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MERCHANTS GIVE TO PRIZES

FINE LIST OF MERCHANDISE PRIZES FOR POULTRY SHOW.

List of Those Who Have Contributed to the Coming Project.

Merchandise specials offered by the merchants of La Grande for exhibits in the Poultry show which opens December 13 in this city, follows:

1. O. R. Cooldge Paint and Wall Paper store offers \$5.00 in merchandise for the highest scoring bird in the show.
2. Fred Gebel of the Fair Store offers one pair of \$5.00 Diamond Shoes to the best pair of Barred Rocks.
3. Bock & Rohr of the La Grande Cash Meat Co., 10-pound pall of best Lard on Silver Wyandottes.
4. C. Clements offers \$2.50 cash on the highest scoring single-comb White Leghorn.
5. A. S. Geddes of Geddes Bros. Grocery gives \$3.00 worth of Peerless Eggs to the best display of Barred Rocks.
6. The Art Store—Artistic Picture Frames a specialty, Frank Harris, proprietor, will give to the best pen of light Brahmas a beautiful picture.
7. Harris Market will give 100 pounds Blue Stem Patent Flour to the highest scoring S. C. R. I. Red male.
8. W. C. Hansen offers one pair of Haaburgs for the best pen of S. C. Brown Leghorns.
9. The Toggery, Al Andrews, proprietor, offers a \$5.00 Stetson hat on the best pen of Buff Rocks.
10. Evening Observer offers 1 year subscription (The Daily) to the best display of Black Orphingtons.
11. The Morning Star offers 1 year subscription (the Daily) to the best display of Buff Leghorns.
12. People's Store offers a fine Indian Robe on the best display of Single Comb R. I. Reds.
13. Grande Ronde Cash Company, Preas Lewis, proprietor, offers 100 pounds of granite grit on the best pen of R. C. Brown Leghorns.
14. Robert Masterton offers a setting of Black Orphington eggs to heaviest male chicken in show.
15. Star Quick Print, Jack Nice, offers \$5.00 of Job Printing on best pen of White Rocks.
16. Waters Stanchfield Co., offers 100 lbs. of Snow Drift Flour on the best pen of Buff Orphingtons.
17. F. D. Halsten offers a fine \$3.00 rug to the best trio of ducks.
18. The Great Bargain Store, (S. H. Dalton, proprietor), offers a fine \$4.50 picture in oak frame to the best pen of White Wyandottes.
19. G. J. Wagner gives a setting of his R. I. Reds' eggs to the best trio

of Reds hatched from his own eggs but sold to others. (himself not competing.)

20. The M. & M. Co. offers a \$1.00 package of International Poultry Food to the best pen of Anaconas.

21. F. L. Lilly, the hardware man, offers a bronze bust to the best pen of P. Wyandottes.

22. Pattison Bros. Grocery, offers 5 pounds gunpowder tea to the best pen of White Cochans.

23. La Grande Flouring Mill Company offers one sack of their best flour to the best pen of R. Comb Leghorns.

Debating Pamphlet Out.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., Dec. 8.—(Special)—The Oregon High School Debating League Bulletin is just off the University Press, and is ready for distribution to those desiring copies. The Bulletin gives full and concise information concerning the work of the league. Forty-one high schools of a single district fighting for supremacy of their district, the winners of the separate districts appearing in the semi-finals and finals. The Bulletin gives the questions for debate for the five districts, with full bibliographies of the question. And in addition a short review of the work of the League, and the League Constitution. It contains also a valuable list of affirmative and negative briefs on public questions, including Naturalization, Income Tax, Ship Subsidies, Increased Navy, Popular Election of Senators, Protective Tariff. They are intended for aid to all persons interested in debate, and suggest the essential points at issue. The hardest task of the debater is to determine these points, and the most common fault of the average debater is the failure of the two sides to clash on the real points at issue. The result is that too often the two sides fall to lock horns, so to speak, and the debate fails of its purpose.

Hermiston Retains Mayor Newport.

The city election passed off very quietly yesterday, says a Hermiston dispatch. The polls were opened at 9 o'clock in the morning and closed at 7:30 in the evening. The only contest was for the mayorship. The socialists had Dr. M. V. Turley as their candidate and the citizens ticket has Ross Newport for another term. The count was as follows: Turley, 55; Newport 89. Three councilmen were elected as follows: Robert C. Todd, H. A. Waterman and Russell Brownell will be new members.

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Waterusers' association was held at the office of the association last evening. This was the first meeting of the new board and the regular election of officers was held. Those being elected were as follows: President, Howard T. Irvin; vice president, C. S. McNaught; treasurer, Frank B. Sways, William Leathers, C. S. McNaught, M. Dishon. This coming term of the board will be more work for the board than heretofore on account of the canal divisions, etc. It is expected that meetings will be held twice a month during the year.

Hens Profitable.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 8. (Special)—J. G. Cotton, of Okanogan, Wash., north of Spokane, who started in the poultry business on a small scale about a year ago with nine hens, has compiled some interesting statistics. The hens began laying in December and he has kept a close record of the eggs obtained from February 1, 1910, until November 1, 1910, as follows: February, 107; March, 165; April, 203; May, 166; June, 114; July, 135; August, 161; September, 148; October, 108. This is an average of about 192 eggs per hen a year. Another record which promises to be as remarkable as that of the hens, is for pullets. Eight pullets that were hatched April 11, 1910, began laying August 15, and during that month laid 29 eggs. In September they laid 196 eggs and in October 178 eggs.

