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Motorlogue Into Turkeyland

TURKEYS ARE FINE SOURCE OF REVENUE

Douglas County Called "Turkey-Land" Because Finest Birds of Coast Are Here.

Douglas county is the true home of the turkey. The abundant natural feed and range found in this section gives the big bronze beauties a finish and flavor that cannot be equalled in any other part of the country, especially at Thanksgiving, when the birds from less favored regions are apt to be somewhat unfinished.

Carlots have been shipped from Douglas county at Thanksgiving grading over 95 per cent prime birds. This quality makes the Douglas county turkey very desirable in the eyes of the men who supply the traditional bird to city epicures, and leads to spirited competition when the supply seems to be limited.

Turkey raising, like most other branches of farming, looks easy, but it is a business requiring knowledge and careful attention from the time the laying season begins until the finished product goes over the scales on "Turkey Day."

The next time you look out from the observation car on the Shasta Limited and see a boy or girl crouching behind a bush on some sunny hillside don't be too sure he or she is hiding to keep from watching the dishes or filling the woodbox. They are more apt to be making sure that the supply of Thanksgiving birds does not fall below normal.

The half wild nature of a turkey leads her to seek seclusion for her nest, and the nest must be located and moved or safeguarded against skunks, weasels, coyotes, stray dogs and a thousand and one things that keep farming from being too much of a Country Gentleman existence.

After the poults are hatched the greatest enemy it the wet weather. The tiny, half wild things will not thrive in as close confinement as chicks, and a thorough wetting may wipe out an entire hatch in a single day. After they reach the size of quails they are very hardy, and travel over a lot of territory seeking their native food.

This trait calls for a lot of traveling on the part of the turkey grower, and a lot of forbearance on the part of his neighbors, for, like the aristocrat he is, the royal bird likes the best to be had, whether it belongs to his owner or not. A crowd of healthy turkeys in a broccoli patch can ruin a lifelong friendship quicker than secret diplomacy.

This truly American if-you-don't-see-what-you-want-to-hunt-for-it-spirit is largely responsible for the disappearance of the turkey from many farms in the Umpqua valley.

The turkey is a truly American bird, linked with our most cherished traditions, and the crown and center of our greatest home festivals, but when he takes to sampling expensive stuff, like Umpqua fields at that, human nature won't stand the strain, that's all.

But the real culmination of the whole turkey business is "Turkey Day." His is a real day, usually two of them and full days, too, often too crowded with action for sleeping and eating on the part of the buyers and their helpers. The warehouse of a popular buyer is a busy place on "Turkey Day." Wagons, trucks, cars, fivers, all loaded with plump, corn-fed dressed turkeys. Arising over "rolling," price, sorting, weighing, hanging up weighed birds, packing, stenciling crates, it is a hectic day.

In the early days of the industry the birds were driven in alive and slaughtered by gangs of pickers, but now the farmers dress the birds at home, finding that they can turn out a better product in this way.

The money brought into the county by the turkey industry is responsible for many of the improvements that go to make life in this pleasant region still more pleasant. When checks of four figures are not uncommon for turkey growers to receive, the industry deserves to take its rightful place with the other businesses of the country.



—Photo Courtesy Oregon Journal

A flock of turks on a Douglas County ranch. These birds mean dollars to the owner.

BALMIEST WINTER FOR MANY YEARS
Douglas county is now enjoying the balmiest winter weather experienced for a good many seasons and folks who have formerly lived in the tropic south claim that the weather enjoyed at present beats anything offered in the southland.

The year-round climate of Douglas county cannot be excelled in any part of the world. This favored spot of the Pacific coast bids you come and enjoy it for a few months. It will be enough to satisfy your curiosity and make you a lifelong resident of the county.

Roseburg Home of Many Fraternal Organizations

The importance of a "lodge home" to the new settler is one not to be minimized and in this respect also, Roseburg holds out welcoming arms to the stranger with in her gates. All of the important lodge orders active today are found with chapters here, and the new settler, looking around for friends and a social contact find them first in his lodge, and his wife and daughter in the woman's auxiliary.

The welcoming friends in these organizations form a strong link between the newcomer and the town itself, oftentimes influencing the new resident to remain.

Among the various orders represented here are the Masonic lodge, and Eastern Star, with all the branches of the York and Scottish Rites, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters, the Oddfellows, the Macabees, and Lady Macabees, the Modern Woodmen of America, the United Artisans, the Eagles, Klan, also a number of trade and railroad organizations.

signed by the following charter members:

S. F. Chadwick, Aaron Rose, R. M. Gurney, M. Arrington, M. C. McCloud, Daniel Garland, David Busby, Solomon Ady, Abram Rose, John Lehnerr, James Turner, Peter Berns, F. Hodson, B. Hineberg, Thomas J. Beal, John Dillard, J. Q. C. Vandenberg, Andrew Jones, Charles Patchin, J. F. Whitler, John M. Eberline, Joshua Wright, John B. Noble, M. M. Leann, Isaacson, Hamilton, Zebra Dimmick, Samuel C. Moore, Solomon Abraham, D. Clinton DeWitt, Leif Carl, Charles Beelman, Alonzo F. Brown, George Conn, G. W. Stevenson, B. P. Smith, Jas. D. Burnett, J. C. Hutchinson, Nathan Huntley, George Wagner, Plint Cooper, A. A. Enzies, Virgil Conn, Jas. A. Veizian, W. A. Willis, Joseph Rose, Asher Marks, Hyman Abraham, Thos. Smith, Wm. Friedlander, Henry Conn, Sr., Narcissus Larout, George Papenberg, Harrison Pinkston, Jesse N. Barker, G. W. Hoover, J. C. Flock, George Feld, David C. Underwood, Henry Thornton, Henry M. Bland, Will Huntley, Emory Harris, Hansell C. Hill, Walter Scott, John Huntley, Robert Booth, James F. Watson, G. Webster, Harry C. Waters.

