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THE RACES

The Monitor wishes to extend greetings in behalf of the people of Independence to the breeders of fine horses and owners of thoroughbreds who have come to Independence during the four days races, as well as to the crowd of people coming to Independence during the race days to witness this speed exhibition and horse show.

The Monitor believes in the race horse, in both the harness horse and the runner. We also believe in the thoroughbred draft horse. The race meet brings interest to a class of horses that it pays to handle. The lover of the race is a lover of fine horses—the best that can be bred.

Polk county is so situated that it can and does produce good horses. The annual races tends to cause better horses to be bred here. It is just as easy to raise and mature a standard bred or thoroughbred horse as it is to raise an Indian pony or a scrub and there is no comparison to what you have in value when you specialize on the best class of horses you can secure.

The horse show should be well attended and every owner of a fine stallion should have taken advantage of this show and offered prizes to the raisers of fine colts from his stallion. This increases the interest in good colts and has a tendency to cause men with good mares to breed to the best stallions and this is the sum total result of a race meet or horse show—the causing of better horses.

THE FARMERS MEETING

Saturday, June 28, is farmers day at Independence. This meeting will be the most important meeting ever held in Polk county in so far as a farmer's benefit is concerned. While the Commercial Clubs have been invited to be present and take part in the meeting, the real business of the meeting is to do with the farmers. Their work should be in such shape that they can leave home for a day and if they possibly can not a farmer can afford to stay away. It means dollars to them to get together as the officers plan on having them get together. Their board of directors is made of hard headed, practical farmers who have made a success of farming. While a fine program has been arranged and Prof. Dryden will deliver his poultry lecture illustrated by movie

log picture scenes and a government soil expert will be here to talk, the main part of the meeting will be the business that is to be transacted and which should bring forth good results to the farmers.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

C. W. Dossett has some fine cherries for sale.

L. C. Caughey of Airline was in the city Saturday.

Marshal A. J. Tupper made business trip to Dallas Friday.

Mr. Tripp has just given his real estate office a coat of new paint.

Get your cherries of C. W. Dossett at the Endolane orchard.

Sheriff Grant was an auto arrival from Dallas Friday on business.

Buy your farm to R. J. Taylor, the pioneer dirt man of Polk county.

Days Collins came in from Seattle Saturday on a short business trip.

Chas. C. Lee of Falls City and T. R. Mitoff of Dallas were arrivals Sunday for the week's races in this city.

Ed Haggerty and brother, formerly located here, returned from Raymond, Washington, to make this their home.

Will Robb and son Homer visited several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Staats of this city.

The "Isis" was duly opened Friday evening and the house was well filled with those desiring to attend.

Mrs. John Edwards, grandmother of Mrs. Roscoe Staats, is reported to be very sick at her home in Snohomish.

Sloper Bros. & Co. have a fine new sign on their store building. Mr. Sperling is the artist that did the work.

Ernie Townsend has had quite an improvement made in his shop on C street. Two new chairs have been received.

The marshal has caught several of our autoists exceeding the speed limit inside the city limits during the last week or two.

The Monitor is in receipt of a booklet on Tillamook county published by the S. P. Railroad and it is certainly interesting and attractive.

While Salem may have the tallest Moose, Gus Schuman and the shortest Moose, Louis C. Richardson, Independence has the fastest Moose. Who is he?

All wool Oregon cashmere clothes for men and boys at Conkey & Walkers. The leading store in Independence.

Don't fail to attend the Farmers' Union meeting June 28th.

"Howdy Pap" is at the races and says its good and dandy.

E. Northup and wife of McMinnville were city visitors over Sunday.

Mrs. Paul was an Independence visitor from Weir the first of the week.

Col. Hofer and family autoed through Independence from Salem Sunday.

A. S. Alcor was a business visitor in Independence Sunday from Airline.

At the school meeting Tuesday evening Mrs. Fletcher was elected clerk for the 3 years term to succeed C. D. Ca breath.

John Emmett came up from Drain the last of last week to take a place in the Main street barber shop for a few weeks.

A. T. Haggerty of Carlisle, England, accompanied his brother to Independence Friday and they will probably stay here permanently.

The Loyal Order of Moose of Dallas had an interesting meeting Thursday. Quite a number from Independence were visitors and report a fine time.

Dr. Dunsmore who returned from Portland Saturday reported a successful meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic bodies and Eastern Star at that place last week.

