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Poultrymen of Mountain View, Cal., claim to have developed a breed of chickens that have red, white and blue feathers, and they call it the "Patriot."

The general traits and feeding habits as well as needs of chickens, ducks and geese are so different that it is quite impossible to get the best results from all three classes when they are housed in the same quarters.

A good idea of the returns that are at present being received by the owners of California grape ranches is shown in the receipt of $7,000 for the product of thirty acres of Thompson seedless by a grower living not far from Modisto.

It would be an interesting study to trace the causes of the deterioration of the human race from the time that the "Germani" of Caesar used to bathe in the rivers in midwinter to the present, when many take soapstones to bed with them when it is 10 above zero and have five quilts for a covering.

To prevent damage to orchard trees by the few rabbits that may have escaped gun or trap a few limbs of poplar or alder should be scattered on the runs where the rodents enter the orchard. They are fond of the bark of both of these and will usually strip it off before touching the trunk of the fruit trees.

At the southern corn show, which was held recently at Atlanta, Ga., the first prize for yield in the boys and girls' corn growing clubs was awarded to a Miss Hyanie of Raymond, Coweta county, Ga., who is credited with having grown an average yield of 133 bushels per acre. The next best yield was secured by a boy who reported 130 bushels per acre.

Owing to their heavy natural coat of wool, breeding ewes do not require the same degree of protection during the winter as do brood sows, but their housing should be so arranged that they can have a dry bed in which to rest during the day and sleep at night and will be sheltered from direct winds and sleet or rains. If these conditions are provided they should be allowed to range at will during the day and will be much the better for the exercise which they get.

From figures recently published by the census bureau appear abundant reasons why turkeys for the gracing of the Thanksgiving and Christmas tables have been from 20 to 30 cents a pound instead of from 12 to 18 cents, as used to be the case some years ago. These figures show that in 1910 there were 3,668,769 turkeys on the farms of the country, while in 1900 there were 6,594,095. If this movement should continue for another ten years we won't be able to touch a turkey with a ten foot pole.

The Colorado experiment station has tried a number of methods of exterminating prairie dogs and other grain eating pests and has found the following dope the most satisfactory: To sixteen quarts of corn or other small grain add one ounce of strychnia sulphate, one teaspoonful of sirup and one quart of boiling water. Stir the grain until all of it is moistened and then distribute in the places desired where poultry or other stock cannot get at it. The same bait is excellent for pocket gophers, the grain being inserted in the runways.

An interesting feature in connection with an international egg laying contest which is being conducted at the Storrs Agricultural college in Connecticut is that all of the pens of laying hens are housed in the open or in fully ventilated quarters, care being taken only to see that no direct drafts strike the fowls while roosting at night. It was thought by some that if the Leghorns and like breeds were given these conditions that they would do mighty little laying. But it is turning out that to date at least these very hens are shelling out the most eggs.

A friend who tried most all combinations of feeds for his flock of hens finally caused them to get down to business by cutting out a good deal of the corn which they had been getting and substituting in place of it bran, skimmilk and tankage, the kind that is put up at the packing houses as a feed for hogs and poultry. When the hens had been on this ration for a short time they surpassed in egg production any previous record. The better results secured were not due to the fact that the latter ration was particularly expensive, but simply to the other fact that it was a ration that gave the biddies the food elements they needed in egg production.

A good many people get into all kinds of trouble by trying to maintain an angel's food type of living on a gingerbread or corn bread salary. It is the same kind of folks who sport an automobile when they could hardly pay for a Shetland pony outfit.

Potato raisers in the United States will have to take a back seat, for here comes a report that a trucker in Alaska cleared $3,700 from three acres planted to spuds. It is quite likely, in the absence of definite evidence to the contrary, that the sale price was the important factor in determining the return from this tract.

It is estimated that as a result of extensive drainage projects which have been started in southern Louisiana 9,000,000 acres of the most fertile land in the world will be rendered productive and that the annual value of the crops that can be raised on these redeemed lands will be worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Those Medicine Hat blizzards usually strike the states east of the great continental divide the same week that the folks living in this blast stricken area get word from their friends spending the winter in California about having green peas and new potatoes for dinner and home grown roses or other flowers on the sitting room tables.

A scientific study of the fungous diseases which attack potatoes tends to greatly strengthen the practice of importing seed from sections considerably north of the point where the planting is to be done. In the case of securing new seed corn experience has proved it generally unwise to ship it from any distance either north or south, but that it can safely be brought from points east or west for a distance of from 200 to 300 miles.

The difference between the grade of butter known as "western extras," which is now topping the market at close to 40 cents, and the poorer grade of uncertain pedigree, which is rank and loud and sells for not more than half as much, is just a matter of dirt and carelessness. The dirt gets into the milk while it is being taken from the cows and by being handled in dirty utensils, and carelessness is pretty thoroughly mixed in with the dirt.

It is a fact doubtless not generally known that for many years prior to the early seventies the postal rate on merchandise used to be 8 cents a pound, or just half what it is today. At about that time some one supposed to be financially interested in the express companies got this rate changed to 16 cents a pound, and here it has stuck ever since. It would be interesting to know the number of millions of dollars that this one simple change in postal rates has extorted from the people of the country in the interval since.