The old Umpqua Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, surrendered its title and disbanded and ten or fifteen years elapsed before the present Laurel Chapter No. 31, R. A. M., was organized in 1904. Other chapters in Masonry were organized as the membership grew, the Ascalon Commandry, No. 14, K. T., with 90 members about fifteen years ago, and the Roseburg Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite, Roseburg Lodge of Perfection received its letters temporary March 3, 1921, and the charter on November 30th, 1925. There are seventy-five members in Roseburg of this chapter. Letters temporary have also been received for a Rose Croix chapter.

Two grand masters have come from the Roseburg lodge, Judge Fullerton, who is one of the oldest living past grand masters, and Judge O. P. Coshaw, a member of the supreme court. The present Masonic Temple was built in 1909, is of substantial construction and contains ample lodge rooms and banquet halls for the order.

There are 253 members of the Roseburg Chapter, No. 8, Order of the Eastern Star. The order was instituted here January 20, 1934, with 64 names signed to the petition. The first officers elected were Mrs. Julia Abraham, worthy matron; Mrs. J. N. Bell, worthy patroness; Mrs. J. L. Beath, associate matron; Frances J. Howell, co-conductress; M. F. Rapp, secretary; Mrs. Maggie Rapp, treasurer; Miss Josephine Boon, "Adah"; Miss of Jacksonville, "Ruth"; Mrs. E. A. Jones, "Esther"; Miss Marietta Howell, "Martha"; Mrs. Maria L. Jones, "Electa"; Mrs. J. W. Barok, "Elected"; Mrs. Anna Gannon, "Elected"; Miss Anna Gannon, "Elected"; Hattie J. Lane, associate

The chapter was instituted by the 1830 was held in Roseburg. Mrs. Julia Abraham was elected worthy grand matron at this meeting. Up to date the Roseburg chapter has had three worthy grand matrons, three worthy grand patronesses, nine elective grand officers, and the 16 appointive grand officers and meeting of the Grand Chapter in one most worthy grand matron of

County Seat of Douglas is the City of Roseburg

Roseburg, the county seat of Douglas county, is situated near the geographical center of the county, close to the junction of the North and South Umpqua rivers. It is a division point of the Southern Pacific railroad, and the large shops employ a number of men the year round, the payroll of the railroad being over \$1,000,000 annually. The city is also located on the Pacific highway, and a number of other highways radiating from Roseburg make it possible for the tourists to spend days and weeks in Douglas county within easy access to city comforts.

Roseburg has several prune packing plants, a flour mill, planing mill, cannery and several fruit and vegetable shipping associations. The Oregon State Soldiers' Home is located at Roseburg, and the United States government, Douglas county and Roseburg all have commodious and attractive buildings in the city.

The city is 487 feet above sea level, is 200 miles south of Portland, 572 miles north of San Francisco, and 51 miles in an air line from the Pacific ocean. Roseburg has the lowest wind velocity of any city in the United States having a government weather bureau office—3.2 miles per hour average. There are over twenty miles of paved streets in the city, and naturally the city has waterworks, sewage system, electric lights and gas for fuel and light.

Roseburg has splendid educational, religious and social advantages, and is a real home city. The population is estimated at 6,000, and with its environs, 7,000.

When the lumbering industry is developed east of Roseburg, the city will become one of the most important lumber markets in the Pacific northwest.

During the year 1925 a new \$135,000 high school building will be erected that will be a model educational institution in every way, with ample campus and land for field meets.

The General Grand Chapter of the World.

Other Masonic Organizations.

There is also a De Molay organization, started in October of last year, with about forty-nine members, a live group of young men, meeting the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Although there is no Shrine chapter here, there are a number of members, and also a ladies' organization, Daughters of the Nile. The Daughters of the Nile meet for a social hour, sew for the Shrine Hospital, and have card parties for the hospital.

B. P. O. Elks, No. 326.

There is a very active order of the Elks lodge in Roseburg, with a beautiful building near the business district which also houses the Antlers Theatre, owned by the Elks lodge. The building was rebuilt to include the theatre and additional rooms several years ago. The lower floor contains the beautiful ladies' parlors, card rooms, dressing rooms, dance hall and gymnasium and on the second story are the lodge and banquet rooms, kitchen and club rooms.

B. P. O. E. No. 326 was organized January 7, 1896, with 57 charter members, and now has 914 members. The first exalted ruler was Fred Page-Tustin. The Elks are very active locally in charity and community welfare, their Christmas activities being an important part of the holiday season, especially for the younger children and the poor. An island of seventeen acres was purchased by the Elks and after expending several thousand dollars for lights, bridges, tennis courts and other improvements, has been offered to the city as a park and children's playground.

The lodge is also active socially, gives dances twice each month for the members and friends, and in other ways is active in community life.

All branches of Oddfellowship are represented in Roseburg, all chapters being very strong and active. Philatrin Lodge No. 8, with a membership of 558, has the distinction of being the second largest in the state, Portland being the only lodge with a larger membership. The lodge was started here March 9, 1829, with seven members. The assets are now \$60,000. Union Encampment No. 9, I. O. (Continued on page 78)