

CLACKAMAS COUNTY NEWS

Mulino.

Everybody seems to be very thankful that the thunder storm quit so suddenly. Mrs. E. Dodge is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodside. Miss Bertha Herron and Jot Mallatt were the guests of Agnes Wallace last Sunday.

Rural Dell.

Mr. Beede made a trip to Woodburn today. Charles Beede is quite sick with the measles. Howard Ogle is very low at present. Dr. Weaver, of Hubbard, called to see him on Saturday.

Wilsonville.

Frog Pond school will give a picnic next Saturday. A general good time is expected by everybody. Wilsonville school is preparing for an ice cream social and entertainment at the close of school.

Liberal.

Grandma Bruce is no better, and there are no hopes of her recovery. Mrs. Schultz, of Portland, is waiting on her at present. Leslie Look is planting potatoes, and will finish this week. Fall wheat is heading out and the heads are very short.

School Report.

The following is the report of the Liberal school, district No. 36, for the month ending May 24th: Days' attendance, 207. Days' absence, 44. Times tardy, 5. No. pupils enrolled, 13. Average daily attendance, 10.

Elwood.

The Elwood woodchoppers were home Sunday from the camps. Nelson Boylan, formerly of this place, but now residing at Oatlin, Wash., writes to friends requesting them to sell his place, also five head of cattle. Prices at the Elwood postoffice.

Eagle Creek.

The friends of Miss Emma Forrester gave her a very pleasant surprise party on the 18th. Each one took a lunch and they pieced a block for a quilt for their hostess. Dinner was served in the yard under the cherry trees, which was very novel as well as appetizing.

Garfield.

Miss Ethel Jones and Miss Cretia Lemon have returned to their homes after spending some time in Eastern Oregon. Sheep shearing is the order of the day.

Canby.

Frank Wolgamot came up from Portland Tuesday to see his mother. Mr. Shrigley and wife will remain with Mrs. Wolgamot until fall, when other arrangements will be made for her and Clayton.

Writing for repairs on the steam shovel.

Otto Vorpahl lost a valuable horse this week with heart disease. Jay Cook and family moved to Newburg Thursday. Joseph Cook and wife will remain with their daughter, Mrs. Hinshaw.

Neely.

Lewis Spangle is home from Gold Hill. Charles Molson is building an addition to his residence. A. G. Thompson is home from California, where he has been attending Stanford University.

Redland.

We are sorry to report that Miss Maude Stone had to go to Portland to have his eye treated, the after effect of the measles. E. N. Brock is slowly recovering. Miss McIntyre is improving, but she is still in Portland.

A car load of milk crocks just received and will sell at 8c per gallon. W. L. Block, the Homefurnisher.

Shubel.

Boys, get your oans ready, there's going to be another wedding soon. The fruit crop will not be as heavy as it was thought it would be. Wheat is beginning to head. Prospects are good, but considerable complaint is being made about wild peas in the oats.

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas. In the matter of the estate of Fredrick Bullard, deceased.

JUDGING AT POULTRY SHOWS

Method of Scoring According to the Standard-Specimen Card.

At all poultry shows, fall and winter, so-called poultry judges, men who are well versed in the standard requirements and who make it a business of judging poultry, either by comparing two or more birds together or by use of what is called a score card, judge the fowls on exhibition, and the cash premiums or prize ribbons are given to the birds that come nearest to perfection—that is, to standard requirements. Comparison judging, as it is called, is the popular method at the fall fairs, mainly from the fact that poultry at that season of the year is not in the pink of condition for exhibition purposes.

A. P. A. STANDARD SCORE CARD.

Table with columns: Variety, Light Brahma, Ser, Cockerel, Entry No., Ring No., Weight, 104, Typical Carriage, Breast, Color, Condition, Body and Fluff, Comb, Eyes, Wings, Head, Tail, Wattles, Earlobes, Legs and Toes, Neck, Chest and Head, Hardness of Feather.

This is a duplicate of an actual card made out for a particular bird which scored 94 1/2 points—that is, in the estimation of Judge Emry this specimen came within 5 1/2 points of perfection, which is represented by 100 points.

Poultry in Early California Times.

The original parentage of all the choice fowls in the Pacific coast states of today came from breeders east of the Rocky mountains, and it might be said they came overland, as but few were brought around the Horn or by way of Panama and those only that were of the first importations.

The Bare Craze.