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The Deserted House

By EDITH V. ROSS

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There was smuggling on the coast, but the revenue officers were not able to locate the point where the goods were being run in. We were told that it was a beach midway between the two principal ports of the region. We watched the coast night and day for weeks, but not a sign of illicit work did we see. Driving to the city, I reached a point on a rocky coast. Night was coming on, and no hotel or other shelter was at hand. I espied a house a short distance ahead of me, set on rocks against which the waves were beating. It was of brick and colonial in style, with long pillars extending from the porch to the roof, which was built out to cover it. The place had a forlorn look, and on coming up to it I found it unoccupied.

I went around it, thinking that if I could effect an entrance I would at least find shelter there for the night, but there was not a window or a door that was not perfectly secured. I was about to drive on, when I espied a man of a live breathing against an upper window, one shutter of which had rotted away. I climbed the tree, went out on the limb, broke the glass and entered the house.

Had it not been for curiosity I would have gone out as quick as I came in. While it was furnished throughout, there was not an article in it that was not rotting away. There was bed-clothing, but it was moth eaten; there were curtains, but they were dropping from their supports; there were carpets, but they came apart as I walked over them. The only live things in the house were millions of bugs.

I would have retired from this dismal abode and slept in the open air, but the night was cool and I espied a fireplace in one of the rooms. So, with the fragments of once handsome chairs and other articles I built a fire. Then, having gone out for my blankets and stabled my horse, I rolled myself in the former, lay down before the fire and slept.

Something awakened me, I knew not what. The fire was out, but there was a strip of light on the ceiling above my head. While I was viewing it with perplexity it moved. In a moment, remembering that I was on the ground floor and the flooring had shrunk so as to leave cracks, it occurred to me that there was some one in the cellar. Noticing a round spot of light on the ceiling, I knew it came through a knot-hole, and, crawling to the hole, I could look into the cellar.

Several men were storing bales and boxes.

"Oho!" I exclaimed to myself. "Here is the leak! While we have been watching the smugglers above they have been running goods to down here. I warrant the man who put us on to the false location was one of them."

I made up my mind very quickly as to my course of action—that is, in case they didn't go to the stable and find my horse, which would betray me. I would remain where I was till morning, then pursue my journey, return with others, be in wait for the smugglers and capture the gang. They were not in the cellar ten minutes after I awakened. Then the light ceased to shine, and there was no further evidence of their presence. I listened to hear them go out, to make sound of locking a door or give other evidence of their departure, but not a whisper did I hear. They seemed to have gone into the ground or flown up a chimney.

In the morning I went into the cellar, examined the goods, consisting of silks, laces and other articles to which a high duty is attached. I then went above and looked carefully to the openings. They were all barred and bolted on the inside. Returning to the cellar, I looked about for some means of egress there. I found none. There seemed to be no way the men could get out except as I had come in, through a window.

But how did they bring in the cases of goods?

Not willing to leave the place without further investigation, I walked all over the premises and down to the rocks on which the waves were breaking. Unfortunately the tide was high. It was unfortunate because I could have made a more satisfactory examination of the rocks if it had been at the ebb. I resolved to drive to the nearest farmhouse, get a breakfast and return in six hours when the tide would be at the lowest point. When I went back I found that a rock had been left exposed which I couldn't see

from the shore. There was no boat at hand, but the water was sufficiently shallow for me to get on to a small rock farther out. After reaching it I turned and saw an opening in the rock into which a boat could be pulled at half tide. I was bound not to go away without knowing all about it, so I made a raft, pulled myself to the opening and walked through a passage leading in the direction of the house, till I was barred by an iron door.

That satisfied me for the time. I went home, brought assistance, entered the house when no one else was about, waited for the next appearance of the smugglers and took them all in. Subsequent investigation showed that they had concealed a trapdoor in a subcellar with earth, the trap opening into the passage leading to the water. At high tide the mouth of the passage was concealed and at low tide resembled a mere cleft in the rocks.

Appearances Against Him.
"Is he a square man?"
"I doubt it."
"Why?"
"He hangs round an awful lot."

Not Necessary.
"Papa?"
"Yes, daughter."
"Would I have to be an actress to put on airs?"

Willing.
"But still I think I'd take the job."
"Though drawbacks are around it. One can't have everything his way—At least so I have found it."
"There's daily trouble, I'm aware. Sometimes continued nightly. But still the place as president May not be passed up lightly."

I am not looking for the job. Nor yet do I pursue it. But offer it to me just once. And see if I'd go to it. Let others halt and hesitate. And deprecate the rushing. But when the mob insists on me No one will see me blushing.

Some folks there are who might prefer The joy of running bases Or sitting in the judge's chair And smoothing out the cases Or being harnessed to a trust As managing director. But if they make me follow Taft I'll not be an objector.

Some one must sit in Washington And run this growing nation. Some one must fill the place—at least That's been my observation. My hands are tied in other lines. But if there is no starter When it is time to make the race—Well, I will be the martyr.

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