

Comments of the Oregon Press

(Continued from Page 2.) and every voter should take pride in casting a ballot for him.

(The Dalles Optimist.) SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED. Mr. Clyde B. Aitchison, the present head of our railway commission, is a candidate for re-election, and if the voters of Oregon do their duty at the polls, he will be nominated and elected.

Mr. Aitchison is one of the cleanest and finest young men in Oregon. There never has been a breath of reproach cast upon his name, never will be. Aside from this he is one of the best officials of our state government and our railway commission one of the best in the United States.

Soon our commission will have enlarged powers and Mr. Aitchison, as our foremost expert, should be continued in office to work out and adjust these new conditions with fairness to the people and without unnecessary harshness to the business public. We say these things without reserve, without reward, with an aim simply to benefit the people, and we ask every voter who reads these lines to look carefully into Mr. Aitchison's record.

(Milwaukie Appeal.) VALUABLE PUBLIC SERVANTS.

The wisdom of the state has been vindicated in the creation of the Railroad Commission, which has accomplished wonders in the manner it has gone to the bottom of railroad regulations. The commission in putting a stop to unjust discrimination, unreasonable fares, inefficient service and other abuses by the railroads in the state has been remarkably successful. Its orders have been sustained by the courts wherever resistance has been offered.

(Oregon Observer, Grants Pass.) STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Clyde B. Aitchison, chairman of the Oregon Railroad Commission, is a Republican candidate for re-election as railroad commissioner, and his title to the favor of the voters is certainly good. The commission, under his chairmanship, rendered valuable service to the people of Oregon when it compelled the recent large reduction in freight rates, thereby benefitting every home in the state.

(News-Times, Forest Grove.) EFFICIENT, PAINSTAKING OFFICIAL.

Clyde B. Aitchison, chairman of the Railroad Commission, is a candidate to succeed himself in the Second district. Mr. Aitchison has made an efficient, painstaking official and will no doubt receive the endorsement of his party at the coming primary for re-election.

He has performed the duties of the office in a manner highly satisfactory to his constituents. His fine ability amply fits him for this important trust, and the fact that he has performed his duties well entitles him to another term.

(Cottage Grove Sentinel.) FAITHFUL AND FEARLESS SERVICE.

Two of the important officers to be nominated at the coming primary election are the railroad commissioners. The present incumbents are Thos. K. Campbell, a citizen of Cottage Grove, from the First commissioner's district, and Clyde B. Aitchison, from the Second district. These men organized the present commission and have served faithfully and fearlessly for the past five years, and it seems to be the opinion that the Republican voters of the state will reward them with renominations. Their work has certainly entitled them to consideration.

(Record Chieftain, Enterprise.) WELL DONE.

Application of the rule "keep good men" should renominate Clyde B. Aitchison, chairman of the railroad commission of Oregon, at the primary next month, and should re-elect him in November.

The commission, dominated by Mr. Aitchison, has done conspicuous service for Wallowa county. Freight rate reductions that benefit every resident of the county have been secured. On wheat the cut means an added value of 2 cents to every bushel shipped out; coal is brought in for 50 cents a ton less than before. The merchandise rates have been cut about 47 per cent this month. The practice of combining rates on Elgin has been abolished, putting Wallowa county points on the map on an equality with other Eastern Oregon towns.

Mr. Aitchison was one of the commissioners who heard the complaint of the Enterprise Commercial Club which resulted in these readjustments. His knowledge of the freight situation of the county and his keenness in interpreting local conditions were the most powerful factors at the hearings. He also has been active in presenting the complaint of the Wallowa county woolgrowers to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which, it is hoped, will establish lower rates on wool to the East.

In performing his duty, the chairman has not been a blind railroad hater. He has not ranted and fought, but argued and demonstrated the justice of his every contention.

(Nachrichten, Portland.) CREDIT GIVEN FOR VALUABLE SERVICES.

