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GIVING *the* THANKSGIVING FEAST *the* ONCE-OVER



Scene on a Douglas County Farm just Before Thanksgiving with a flock of fine birds struttin' their stuff for a few of the Customers.

"Some Pride goeth before a fall" and here's some high-tone Gobblers turning their backs on the cameraman. But considering the fine price these birds bring they have something to be stuck up about.

DOUGLAS COUNTY IS TURKEY CENTER OF WORLD WITH FINEST BIRDS OF ALL

Climatic conditions locally very favorable to turkey raising. Finest birds on the market shipped during holiday season from this section. Very profitable—Oakland, Oregon, known as turkey metropolis of the entire Pacific Coast

Douglas county is the turkey center of the world. The Christmas time this thriving little city is bustling with activity in the work of assembling the turks and getting them ready for shipment.

Buyers from all parts of the coast are in the county on Turkey Day and competition is keen in their efforts to secure the majority of the birds. On account of so much of the land being used for the raising of broccoli, fewer turkeys were shipped from the county this

year, but the price received compensated the growers for the time spent.

Turkey raising as ordinarily engaged in is a side-line upon the average farm. A combination of favorable circumstances have been found in this county, that has induced many growers of this magnificent bird to take up its production on a commercial basis.

The farms upon which the industry is carried on are usually located in the valleys adja-

cent to the small creeks and larger streams. Turkeys are allowed, as a rule, to have the range of the farm and open pastures. A major portion of each farm consists of open, rolling and hilly pastures studded with more or less oak timber. These pastures are ideal for turkeys, as they afford an abundance of insect life and shade during the heat of the summer days.

A survey of census figures will show a yearly decline in

the production of turkeys in those states that formerly produced the bulk of the birds. This decline, coupled with increased demand, have been the forces that have kept the price of our National Bird at premium levels and the same factors will beyond doubt continue reasonable prices for the future. The climatic conditions in Douglas county make it possible to state with all truth that turkey raising is one of the chief industries of the county.