The band dance at the opera house Friday night was very successful and a large crowd was present. Good music was furnished and the floor was in good shape.

J. L. Linn of Perrydale was appointed one of the committee of the State Livestock Sanitary Board, appointed by Gov. West. They have charge of the livestock investigations in this state.

C. L. Hawley of Monmouth was in town Saturday. While here he stated the farmer's union should be a big thing for the county and that he hoped the people of the county would take a deep interest in it.

F. R. Bradley of Shoshone, Idaho, was an incoming passenger Friday for Independence. He is a brother of W. R. Bradley of the Main street garage and machine shop and expects to locate here permanently.

R. P. Dickison came in Friday for the races. He had quite a trip while gone and stated Independence is certainly a fine town. The farming community around it is the best I have seen and there is no better country in which to live.

L. Damon left Friday afternoon for Burns and other Harney county points. S. B. Levine left for the same place in the forenoon of Friday. They have desert claims and will make application for extension of time for final proof while absent.

Bernard Birnie, manager for Riddell, Champion and Hull, aviators was in this city Friday attempting to make arrangements for an exhibition young Riddell at Independence. Mr. Riddell while in this section visited with his parents at Monmouth.



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GREEN RUNS FOR SUCCESS.
Certain professed poultry philosophers are preaching that poultry does as well on a bare yard as on a clean, green sod farm.
If their theory is not they at least add proof to the belief that the fowls aren't all dead yet.
There must be vegetable growth to take up the poison of fowl droppings, or the sick ground becomes a breeder of tuberculosis and cholera germs and incubator of tape, round and gape worms.
When greens are fed by hand they are not always before the fowls, may



Photo by C. M. Barnitz.

ON GREEN VELVET SOD.
Not be what it needs, nor be there when it needs them, nor in the shape to render them so digestible as when a fowl can pull them at pleasure, not speaking of the expense and bother of furnishing them in the unnatural way.

Growing greens attract worms and bugs, which make the fowls exercise and are necessary to their health, and this animal protein is much superior to even cut bone and to beef scrap and blood meal. The latter two products are often only dandy rot, fit only for fertilizer.

But why argue with hot air high-brows?
Cast not thy pearls before swineheads. Nature's habit for fowls is the green sward, with the green tree to afford shade and shelter from sun and storm and the crystal spring and animal and vegetable life for food and refreshment.



Photo by C. M. Barnitz.

A TUBERCULOSIS SHAMBLER.
ment, and the fancier who sticks close to nature has the fowls of vim and vigor and wins the long green.
Geese, ducks, chickens, turn grass into greenbacks. Grass saves grain, and the wise poultryman provides plenty of land, so that the ground is never eaten bare and thus a menace.

Our pictures tell the story. The first shows one of our yards.
Our flocks are known for vigor, egg capacity, and we are compelled to go elsewhere for subjects for post mortems there is so little disease.

The second shows a neighbor's hen yard. On this polluted yard he lost 18 of 108 chickens from tuberculosis and loss of chickens for keeps.

DON'TS.
Don't sit down and cry over a failure. Fowls don't cry when eggs don't hatch. They cackle and lay some more and try, try again. Go that and do likewise.
Don't be a pessimist. When it's cloudy, crow like a rooster; when others knock, be a bully booster.

Don't work without system. But be wary of those get-rich-quick poultry systems.
Don't let envy make life's cup bitter. Let not malice poison the chalice. If you would have life's cup sweet, let your help your fellow man along.

A LESSON FROM NATURE.
When the busy bee flies from flower to flower.
He's not on a pleasure tour. He's gathering honey to store away. To make the future sure.
When the old dog tries to hide a bone in the ground.
He's not doing that for fun. He'll dig it up that bone some other day. When his other bones are done.

When the turkey squawks, gathers, hokays and
It's not a ground stand play. He's storing food in the cooey nest. For the long, cold winter day.

And thus the man who is wise in his day
Will not be a hobbyist.
But he'll be building a bank account
And stacking the dollars high.
And thus when the winter of life shall come
He'll not be hungry and cold.
He'll sit in the warm and cut coupons
And draw on his reserve gold.
C. M. BARNITZ.

SANITATION OR RUINATION.
Fifth isn't just fifth, and the bad smell isn't the worst of it. Fifth means multiplying microbes, and with poultry that means tuberculosis, cholera, enteritis, white diarrhea, turkey blackhead.
Fifth is the breeder of gapeworms, tapeworms, round worms and the scaly leg parasite.

