae Adams; Miss Roberts, sister of Mr. Campbell; Mamie Frisk; Mrs. Curwen, very fascinating; Leona John; Mrs. Len Bemis; Myra Raus; Mrs. Miller, Agnes Morris; Mrs. Holden, Catherine Reed; June, Mrs. Somers' maid, Agnes Swanson. Scene, Mrs. Somers' drawing room.

State Fair Board To Oppose Extortion

Rigid rules striking at extortion by concessioners and questionable enterprises have been adopted by the state fair board for the Fifty-Seventh Oregon State Fair, to be held here September 23-28. A. H. Lea, secretary of the board, announced today.

Extortion in any form will forfeit the contract of a concessioner, the money paid under it, and also result in expulsion from the grounds. In addition all concessioners must post in a conspicuous manner at the front or entrance of their place of business a sign giving the price charged for meals, lunches, drinks, or other commodities or articles offered for sale.

The rules absolutely forbid any but legitimate enterprises, and no privileges will be granted to the enterprises of a questionable nature or demoralizing tendency; nor will any such enterprises be tolerated upon the grounds or in any of the buildings.

Field of Mines Off Mouth of Delaware

Lewes, Del., June 5.—A perfectly laid mine field at the mouth of Delaware Bay has been torn to pieces by United States mine sweepers. In an unusually short time the navy scouts exploded two mines planted by U-boats at the entrance to the bay. The sweepers are still out carefully combing the bay and its approaches.

The mine field lies at the mouth of Delaware Bay just beyond the breakwater and directly in the path of outgoing ships.

Over Seven Millions For Oregon Spruce Work

Portland, Or., June 5.—As an item in the government's speeded up airplane production program, \$7,000,000 will be spent in immediate construction of railroads in Oregon and Washington, it was learned today at the headquarters of the spruce production division of the United States signal service.

The lines have been surveyed and the work will be rushed. Camp will be established and men put on the job as rapidly as the new railroads furnish facilities.

There is in line with the government's new policy of 30,000,000 feet of spruce monthly instead of ten million as heretofore.

The man power of the spruce division under Colonel Disque will be more than doubled, it is believed.

Spruce production for airplanes in the northwest has increased 700 per cent since the spruce production took charge. Colonel Disque attributes 400 per cent of this to improved mill methods and 300 per cent to riving of spruce.

Riving will be continued, so said, but not increased. Improved sawing methods are getting more available airplane spruce than any other method yet tried.

Spruce production is being rushed with the same relentless fervor as if the men of the division were actually facing the Huns.

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL

Washington, June 5.—President Wilson today signed the urgent deficiency bill, carrying appropriations to cover war expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30.

GRANGE DINNER AT ARMORY PROVES PLEASANT OCCASION

Several Speeches Made and Musical Selections Given Following Banquet

Members of the State Grange and visiting grangers were tendered a dinner last evening at the armory, given by the Commercial club of Salem. About 250 were present for the dinner and the special program given immediately following.

Governor Withycombe said he was very partial to the grange claiming that it towered far above all other organizations, as it stood for a principle.

Welcoming the grangers for the city, Mayor Walter L. Keyes said that he wished he was a farmer, far away from his law office, breathing the pure ozone of the farm and raising wheat at \$3 a bushel.

The Rev. R. S. Gill, for the Commercial club, welcomed the visitors in a very appropriate address, giving them free access to the Commercial club rooms and handing the key of the city over to the city's guests. He said that the Commercial Club stood for the activities of the city in the same proportion that the grange stood for the interests of the country.

Justice Wallace McCamant delivered a patriotic address, especially referring to the German propaganda in the effort to inflame the people against the English.

He spoke of the time during the Spanish-American war when the Germans were making trouble for Dewey at Manila and the fact that it was the firm stand of the English lining up with the Americans that prevented a war at that time with Germany when we were not prepared to any extent. It was the duty of this country when peace was signed, he said, to restore Russia as an independent state.

C. E. Spence, master of the state grange was not especially friendly to Salem as he noted the fact that the mayor had failed to hand over the keys of the city to the visitors. He intimated that Salem had nothing to look up and that there wouldn't be much here anyhow after the grangers left. He said that no one was doing more patriotic work than the farmer, took a fling at the I. W. W. and profiteers and said some mean things about the Swift family.

The program included solos by Miss Ada Miller, both enthusiastically endorsed, and singing by a quartet composed of Messrs. Todd, DeWitt, Gille and Barton. Mrs. Donald Miles gave two readings and Miss R. T. Smith greeted the visitors on behalf of Pomona grange.

Senator-elect Louis Lachmund was chairman of the evening.

President Wilson Again Pleads For Mooney's Life

Washington, June 5.—President Wilson has again moved to save the life of Thomas Mooney, convicted and just sentenced to be hanged for participation in the preparedness parade outrage in San Francisco.

The president has sent a telegram to Governor Stephens of California, urging executive clemency in the case.

Not Interfere With Courts.

San Francisco, June 5.—Maxwell McNutt, attorney for Thomas J. Mooney said today that President Wilson's latest appeal to Governor Stephens will not interfere with the appeal to the supreme court on the "coram nobis" decision of Judge Griffin.

The appeal will be ready to file within a few days, McNutt said.

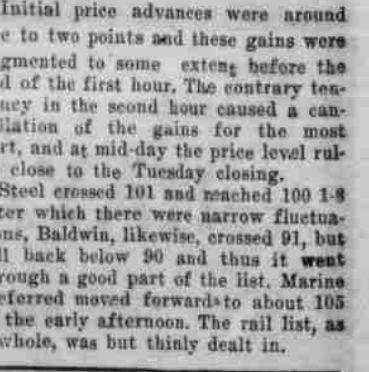
Trading Curtailed In Wall Street Today

New York, June 5.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today said:

There was further curtailment in trading volume in today's stock market. Initial price advances were around one to two points and these gains were augmented to some extent before the end of the first hour. The contrary tendency in the second hour caused a cancellation of the gains for the most part, and at mid-day the price level ruled close to the Tuesday closing.

Steel crossed 101 and reached 100 1/8 after which there were narrow fluctuations, Baldwin, likewise, crossed 91, but fell back below 90 and thus it went through a good part of the list. Marine preferred moved forward to about 105 in the early afternoon. The rail list, as a whole, was but thinly dealt in.

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