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The announcement of the seventh annual poultry show to be held at Walla Walla, Jan. 21-29 inclusive brings to mind the fact that in consideration of the prominence of the hen as a source of revenue, there is not a town or hamlet of such small importance that at should not boast of an annual poultry exhibition. These poultry shows promote interest in propagating higher grades of stock, and once started, the cost of maintaining a thoroughbred flock is no greater than keeping up scrub stock. As an instance of promotion of fine poultry stock that came through public exhibition of fowls may be cited the case of Weston. Several years ago a couple of young men owning several coops of standard bred fowls of different varieties, conceived the idea of giving a poultry show on a small scale. The exhibition was well attended by farmers and the people of the town. Interest was at once taken in the matter of supplying the barnyard with better breeds of chickens, and the result is that today there are more thoroughbred chickens raised in and around Weston than in any other locality in Eastern Oregon. And it pays.

When Charley Barrett went down to Salem Monday he carried in his pocket a bill in which is centered the interest of the farmers of Eastern Oregon. This till, of which Mr. Barrett is the author, and which he will introduce in the lower house of the legislature, provides for the establishment of a jute mill at the Oregon penitentiary for the manufacture of grain, wool and hop bags. The best wishes of this part of the state are with Mr. Barrett in his undertaking, but the opposition against the bill, which is known to exist west of the mountains, is of such magnitude that no great surprise will be manifested if the measure is defeated.

and history in prose and verse. No library is complete without this volume on its shelves. The pictures are characteristic of the Moorehouse standard of superb photography-the standard by which his work ranks with the best the world over.

Adams follows in the wake of North Yakima methods to secure coal; C. A. Barrett, Athena's representative in the Oregou legislature, mingling with the powers that be, gets a carload delivered here occasionally, but nothing has been heard from Milton. Perhaps the east end town would be content with a carload of flags.

The piece of dirty politics brought to bear on Frank Davey to blight his chances for the speakership of the house had little or no effect on his supporters. The day of mud-slinging has long since passed, and the underhand work against Davey simply served to cement his following closer together and made a boomerang of the chances of his opponent.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR COAL.

With the vast coal deposits of many states, including our own, still practically untouched, it seems superfluous-a work of supererogation, in fact-to prepare a substitute for coal. The shortage of the coal supply, however-not at the mines, since the output in the same length of time was never greater than it has been during the past six months, but at the coal bunkers in every Western, Northwestern and Pacific Coast city-has amounted to a calamity in many places, and a serious inconvenience, and l largely increased expense of living at all points. Hence the thought of the chemist and the alchemist has been turned toward the possibility of devising a substitute that will, if it does not supersede the use of coal in many lines, will so supplement it as to make coal shortage a relatively triffing matter. Charles Baskerville has an article in the American Review of Reviews which deals with this subject exhaustively and quite entertainingly. He shows how the manufacture of denatured alcohol may, if intelligently pursued, reduce to the minimum, if it does not completely abrogate, the suffering from lack of fuel and light now so prevalent over a wide area of the great West. It is cited that in Germany and Holland seventy per cent of the stoves are fed with denatured alcohol. Potatoes, starch corn or any cereal; sorghum, beetroot residues, cornstalks, fruits of various kinds, melons, gourds , cactus, honey, milk, etc., contain the elements ne to produce this fuel, and as shown in the article quoted, the process of distillation is very simple. A milliou gallons of denatured alcohol are used annually in Germany as fuel for internal combustion, engines and for driving agricultural and other machinery thus relieving the demand upon coal for this purpose. It is also used extensively as an illuminant, relieving again the pressure upon coal for the manufacture of gas, while the point urged by the economist is that it may be made in the United States , as it is made in Germany, from the waste products of the farm and orchard. The question of producing denatured alcohol from the things that would otherwise go to waste and applying the product to the needs of ordinary life as expressed in a substitute for coal in domestic use is its absolute cleanliness. This means that the labors of housekeeping in the winter season would be reduced at least onehalf and that of stoking furnaces and stoves would be entirely abolished. The householder who attends to his own furnace, shoveling into it from five to twenty tons of coal during the winter, according to the locality, and the housekeeper who wrestles for months with coal dust and smoke will

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The second edition of Lee Moorebonse's Indian book is just from the press. It is a model of high photographic art and excels the former edition. Twenty-five pages contain the cream of Major Moorehouse's famous Indian pictures and scenes, while 25 pages are devoted to Indian legends appreciate to the full a clean substitute

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One of the World's Noble Women.

When twenty-five years ago Baroness Burdett-Coutts, then 67 years of age, married W. L. Ashmead Bartlett, an American who was much younger than herself, the event was the subject of a great deal of animated comment and of course there were not wanting those who ascribed unworthy motives to Mr. Bartlett, because of the great wealth of his bride. Criticism, however, did not live long, and now that the baroness has crossed the great divide mention is incidntally made of the fact that her husband at all times earnestly cooperated with her in her philanthropic projects.

As a benefactor of the people Baroness Burdett-Coutts will long be remembered. Her wealth was inherited from her grandfather, Thomas Coutts, an English banker, and she made a liberal and public spirited use of this wealth. She spent large sums in building and endowing churches and schools. as well in this country as in England and British colonies. In her zeal for the good of her own sex she effected imporant reforms in the teaching of gials at the national schools in England. Her private charities are known to have been as generous as those of a public nature, and all that she did was done with as little ostentation as possible. In her death, which occurred recently the British empire loses one of its greatest philanthropists. But the example she set to other women who are possessors of large fortunes should not be allowed to die. Others following that example may do much to make this world happier for thousands of people.

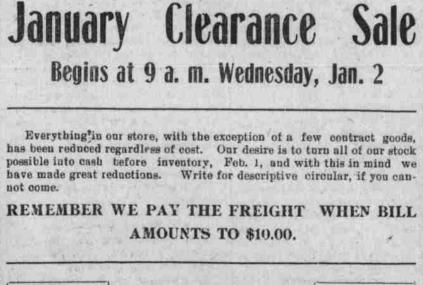
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