Oregon is one state (probably the only one) with a railroad commission law in which no order of the Commission has ever been set aside by any court. This is due to the competency of its members, and particularly to the qualifications of Clyde B. Aitchison, the only lawyer on the Commission. Undoubtedly the voters not only give him credit for his valuable services, but will use every effort to retain in office a man like Mr. Aitchison, who has been instrumental in bringing about reductions in rates and improvement in railroad service, and has prevented costly litigation. There is every reason to believe the Public Utilities law will be adopted at the fall election. This gives the Commission control over all the public service corporations in the state, and under these circumstances Mr. Aitchison is an indispensable member of the Commission.

can do to increase the attendance at the show? Some will suggest advertising and of course a certain amount of advertising judiciously placed will do wonders in that line. But something besides advertising is needed to draw the crowd. A good many stay away till the very last day because the birds are not all judged and awards not up till then, this could be remedied by the executive committee. The writer is secretary of Kootenai Poultry Association, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. I am having a little stunt in view which I think will help us. I was not going to tell but it is too good to keep and maybe some of the brethren can suggest something better or some improvement on my plan. We expect to get the judge to work Monday noon, December 9, 1912. He will be about through Tuesday evening, December 10. Our show being a comparison show. During this time the public will not be admitted and the secretary will arrange the winnings as fast as the judge goes along, hand in all copy to the printer and have a folder printed giving all the winnings and the address of each exhibitor. These folders could be sold for five cents each which would more than pay for them, and of course all ribbons would be in place Wednesday morning and the work being largely done the executive committee and all the members would have more leisure time in which to conduct the visitors through the show and point out and explain about the winners. I think we have all been negligent in this respect. We let the public take care of themselves after we got them in. If we could personally conduct little parties of visitors through the aisles and talk chickens to them, I believe it would result in a better feeling by the general public toward the show and the "chicken crank". Lectures by some good speaker would also help considerably. Some provide music Judge Oscar Nelson in the exhibition hall but I doubt very much if it is wise. In the first place the chickens' cackles do not chord well with a brass band and again we doubt if any increase in receipt at the door would result by employing a band to play in the hall. I do believe though that some kind of a parade headed by a band would be good advertising. Now brethren, we are all vitally interested; we would like to hear your criticism; we are fond of honest criticism, but abhor knocking; so don't tell me the plan is N. G. and will put us on the bum unless you have something you consider better to propose. Thank you!

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of HENRIETTA KERN, Deceased. CITATION. To J. J. Kern, Albert E. Kern, George F. Kern, John M. Kern, T. J. Kern, William Kern, Tabitha Kern, Meta De Mond, William Struve, John Struve, Letha, Veda Kern and Delbert Kern, and all other known and unknown heirs and devisees of Henrietta Kern, deceased: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable County Clerk of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Multnomah, at the Court House in the City of Portland, on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1912, at the hour of nine o'clock A. M. of said day, to show cause, if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made of the following descent and as prayed for in the petition of A. E. Kern, administrator, with the will annexed of the estate of Henrietta Kern, deceased, heretofore filed, to-wit:

Lot numbered three (3), in block numbered three (3), in Columbia Heights Addition to the City of Portland, and also lots numbered twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28), in block numbered thirty-seven (37), in Peninsula Addition Number Three, to the City of Portland, all in the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon. Witness my hand and the seal of said Court affixed this 11th day of March, A. D. 1912. P. S. FIELDS, Clerk of the County Court. By T. F. NODD, Deputy. (Seal of County Court, Multnomah County, State of Oregon.)

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HERE we are in March, the great chicken month. More chicks will see the light of day during this and the next two months than all the rest of the year. Now is the time when the poultryman will see the result of his care and feeding of the breeding stock.

Keep the breeding stock busy and make them scratch in good deep litter, feed them wholesome food and plenty of green stuffs, such as sprouted oats (which is very fine) etc. Don't give the breeders spices, tonics or any so-called laying or egg foods. Keep them clean, free from lice and mites as scratching themselves for lice is not the right kind of exercise.