A hen can't roost above droppings and breathe the poisonous air without detriment. Nor can tender chicks and turkey poulters sleep in filthy coops or run on filthy ground and live or normally develop.

Feed and water contaminated with fifth are killers.

This is an age when the word sanitation has become ordinary. Sanitation is preached everywhere.

Sanitation as applied to poultry, young and old, means keep the house they live and sleep in clean, keep the vessels they eat and drink from clean, keep the ground on which they eat and run clean, and keep the fowls themselves as far as possible free from vermin.

Such preventive measures, coupled with pure food rightly fed to vigorous stock, insures maximum success.

Great mortality among chicks is nearly always the result of neglect of one or more of these precautions. We have seen parties buy high priced eggs from most vigorous pure bred stock and raise the worst of culls from the hatch because they raised them on the hog pen plan, but of course the fancier who sold the eggs was blamed.

Many people keep flocks that don't pay because they think it doesn't pay to take time to treat them decently, but if anything is worth doing at all it is worth doing right.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

Have you noticed many fanciers sell thirteen eggs for a setting and guarantee a lucky hatch from the thirteen and consider thirteen just the right number to set under a hen? Yet if these same fellows get show coop 13 or are asked to take room No. 13 at a hotel, most of them quickly get cold feet. Funny, isn't it?

Not counting feather beds, we hundred million Americans pillow our heads on about 300,000,000 pounds of feathers every night. These feathers wear out at the rate of about 20,000,000 pounds per year and that much pillow stuffing must be renewed every year. Now, we ought to gather that quickly from the millions of fowls eaten in this country, but no, we Americans are such frenzied feather fanciers that we throw millions of pounds of feathers on the dump and so and import vast quantities from foreign countries. Better call the fool killer.

"Home was not built in a day." That's a sentence from your old school grammar, but it applies to many projects today. You can't expect to build up a big poultry business and make six money the first year. Whoever heard of a millionaire poultryman? Did you? There's money in it, but not a million unless you break the record.

Pennsylvania has many big Leghorn farms along the New York line. These ship their eggs across to those egg loving New Yorkers, who are so stuck on white shelled eggs that they pay from 5 to 7 cents extra for them.

Michael Bewley of Powers Lane, Md., claims to have America's oldest hen. It was given him when he was a baby and is twenty years old. A hen of such antiquity need not fear that she will go to chicken heaven by the cook pot route unless she belongs to a preacher.

Fowls of broad shape and standard size are only produced year after year from pure bred, healthy, vigorous stock. Strong constitution is the foundation of strong reproductive power and is only achieved by careful breeding for a term of years.

The statement "All stock and eggs sold only from the farm" is appearing in many poultry advertisements. Yes, farm raised stock and eggs certainly have the edge on what is produced by the city lot canary cage plan.

A well grounded knowledge of the poultry business, willingness to work, a fair amount of working capital and ability to buy and sell are the chief requisites for successful entry into the poultry business. It is necessary also to state man or woman in sturdy harness in this business is a dismal failure.

When the little Leghorn roosters' combs turn over "top" look for life. Head lice will cause that, as will scurrying, colds, bad air from filthy quarters, and insufficient or nutritional feed. Keep well brown a rooster's comb, make it turn over and so weak on him that his tail will turn wry and he will finally turn up his toes.

Colic in Horses.
Horses should not take colic from eating corn if you gradually accustom them to this feed and allow it in the ear farm. Where horses have to eat corn off the cob they take it in smaller mouthfuls and chew it more thoroughly than when fed shelled corn. Ground feed is always liable to cause colic.

In government tests of feeds for work horses, made with artillery horses at Fort Riley, Kan., it has been found that the cheapest ration and the one which gave the largest gains consisted of eight pounds of corn, two pounds of oats and ten pounds of alfalfa hay and cost 13 cents per head per day. The tests were made with ten lots of horses, with about seventy-five in each lot, and seven lots containing from seventeen to twenty horses each. The gain made was 25.6 pounds per horse in 140 days.

A ration consisting of oats, corn, wheat bran and timothy hay in the ratio of 4:5:4:12 produced six pounds of gain in 120 days, and the animals showed the best condition of any in the test, but the ration cost 19 cents per day—Farm and Fireside.

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