

FRAKES WRITES AS TO FINE CATTLE

Chief History of Registered Cattle Industry in County

...ose, Oregon, Oct. 7, 1919
Editor of the Mist:
I read with some pleasure that Mr. Tarbell's report on the stock show at the fair, in which he makes it rather plain that there could be several pages in regard to registered cattle in Columbia county. Years ago, a gentleman bought some five or six Shorthorns and brought them to this place. They were a fine lot, but he had no customers to let them play out. Later on, he brought a great herd of that would do credit even in 1876. In 1876 Mr. West had a herd of Jerseys and later went and brought out some 18 Herefords. They took many of the largest cattle shows, being few progressive beef those days, he had to let go to the slaughter yards. Registered cattle died out in this county though there was an attempt to establish several small ones but all who undertook it were out of business.

In the year 1882, Harry West had the Sunny Banks Jersey that has done a wonderful lot for many a poor man. In 1887 P. A. Frakes decided to raise "ring tails" hair and a better quality of registerable. He struggled along for 20 years. In 1900 Mr. Honey established a herd of Ayrshires and these herds stood all sickness, high water, low land and in Columbia county. Frakes had the most up and he attended the largest fairs, going as far east as he and he helped many men to herds. He sold cattle all over the coast and shipped some to Canada. He built good pens and improved the land. The young breeder of today does the same things to content. He only has to attend to his and sell the cattle at a fine price. Pomeroy & Sons were in the only a few years and sold a herd for nearly \$30,000. Alphonson bought three cows 23 ago and sold his herd several ago for close to \$25,000. If young men will stay by the farm and do equally as well. I will say, "I can't get a start." I never get a start by standing and watching the procession go.

Brother Breeders, around the town of Warren, don't get with a new man or a new herd. Give him your hand and go long side by side. And a pleasure to D. C. Howard, the counsellor. He must not think Columbia county was made especially for Ayrshires and Holsteins are here. Brother Tarbell—one of my friends, must not tell his customers that Shorthorns will get without any work. Boys, sell cattle to a man who will work for you for the space.
P. A. FRAKES.

IS LAYING NOW ARE ALL YEAR BIRDS

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oct. 9—"College records show the hen that lays well through summer and October is the hen generally lays well the rest of the year," said James Dryden, chief poultry husbandry at the college. Records also show that the hen and the poor layers in these months are the medium and poor layer through the year. The method of picking out the good layers has been developed by the experiment stations and explained for the benefit of growers. By applying the method in the two months named, farmers can select the layers at a time, which will generally prove to be the good layers for the year. The late moulter is generally the early, the early and slow moulter non-layer. Other indications of a good layer are amount of yellow color on the beak, shanks, ear lobes and the condition of the comb and abdomen.

Layers of the yellow skin breeds show much yellow in the parts of the body that are not laying, or the color of the comb have been used up in manufacturing of the yolks. In layers these are pale. The combs of the layers are large for the breed, red, and warm to the touch. The abdomen of the laying hen is wide, deep and flexible, with well-spread pelvic bones and a distance between the pelvic and keel bones. It costs about \$3 a year to feed a hen now," said Professor Dryden, and poultrymen must cull out the layers or go broke."

A Change
Boss, the weather's pretty hot. Like a couple of weeks off. A change would do me good," said the department store salesman. "We're shorthanded," complained the boss. "What are you in now?" "Blankets."

"Well, I can give you a seasonable change. I'll put you among the bath-suits."

Impressive
"Is your boy adapting himself to the life, no what he's out of the city?"

"Oh, yes," replied old Mr. Cobbles. "Henry don't seem able to get enough mother's cookin', but he kinder draws me sometimes." "How's that?" "Well, Henry was a lieutenant, I know. When we're all sittin' around the table an' he tells us what he said to Haig an' what he said to the other fellows, and how friendly he was with the boys. I get so plum interested I chop my knife an' can't eat."

