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LOCAL NEWS.

Samuel Archer, of Seattle, arrives in Roseburg this morning to spend a few days visiting with his cousin, Guy Black. Mr. Archer is an old-time newspaper man, but of late has been engaged in mining. For several years he lived in Alaska, later localizing in Seattle. Being conversant with the newspaper game he naturally called at the local print shops and made himself known.

With plenty of turkeys in sight, local poultry dealers do not believe that Christmas birds will bring a higher price than prior to Thanksgiving. In fact, some of the poultry dealers are of the opinion that thousands of turkeys shipped to the larger and more important markets prior to Thanksgiving are now in cold storage, and will be sold as choice Christmas birds. This fact, alone, it is contended will have a tendency to weaken the Christmas market which in former years has been firm.

Interest is increasing daily in the much-talked-of turkey shoot which will be held at the rifle range north of the city on next Sunday afternoon. The event will be held under the auspices of the Roseburg Gun Club, and it is expected that a large crowd will be present. Overshadowing the many individual and collective shoots, however, is the contest between Harry Pearce, the local harnessmaker, and John Enger, a local train dispatcher. Pearce recently defeated Enger and the latter is now looking for revenge. In fact, Enger says he will defeat Pearce without difficulty, and by a margin that will surprise the latter's most ardent admirers. Pearce, on the other hand, says Enger is bluffing, and stands no chance of winning. Persons wishing to witness this eventful shoot should be on the ground not later than two o'clock Sunday afternoon. Plenty of turkeys will be on hand, and everyone will be given a chance to capture one of the prize birds.

The members of the newly elected board of fire commissioners and local fire department will meet at the city hall tomorrow evening for the purpose of discussing the question of improving the efficiency of the fire department. J. W. Perkins, one of the members of the board of fire commissioners advocates the purchasing of considerable new fire fighting apparatus in the near future. He says that the purchase of this needed equipment cannot be termed an unnecessary expense for the reason that it will have its effect in reducing the insurance rates and thus prove a good investment. The present fire fighting apparatus is considered inadequate by Mr. Perkins, who says it should be replaced with improved equipment at an early date. Other than discussing this phase of the question, the fire board will also consider the present

RUMOR IS DENIED.

Congressman Hawley Says Roseburg Will Probably Get Appropriation For Federal Building.

Completely refuting an item recently published in the Portland press under a Washington, D. C. date line, and used as the basis for an attack upon Congressman Hawley by a local newspaper, a telegram was this morning received from Congressman Hawley by J. W. Perkins to the effect that the item was without foundation, and that the desired appropriation for a Federal Building in Roseburg would probably receive sanction of both the House and Senate during the present session which will not adjourn before February. Congressman Hawley has worked diligently for the appropriation, and the recent attack upon him by a local and "unrollable" newspaper is considered unjust by the residents in Roseburg. In fact, the businessmen of the town consider the attack unwarranted, and have so expressed themselves in letters and telegrams forwarded to Mr. Hawley during the past few days.

ordinance governing the erection of buildings within the fire limits. Mr. Perkins says the present ordinance is inadequate, and fail to give the commissioners that degree of authority which they deserve. "We can't declare a building defective under the present ordinance," said Mr. Perkins, "neither can we condemn a wall which we know is built contrary to the building ordinance. What good is the board of fire commissioners if we have no power?" Above are just a few of the vital matters that will be considered at tomorrow evening's meeting.

EDENBOWER ITEMS GATHERED BY CORRESPONDENT.

Rev. Jenkins Holds Series of Evangelistic Meetings—Socialist Local Meets.

Watson Davis disposed of his prunes last week to the Tilson Packing Company, of Roseburg. He received a good price and feels well paid for holding them until the present time.

Miss Anna Berks has been selected as teacher of the Sylvan Valley district for the coming spring term.

J. Wilfred Pentney is expected home soon for his vacation. He has been spending some time in McMinnville, where he has a good position.

Miss Mary Aitken, a teacher in the Roseburg schools, spent the week end with her parents in Fruitvale.

Mrs. W. Davis spent Wednesday in Roseburg visiting with friends.

John Morely, who has been employed at Pendleton for some time past, has returned to his home in Edenbower.

Miss Catherine Ferguson has returned to her home in Roseburg after spending the past week at the Hewitt home.

W. E. Carl was a business visitor in Roseburg Tuesday.

Several of our young folks are preparing for the teachers' exams, to be held in Roseburg next week.

Don't fail to sign the petition at John Hotcher's store. If the petitioners get what they wish, it will be a great benefit to all the citizens of this community. People are only just waking up to the fact that "in union there is strength." If we stand back and wait for things to come to us be sure they will never come.

Members of the socialist local of Edenbower met in business session at the Hewitt residence. Business of importance was considered.

Rev. Jenkins is holding special services at the Edenbower church. Special music at each meeting. Everybody cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Mrs. Harry Williams, who has been ill at her home, is slowly improving.

MARANETTE.

KING INFORMS PRESIDENT.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 15.—Upon receiving word to the effect that Whitelaw Reid had died, the king today dispatched the following message to President Taft: "It is with the deepest sorrow that I inform you of the death of Whitelaw Reid. His death is deplored. The queen and myself sympathize with Mrs. Reid and the people of the United States."

EGG LAYING CONTEST ENDED.

