

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Civil service examinations are scheduled in Portland on March 11 and April 5 and April 15.

Pendleton is renewing its efforts to obtain an additional appropriation for \$60,000 for a federal building, site for which was bought four years ago.

The federal department declines to change its plans of enlarging the dredge Chinook. It is declared in a message from Senator Chamberlain.

Senator Chamberlain has been made chairman of the senate subcommittee on commerce relating to Oregon and Washington.

Mrs. Agnes C. McFadden McElroy, widow of E. B. McElroy, for 12 years superintendent of public instruction for the state of Oregon, died at Portland after an illness of three weeks.

A movement is on foot in Silverton to invoke the referendum on the use of dogs in hunting birds, and sentiment seems strong in favor of abolishing the custom.

Frank S. Grant, former city attorney of Portland, has mailed his formal petition as a republican candidate for the office of attorney general to Secretary of State Olcott.

Representative Sinnott has asked the secretary of the interior to allow the homesteader to take his five months' annual absence in two periods instead of one as is now required.

Alleging that fraud was practiced in organizing the corporation of the town of West Woodburn, suit will be filed to annul the corporation on the request of Governor West.

The governor, secretary of state and treasurer of Oregon were put under arrest, nominally, for alleged violation of the law prohibiting employees of state institutions to work more than eight hours a day.

Portland will entertain Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston on the evening of January 30. The cabinet officers will be in Portland on that date to hear reasons for establishing a regional reserve bank in Portland.

Congressman Sinnott of Oregon is pushing a scheme to cut down the cost of living and make scientific farmers out of the school children of his district at the same time by urging the students in every school to organize a boys' and girls' poultry club.

A special election will be held in Columbia county February 2 for the purpose of voting on a bond issue to be devoted to the development of a system of permanent roads. The amount of the proposed issue is \$360,000.

Timber owners, loggers and lumber manufacturers of the Pacific north west will assemble in Portland on the evening of Monday, January 26, to discuss the depressed condition of the lumber industry with a view of finding a remedy.

That the growing of loganberries should become one of the most profitable industries of the Willamette valley was the opinion of 150 growers and dealers who met at Salem to devise means for better exploiting the fruit and obtaining adequate markets.

To co-operate with 10 other Willamette valley cities to test the eight hour working law, as applying to policemen, the Albany council has authorized Mayor Curl to pledge \$20 of city money towards a fund of \$200 to carry the case to the supreme court.

From January 10, 1910, to January 10, 1914, 450 contests were filed in the Roseburg land office. One hundred and eighty-five cases were tried and written opinions rendered. Of these 15 were reversed and 146 confirmed by the commission of the general land office or the secretary of the interior.

The Deschutes railroad company has been granted the right to enter about 15 acres of public land in The Dalles land district for use in connection with the equipment of its station at Hunter Ferry, the principal wheat shipping point on the line and the largest receiving station for livestock.

On recommendation of Senator Chamberlain, the order to deport 12 Jewish immigrants detained at Ellis Island has been suspended. The immigrants intended to come to Oregon. It was said, and Mr. Chamberlain had been advised \$1000 had been put up with Ben Selling of Portland as a guaranty against the immigrants becoming public charges.

So thoroughly convinced is he that the industrial department of the county schools will become one of the most important features, Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has announced he has decided that an entire week should be devoted to alfalfa study by the children this year, instead of one day, as originally planned.

Portland on Saturday experienced the worst January wind storm in 34 years. With the barometer down to 29 and a 35 mile south gale blowing, as recorded by the delicate instruments at the local weather bureau, roofs were torn off buildings, telegraph and electric light poles were snapped like pipestems, trees were stripped clean of their branches and hats were sent flying.

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## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF A HEN

Statistics have proved over and over that the Missouri hen is a bigger revenue giver than any other crop, but the Oregon Hen occupies no such pedestal of fame. There is no material reason either, why the Oregon feathered biped should not even surpass her Missouri sister. Climatic conditions in our own state are much better not only for prodigious egg production, but chick raising as well.

Take the matter of education and environment alone, (for those things go to make up a perfect hen as well as her two-legged compatriot, man,) she is by far and away ahead of the Missouri product.

What eastern hen can look forward to, and try to attain the near-perfection exhibited by that biddy from the Oregon Agricultural College, that laid nearly 300 eggs in one year.

Just think what would have been the progeny of that one hen if every egg had been set and a goodly per cent hatched in that time. Good Heavens, what could Oregon do with a 1000 such hens? 300,000 eggs, 250,000 chicks, and the second year, (if only one half were roosters) 125,000 hens, 37,500,000 eggs; 25,000,000 chicks, and the third year, give it up! The eggs would be piled higher and whiter than old Mt. Jeff, while every man, woman and child would have enough money to go to the San Francisco Fair.