WHERE WE GET OFF



FAMOUS PENS

Persons who are specially interested in a bill passed by congress often receive from the president, as a souvenir, the pen with which he signed the document. The pen with which President Wilson signed the declaration of war on April 6, 1917, will be treasured in the White House, and will probably be gazed upon with awe by future generations. One of the best known pens in the United States is owned by Isaac B. Reed of New York, who at one time refused to sell it for \$750. Its value arises from the fact that, aside from having been used by both Lincoln and Grant, it was made from a carved box in which young George Washington kept parts of his surveying instruments. The box itself was made from the lid of a desk that belonged to the captain of the Mayflower.

"The flat suits me very well," said the prospective tenant, "but the kitchen won't do."
"What's wrong with it?" asked the agent.
"It seems to have been cut to fit a woman who weighed about ninety pounds. My wife weighs two hundred pounds. She's got to have a kitchen she can bustle around in without getting jammed between the sink and the gas stove."

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
St. Helens, Oregon, Sept. 29, 1919. The City Council met on the above date in the City Hall, St. Helens, Oregon, in regular session. Present:

No quorum, no meeting was held. The Mayor stated that an adjourned meeting would be held on October 1st, 1919.

October 1st, 1919.
The City Council met on the above date in the City Hall, St. Helens, Oregon, in regular adjourned session. No quorum being present no meeting was held.

St. Helens, Oregon, Oct. 6, 1919.
The City Council met on the above date in the City Hall in regular session. Present:
Magnus Saxen, Mayor,
Robert Dixon, Councilman,
James O'Connor, Councilman,
C. L. Wheeler, Councilman,
Charles D. White, Councilman, absent.

E. E. Quick, City Recorder,
George Potter, City Marshall,
J. W. Day, City Attorney.
The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read, and after corrections of the regular minutes, the same were approved.

Reports: The Marshal reported that the sewer under the deck had not yet been completed, owing to lack of getting labor to do the same. City Attorney Day reported on the amendment of the Ordinance licensing and taxing certain persons, within the city, and as he thought the present ordinance was somewhat defective, he had prepared an ordinance repealing said ordinance.

Councilman Wheeler brought up the question of the completion of the improvement of Winter Street, and the catch basins required, and also of the proceedings of the Council in

the matter had been forwarded to Morris Brothers, so that the contractor could be paid in full, the same was discussed and explained as to what had been done in the matter.

A representative from a Portland music house was present and asked the Council to purchase a new piano, taking in exchange the old piano. The same was discussed and laid over for future consideration.

In the matter of the acceptance of the contract and bond for the improvement of Cowlitz street, Casenau street, Oak street and Tualatin street, it appearing that the bond signed by the contractors was not in accordance with the statute of Oregon as made and provided therein, and after discussion of the same by the Council and the City Attorney, it was decided that the contractor be required to furnish a bond in accordance with the statute of Oregon as provided by the session laws of Oregon, for the year 1913, at page 59 thereof.

J. W. Akin of the school board was present and asked the Council for the use of the chairs in the upper hall to seat the auditorium of the new school building for the lyceum course and teachers' institute, which was granted on condition that they be returned as soon as possible.

An ordinance for the licensing and taxing of certain persons carrying on and conducting certain kinds of business within the City of St. Helens, Oregon, was read the first time in full and on motion made and carried, was read the second time by title only.

The following claims against the City were read and on motion made and carried ordered paid by warrants on the City Treasurer:

Claim of T. S. White for floral emblem for James Dart	\$ 20.00
Claim of L. R. Rutherford for insurance of City Hall	22.50
Claim of St. Helens Mist for printing	34.45
Claim of Pacific Telephone Company for fire alarm system	4.15
Claim of W. H. Davies for hauling sand on street	3.00
Claim of St. Helens Light & Power Company, for street lights	169.70
Claim of L. J. VanOrshoven for re-estimate of cost of West street	6.00
Claim of George Potter, for supplies paid for by him	1.65
Claim of Andrew Peterac for work on streets	22.50
Claim of Harry Lyons for painting street signs	14.15
Claim of Marshall Wells Company for house numbers	21.20

The bill of the Elsmar Floor Company was laid over for further consideration.

No further business appearing, on motion made and carried the meeting adjourned.

Attest: E. E. QUICK, Recorder.

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