

The Cheerful Contributor

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We would like to ask the Stroller why Fred Currey adjusts his cravat every time he hears a strange female voice at the other end of the telephone?

Why Col. Ivanhoe always sighs and looks distressed whenever the words "Mexican Policy" are mentioned?

We wonder if the Stroller is aware that W. H. Bohnenkamp last month completed thirty years of continuous and constructive citizenship in the city of La Grande? When Mr. Bohnenkamp first came to La Grande Mt. Emily was a mere hole in the ground and old man Faulk was serving his first term as constable. We humbly suggest that the City Commissioners create an order similar to the Legion of Honor, and confer a veteran's jewel and the thanks of the city upon such men as Mr. W. H. Bohnenkamp.

The Cheerful Contributor had to meet some pretty tough bills during "Pay Up Week." There was Bill Miller, Bill Grandy, Bill Church, Bill Sawyer, Bill Allinson, Bill McClure and Bill Stoop—were you ever called upon to meet a worse bunch of bills than that? Some of these bills were not quite due, some were long over due, and some of them we wish were outlawed. But we were mighty glad to be able to meet them, even though it did leave us without any visible means of support.

The biggest Bill we ever had presented to us was Bill Stoop. Stoop is so big that the only door he can get through without squirming is the engine door at the roundhouse. Bill was along with the K. of P. crowd that went to Wallowa last month. When Bill sat down to the banquet it reminded one of an elephant sitting down to a piece of crochet work. It took Bill 45 minutes of steady work in silence to fill the enormous cavity he calls a stomach but which anybody else would call a hoghead. The locomotive of the K. of P. special got off the rails, and the train crew fussed around about three hours trying to get the thing back on again. Finally Bill got tired, put his big shoulder under that little donkey engine and heaved her back where she belonged. Then to the astonished train crew Bill said: "You little animated hill of white beans, if you allow this thing to happen again, I'll tear your damn little donkey all to pieces."

Judge C. H. Finn has had a varied career. He has achieved success as a school teacher, farmer, horticulturist, lawyer, and now he is adding considerable fame as a theologian. The Cheerful Contributor overheard a dear old mother in Israel remarking that Mr. Finn is certainly a most exceptional and extraordinary lawyer—he was the only lawyer she ever heard of who knew anything about the Bible.

The Rev. G. L. Clark is certainly a pleasant man to meet on a cloudy day. It is said that his favorite passage from the Bible is: "Blessed are the makers of good cheer for verily they shall be called the sons of the morning." Mr. Clark's personality radiates so much good cheer that his presence would beguile a porcupine

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---his middle name ought to be "Merriment"--- He's chased the wrinkles from a million brows---he will chas'em from those who will see him today and tomorrow.



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Feeding Young Chickens

Washington, D. C., April 14—(Special)—Young chickens should be fed from three to five times daily, depending upon one's experience in feeding, say the poultry specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Undoubtedly chickens will grow faster when fed five times than when fed only three times daily, but it should be borne in mind that more harm can be done to the young chickens by overfeeding than by underfeeding. Young chickens should be fed not more than barely enough to satisfy their appetites and to keep them exercising, except at the evening or last meal, when they should be given all they will eat. Greater care must be exercised not to overfeed young chicks that are confined than those that have free range, as leg weakness is apt to result in those confined.

The young chicks may be fed any time after they are 36 to 48 hours old, whether they are with a hen or in a brooder. The first feed may contain either moistened hard-boiled eggs, johnnycake, stale bread, pinhead oatmeal, or rolled oats, which feeds or combinations may be used with good results. Mash mixed with milk are of considerable value in giving the chickens a good start in life. The mixtures should be fed in a crumbly mash and not in a sloppy condition. Johnnycake composed of the following ingredients in the proportions named is a very good feed for young chicks: One dozen infertile eggs or one pound of sifted beef scrap to 10 pounds of corn meal; add enough milk to make a pasty mash, and one tablespoonful of baking soda, and bake until done. Dry bread crumbs may be mixed with hard-boiled eggs, making about one-fourth of the mixture eggs, or rolled oats may be used in place of the bread crumbs. Feed the bread crumbs, rolled oats, or johnnycake mixtures five times daily for the first week, then gradually substitute for one or two feeds of the mixture finely cracked grains of equal parts by weight of cracked wheat, finely cracked corn, and pinhead oatmeal or hulled oats, to which five per cent of cracked peas or broken rice and two

per cent of charcoal or millet or rape seed may be added. A commercial chick feed may be substituted if desired. The above ration can be fed until the chicks are two weeks old, when they should be placed on grain and a dry or wet mash mixture.

After the chicks are 10 days old, a good growing mash, composed of two parts by weight of bran, two parts middlings, one part cornmeal, one part low-grade wheat flour or red-dog middlings, and 10 per cent sifted beef scrap, may be placed in a hopper and left before them all the time. The mash may be fed either wet or dry; if wet, only enough moisture (either milk or water) should be added to make the feed crumbly, but in no sense sloppy. When this growing mash or mixture is not used, a hopper containing bran should be accessible to the chickens at all times.

After the chickens are two months old they may be fed four times daily, with good results. After they are three months old, three feedings a day are enough.

When one has only a few chickens, it is less trouble to purchase the prepared chick feeds, but where a considerable number are reared it is sometimes cheaper to buy the finely cracked grains and mix them together. Some chick feeds contain a large quantity of grit and may contain grains of poor quality, so that they should be carefully examined and guaranty as to quality secured before purchase.

As soon as the chickens will eat the whole wheat (usually in about eight weeks) cracked corn, and other grains, the small-sized chick feed can be eliminated. In addition to the above feeds the chickens' growth can be hastened if they are given sour milk, skim milk, or buttermilk to drink. Growing chickens kept on a good range may be given all their feed in a hopper, mixing two parts by weight of cracked corn with one part of wheat, or equal parts of cracked corn, wheat, and oats in one hopper and the dry mash for chickens in another. The beef scrap may be left out of the dry mash and fed in a separate hopper, so

that the chickens can eat all of this feed they desire. If the beef scrap is to be fed separately it is advisable to wait until chicks are 10 days old, although some poultrymen put the beef scrap before the young chickens at the start without bad results. Chickens confined to small yards should always be supplied with green feed, such as lettuce, sprouted oats,

alfalfa, or clover, but the best place to raise chickens successfully is on a good range where no extra green feed is required. Where the chickens are kept in small bare yards, fine charcoal, grit, and oyster shell should be kept before the chickens all of the time, and cracked or ground bone may be fed. The bone is not necessary for chickens that have a good range.

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