It is necessary to remind you to keep grit and shell before them always, also granulated bone. This is the secret of strong, heavy, livable chicks. Eggs for hatching should be gathered two or three times daily, so as not to let them get chilled or dirty. They should be stored in a cool dry place, a temperature of 50 or 60 degrees is best.

Select only the uniform, medium-sized eggs for hatching, and it is best to turn them daily, the same as if they were set, to prevent the yolks adhering to the shells, and remember, the sooner the eggs are set, after they are laid, the better the hatch. After each hatch, clean and thoroughly disinfect the incubator, or if setting hens, do not set them one after the other in the same nest, but give the nests the same treatment as the incubator.

When you send away for hatching eggs, do not set them as soon as you receive them, but unpack and let them lay for about twenty-four hours. Turn the eggs in the incubator, twice daily, after the second day and cool them once each day.

Read and follow the maker's instructions and if you are not successful write him, or some poultry journal, giving full particulars. The poultry journals are for your benefit and it is up to you to get full value for your subscription money. If you have any problems, send them to the office, the writers will be pleased to help you.

Put a piece of burlap or coarse weave muslin in the egg tray, and you will have better hatches than if you put the eggs on the wire. Keep this cloth clean and it is advisable to seal it once or twice during the hatch. Do not waste good food any time on crickets; kill them on sight. Some poultrymen are always behind, they mate up late, hatch late, then

in the fall and winter, they grumble because they do not get eggs.

To get winter eggs it is necessary to hatch at the right time. The "right time" depends on the breed, as the Orpington should be hatched in February or March, Rocks and Reds in March, Wyandottes from the end of March to the end of April, while for Leghorns, April or May is soon enough.

See that your birds have plenty of good, clean, fresh water; this is only possible by keeping the fountains clean. Seal them once a week. Make up your mind not to hatch any mongrels this year; get pure breeds, they look better; sell better and lay more eggs.

Start with one breed and you will have better results than with five or six. Don't undertake more than you can do, nor hatch more than you have room for. Remember fresh air and sunshine are the best tonics.

Beginners should go slow and learn as they go. Many fall through starting on too large a scale and not having money enough to see them through. Did you read the editor's article, in last month's POULTRY LIFE, on turkey raising? If not, find it and do so; the moral is plain. Get busy, raise turkeys, but do not send East or to California or to any outside country, for you are liable to import some disease. There are turkey eggs and stock for sale in the Inland Empire.

Now is the time to plant lettuce seed, for the chicks; this is a fine tonic and will keep them healthy. Don't feed chicks, musty, or sour food, for this, and the lack of green stuffs are two of the causes of white diarrhoea. Don't expect fifteen chicks from fifteen eggs; if you get eight or nine strong ones, be satisfied. Don't use cheap oil in the incubators or brooders. Setting hens should be dusted with a good lice powder, once a week. Lice are the cause of broken eggs and deserted nests. Don't let chicks get chilled or the result will be diarrhoea. When the incubator is hatching, let it alone; you will have stronger chicks. There is no better or cheaper green food than "thousand headed kale." Plant plenty of it. Hoping these few suggestions will be of some benefit to some of you, I will bid you good-bye until next month.

IS the attendance at the poultry shows by the general public all that could be desired? I think the answer echoing throughout the Inland Empire and the Pacific Northwest is unanimously in the negative. Why is it not larger? Any kind of a dinky picture show runs continuously to a full house; any street fakir on the corner draws a large crowd in just a few minutes; churches, lodges, prize fights, wrestling matches, foot and baseball games are largely attended. A fancier begins early in the season to lay his plans for the next show; he or she makes the birds with a certain object in view; they hatch the youngsters and rear them with the most tender care, and of course the best of the brood are entered in the show. We fanciers are all more or less concerned in the success of our own show, and when after we have raised some high class birds and have them on exhibition and nobody comes to see our exhibit in which we have taken so much trouble and time in preparing, which in reality is very creditable, when the receipts at the door is so small that it would hardly buy the grit for the birds on exhibition, is it not time that we stop and ask each other what we

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