It is stated by several men in the far East, who are well versed in hen lore and traditions, that a hen is a great deal like a human being, she does better work, i. e., lays more, bigger and more productive eggs if her mind is in a happy mood. Some go even farther and say that our hens should be entertained on stormy days. That lively tunes and cheerful conversation, interlarded with a few choice jokes now and then, will help wonderfully to keep the egg basket full in the winter.

What a chance Stayton, as well as other small towns is missing. Just see the effect on the egg production alone, if more of our social duties were performed in the henhouse, or better still bring biddy into the parlor. The Ladies' Club could stand a few old hens, especially if the prospect of angel-food cake in the winter was in prospect. And then the men, we are sure that there is nothing funnier and more amusing to a hen than to sit and watch four grown men try to break a table with their fists in a warm game of "Pedro." The epithets, alone would fairly make tears of joy flow from the eyes of most any old hen. How comfortable it would feel too, to know that one had helped fill the egg box and incidentally the purse.

Besides, what innumerable chances we miss to entertain the hen when young folks assemble to pull off a stunt of some sort. Old Domineck would fairly cackle with delight, and no doubt try and lay TWO eggs if she could see what we have seen not many moons ago. But why continue, we think that it has been proved to any reasonable mortal that the road to wealth and ease lays within easy reach of any one who will carefully follow these simple directions.

It may be added that a hen will eat almost anything. She had just as soon peck a hole in a nice juicy pie that had been set on the back porch to cool, as to go to the trouble to hunt up a wiggly worm. So don't listen too much to the food faddists about hen-diet etc. Just give her good wholesome food and plenty of entertainment. Keep her jolly. Make her cackle. Tickle her fancy, and the eggs will come, just as sure as it rains in Oregon in the winter.

We will state right here and with emphasis that we are not selling hen farms or stump land, but we will say with the poet "My kingdom for a hen."

## ADVERTISE STAYTON A LITTLE

The Editor of the Mail has received a "Buy your Ticket 1915, via Oregon" cut, and we have fixed up a return card for envelopes that one can see almost across the street. We are printing these envelopes in small lots at 50 cents per 100, or if anyone will order 250 or more we will print their name in the blank space. The sample below explains itself. Fifty cents could not well be better invested than in 100 of these envelopes. Just call at the Mail office and leave your half dollar, we will do the rest.

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## Rock Point

Robert Brown and wife visited at the F. M. Fresh home Wednesday.

Mrs. J. T. Hunt visited friends in Salem a few days this week.

J. T. Hunt and W. H. Downing were transacting business in Salem Friday.

The remains of the late Mr. Pottroff, who died at Oroville California, January 15, were brought here for burial.

Antone Lozer visited his cousin Mike Raehm Sunday.

Jennie King visited at the F. M. Fresh home one evening this week.

Jake Schmitt is working for C. P. Darst.

Norris Frank and Willie Smoke spent Sunday at the L. O. Reynolds home.

M. W. Hunt of Salem is spending a few days visiting his brother J. T. Hunt.

Mrs. C. J. Hunt is on the sick list this week.

W. H. Downing is the owner of a new Buick five passenger touring car.

James Gibson and Mike Raehm spent Monday evening with the Schmitt Bros.

Mrs. L. M. White and baby are visiting at the J. T. Hunt home this week.

Ben Klecker and wife are visiting relatives in Portland this week.

C. P. Darst butchers some fine porker Tuesday.

## Turner Tidings

Dick Waggoner was called to Portland Monday to relieve a sick section foreman.

Mr. Barnes and family will move to Portland about the 26th of this month.

G. F. Booth was in Jefferson Thursday and Friday of last week.

Miss Fisher of Salem assumed the duties of High School teacher Monday.

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BOARD BY THE DAY OR THE WEEK

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The Parent-Teacher Club held its 1st regular meeting, since organizing, Friday with a large attendance and a good program.

The Invincibles of the M. E. Sunday School held a meeting Friday evening at the home of J. M. Bones. The class elected new officers for the year and enrolled another new member.

## School Notes

Mrs. A. W. Cornish and Miss Ella Williams visited Miss Hollister's room last week.

The Parent-Teacher Meeting will be held in the school house Friday night. A good program is being prepared by the teachers of the different grades.

Heit Pancoast was absent from school last week on account of sickness. Miss Theresa Fehlen visited the High School Tuesday.

Miss Katherine J. Kelly, School Nurse representing Oregon State Board of Health visited the school Wednesday and inspected the grounds, buildings, water and pupils. Miss Kelly reports that buildings and grounds are in a sanitary condition.

## GROOM THE KIDS

At a recent meeting of the managers of the Oregon State Fair, arrangements were made for an Eugenic exposition this year. The age limit will be the same as last year, from 12 to 48 months, and the boy and girl winning the championship prizes will be rewarded by a trip to the San Francisco Exposition in 1915, including all expenses for one week. O. M. Plummer, manager of this department, states that he has served notice on the whole United States that Oregon is going to send to San Francisco two of the finest babies and he expects, if the other states accept the challenge, to see there a collection of 100 of the most perfect children in the world.