On Oct. 31 the international egg laying contest, which had been conducted for a full year at the Storrs Agricultural college, in Connecticut, came to a close. The contest, which has been frequently reported in this department has been one of unusual interest as well as of great practical value. Professor Cosgrove, who has had supervision of the contest, in speaking of the practical value of the contest calls particular attention to the fact that with proper care the tenderest breeds were kept in the severe and changeable New England climate in open front houses night and day, with too few birds in a house to affect its temperature. Only seventeen birds died during the year, which was less than 3.5 per cent, which shows the healthfulness of plenty of fresh air as well as the splendid care and feeding which the fowls have. The final count, as kept, gives first prize for best pen of five hens to the White Leghorns of F. G. Yost of Pennsylvania, his fowls having laid 1,071 eggs, or an average of 214.2 each. The owner gets as rewards two \$100 silver cups, a cash prize of \$50 and several minor prizes. Second place in the contest was won by a pen of White Wyandottes owned by Beulah farm, Ontario, those birds making a score of 1,062 eggs, but two eggs behind the winning pen. The Marwood farm pen of White Leghorns made a score of 1,042 eggs and was the only other pen to make a score better than a thousand eggs. The next six places in the contest were won by pens of White Leghorns with scores ranging from 982 down to 918 eggs each. The remaining seven pens to make a score of more than 900 eggs were respectively in order of performance, Buff Leghorns, Brown Leghorns, S. C. Rhode Island Reds (two pens), White Wyandottes, Barred Rocks and White Plymouth Rocks.

The best authenticated record of any individual bird was made by a S. C. Rhode Island red pullet belonging to Mrs. Harris Lehman of Kentucky, her scorecard showing 254 eggs. Professor Cosgrove contends that special mention should be made of the pen of English White Leghorns belonging to Mr. Barron, which led in the early months of the race, and for some time after until two of the five layers died. It is thought that had this pen remained intact it would have won first place with ease. Immediately upon conclusion of the contest summarized above another contest, to last a year, was started. The contest is valuable chiefly because it has directed the attention of poultry raisers to practical performance in egg production rather than to fine points and fine feathers, features that are unduly emphasized in the average poultry show.

"MULTUM IN PARVO."

It is quite natural that the individual creamery patron should consider it a small matter that his cream is of such quality as to reduce the price of his pro rata share of the butter product a cent a pound. It is true, perhaps, that in his case it would not amount to very many dollars a year. But when all or a considerable number of the dairy farmers of a state take this same attitude and continue to be careless with their milk and cream the total amount lost runs into a huge amount. In bulletin No. 220 of the Wisconsin experiment station Professor Benken-dorf takes up this very question and proves beyond question that if the quality of the 105,000,000 pounds of butter which the farmers of that state produce annually could be improved so that its value would be increased 1 cent per pound the butter output of the state would be worth a million dollars more than it is now. This is a nice illustration of the old truth "much in little."

PRIMITIVE AGRICULTURE.

In portions of Egypt the raising of wheat is carried on in the same primitive way that was in vogue when the Pharaohs were building the pyramids. The soil is rutted about a bit with a primitive plow in the shape of a crooked stick, the seed wheat is sown by hand and covered by crude rakes, while in the harvesting process the hand sickle is still used, the grain being placed in piles and loaded by hand on the backs of camels for transportation to the thrashing places. It is a far cry from these primitive tilling and harvesting processes to the triple gas tractor outfits which turn over a combined furrow fifty-four feet wide—an acre every four minutes—and the reapers pulled in gangs by tractors and cutting hundreds of acres in a day.

CUBAN QUEEN CORN.

A north Iowa reader of this department recently brought the writer a sample of the variety of field corn known as the Cuban Queen. It is a yellow dent variety, having a color and kernel formation somewhat resembling Reid's Yellow Dent. However, the kernels are coarser and not so deep. The ears run from eight and a half to nine inches in length and have a circumference near the butt of eight inches. The cob is large, and the ear tapers rather sharply at the tip end. In our friend's case this variety yielded seventy bushels to the acre on land that up to a year ago had been pretty systematically skinned. A strong point in favor of this variety seems to be that it matures well in latitude 42 degrees.

J. E. Jigg

N. B. Automobile CONTESTANTS

UP TO THE END OF THE CONTEST, Jan'y 15, we will accept coupon books in settlement of accounts, and also for all accounts settled before Dec. 29 we will make a present in votes equal to face of account; and on all cash sales up to Christmas Day we will give 5 votes for one. Now, Mr. Contestant, get busy. We want your money and that of your friends, and you need more votes. SO HUSTLE! HUSTLE!

Churchill Hardware Co.

ATTENTION:
Knight Templars and Royal Arch Masons.
Joint installation of officers of above orders on Tuesday evening, December 17th at Masonic Temple, Roseburg. All visiting Sir Knights and R. A. Ms. are invited to attend.

That the merchants of Roseburg will refuse to pay their occupation taxes in the event the proposed increase is embodied in an ordinance to come before the council for final consideration tonight, was the declaration of a well known merchant here this afternoon. "Miceli and his council cannot impose on the merchants of this city," said this particular individual, "neither can we be made to pay a legitimate debt contracted by the city through an illegitimate tax as proposed. We have employed Attorney Dexter Rice to represent us in this matter, and in the event the ordinance is adopted, it will be carried to the supreme court for final settlement. The figures presented by Attorney Rice indicate that the city neither needs an increase in the occupation or property tax to meet its expenses—therefore we intend to stand pat. We will not be bluffed, and most especially by a few persons who are disgruntled over the results of the last election."

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