The Belgian bare craze reminds me of the carp craze of 20 years ago, when every man with a pond could raise his own meat. But where are the carp and the carp ponds now? Gone glimmering. A hundred farmers in the country where I live had carp ponds. There is not a carp pond left now, and the carp is exterminated, erased.

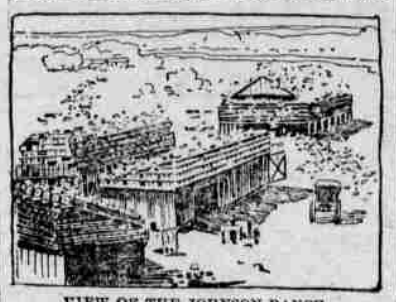
"Biddie" Wants Comfort.

In building a poultry house make the comfort of your fowls the first consideration and attractive appearance the second. "Biddie" cares not little for beautiful and attractive house so long as they are comfortable.

THOUSANDS OF PIGEONS.

California Has the Largest Pigeon Ranch in the World.

Ten thousand flying pigeons and 5,000 little ones in the nests present the unique spectacle shown in the accompanying illustration of the largest pigeon ranch in the world, says a correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald. It is located at Los Angeles, Cal., and from a small beginning has developed into a pretentious institution, from which squabs and grown birds are furnished for cafe and family tables all over California.



VIEW OF THE JOHNSON RANCH.

Dogs the visitor finds himself inside a bewildering mass of life and color in kaleidoscopic change. Add to this a constant roar of cooing and of myriad flapping of wings and it becomes indescribably confusing. There are pigeons everywhere. The shed roofs are crowded with them; the ground is covered with them. They rise in swarms and darken the sun like a cloud.

There is no attempt to breed pure strains there, though the owner markets the dark squabs and saves the light ones, the object being to eventually make the whole flock light colored. The white birds make a better appearance when dressed and find more ready sale. The flock is increased by hundreds every day in the year. At the age of 20 days the squab is fully grown and feathered, and if it escapes the market it is soon on the wing. Each afternoon Johnson and his son go through the buildings and take from the nests enough of the fat squabs to fill orders for the next day. Early in the morning they are killed by disjuncting their necks, dressed and delivered.

The pigeons are well housed in three large buildings. In each of the sheds, running lengthwise and extending from ground to roof, are tiers of shelves, with narrow passageways between. On these shelves, loosely placed, are little square boxes turned upside down, with small apertures for doors. These are the nesting places, and the largest of the buildings has 2,000 inside and 1,000 outside. The others have nearly as many. But the pigeons form nests and lay eggs everywhere, in the passageways, on the floor and even on the roofs or in any stray nook where a few straws can be gathered together.

In one of the long sheds 1,000 oil cans are utilized as boxes, the sides and ends being made entirely of them, laid like bricks in a wall, each with the open end inward. Through the center of the shed runs a double tier of the same material, facing opposite ways and extending to the roof. In these oil cans a colony of 3,000 pigeons is comfortably stowed away.

Eggs in Winter.

The whole problem of winter feeding for eggs can be expressed in one short sentence—turn winter into summer. This is easy to say, but very hard to accomplish, and the best we can do is to supply some of the conditions which exist in summer.

The first essential is warmth, but it must not be supplied by artificial heat, as this makes the fowls tender and susceptible to colds, but by warm houses, to keep out wind and frost and conserve the natural heat of the birds.

Dryness is next to be considered, and this is best brought about by keeping the house clean and the floor well littered with straw and some absorbent material like chaff. Also ventilate a little by opening them a little, according to the weather. This will carry out moisture, purify the air and keep the fowls accustomed to the outdoor temperature, so they will not be affected so much by extremely cold spells.—H. J. Blanchard.

Drafts and Roup.

Allowing birds their liberty will make them healthier, more vigorous and will be beneficial in every way. They should not be confined at any time in the year when the weather will permit of their living outside. Many of us have no doubt put off making necessary repairs to buildings. One or two cracks in the side of a house or a broken window may give the cold winds a chance to start a cold which will develop into roup and exterminate the flock. If any of the birds are affected in this manner, they should be separated from the well ones and treated for the trouble.—Thomas F. Rigg in American Poultry Journal.

Cleanliness in Poultry Houses.

People who clean their poultry houses but once a year in "corn planting time" are those whom you hear telling "there is no money in poultry keeping," says Henry Trafford of Chenango Forks, N. Y. Poultry will stand confinement and do well provided they receive proper care. Note the conditions which surround fowls with free range. They have an abundance of green food, more or less grain, many insects, plenty of exercise and fresh air. These essentials must be supplied them when confined.

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