Professor Bolley of the North Dakota Agricultural college, who has achieved a national reputation in connection with his discoveries in regard to the causes and cure for flax wilt and his discovery of the formaldehyde treatment to prevent smut in small grain, urges rotation of crops for the simple reason that it tends to insure soil sanitation. He explains the meaning of this phrase by saying that rotation of crops tends to hold in check the various fungous pests that do great damage where the same crop is grown on a piece of land during successive years.

The individual gas heating and light plant for the country or town home is a mighty nice thing, but often very dangerous. An Illinois farmer installed one not long ago, and the other day when he was away from the house the plant exploded, wrecking his home and killing his daughter and sister and severely injuring his wife and other children. The gas plant was in the basement. The top of the container became loose and filled the basement with gas, which spread to and was ignited by an open fire in the kitchen above. As before stated, a gas plant is a nice thing, but, like a Jersey bull, it will bear close watching.

A group of American and Canadian capitalists will shortly establish in Brazil the largest beef producing plant in the world. The syndicate has bought 9,000,000 acres of land of the Brazilian government on which cattle can range the year around without danger from freezing or storms. The project will be started with the largest number of cattle it is possible to buy, and its capacity is placed at 500,000 head. The headquarters of the company will be Sao Paulo, 250 miles north of Buenos Aires. Murdo McKenzie of Colorado, a former president of the National Stockmen's association, will head the company at a salary of $50,000 a year.

Announcement has been made recently of the discovery of half a dozen lemon trees in the citrus fruit belt in southern California that bear fruit of an almost completely seedless type. The owner of the ranch on which these trees are located is not sure of the exact origin of the scions from which the trees in question developed, but believes they were from stock imported from southern Europe. The seedless lemon produced by these trees is of good size, full of juice and of excellent quality. A seedless lemon is an object that has been long sought, and it is predicted that within a few years this seedless variety will supplant the common kind, just as some years ago the navel orange took the place of the seeded fruit.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Hood River County.

Sidney B. Carnine, Plaintiff.

vs.

Adelia A. Stranahan, Ella May Jones, A. B. Jones, Albert K. Stranahan, Correan Stranahan, Ethel Anderson, Roy Anderson, May Mottishaw, Fred Mottishaw, Clinton Mooney, Bessie Mooney, Hope Mooney, a minor, Elmer E. McCray, guardian of Hope Mooney, a minor, David E. Berdan, Addie Berdan, Anton Knudson, Ole Knudson, Knute Knudson, Mary Rude, and Christian Rude, Defendants.

To Ethel Anderson, Roy Anderson, May Mottishaw, Fred Mottishaw, Hope Mooney, a minor, David E. Berdan, Addie Berdan, Ole Knudson and Knute Knudson, defendants, impleaded with the other defendants above named, and to each of you:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you, and each of you, in this Court, in the above entitled suit, on or before the last day of six consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons, as hereinafter stated, and if you fail to do so, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to this Court for the relief demanded in his said Complaint, and will take judgment for the reformation of three certain deeds of conveyance constituting a continuous chain of title, by amending and correcting the erroneous description of land contained in and running down through all of said deeds, so that the same will conform to the real and true intent of the parties thereto, and the said description therein read as follows:

Commencing at the quarter section corner on the south side of section 35 in township 3, north, range 10, east of Willamette Meridian, and run thence north along the quarter section line running north and south through said section 35, a distance of 18.65 chains, more or less, to the point marking the northwest corner of the tract of land owned by George H. Steinhoff and Edith O. Steinhoff, husband and wife, and run thence south, 89.08' east, along the north boundary of said Steinhoff's land a distance of 3.50 chains, more or less, to the southeast corner of the tract of land owned by Bertha E. Glass, for the point of commencement of the tract hereby described; thence running northerly along the east boundary of said Glass' land 4 chains, more or less, to the southwest corner of the tract of land now owned by George Walter Lawrence; thence running easterly along the south boundary of said Lawrence's land 11 chains, more or less, to the southeast corner thereof; thence running south parallel to the said east boundary of said Glass' land 4 chains, more or less, to a point in the road known as the Avalon Way, south, 89 08' east of the point of commencement; thence north, 89 08' west 11 chains, more or less, to the point of commencement.

Said deeds being: One from O. L. Stranahan and wife to David E. Berdan, dated February 20, 1902, recorded in Hood River County Deed Records Volume K, page 396; one from David E. Berden and wife to Christian Knudson, dated August 18, 1902, recorded in Volume A, page 575, same records; and one from Christian Knudson to Sidney B. Carnine, dated October 7, 1907, recorded in Volume L, page 626, same records.

Those of you found by the Court in its decree to be chargeable with that duty will be required to make and deliver new deeds of the form, substance and intent of such said originals described above, but containing such corrected and reformed description, within a definitely fixed time after the entry of such decree, or in case of failure so to do, such decree to stand as and for such new conveyance.

Plaintiff also prays that the cloud upon his title to said land, caused by said incorrect and defective deeds, be removed and that his said title be forever quieted against you; and for other equitable relief.

You are hereby served by publication of this Summons by order of the Hon. Geo. D. Culbertson, County Judge of Hood River County, Oregon, entered December 18th, 1911, which order prescribed that you shall appear and answer the complaint on or before the last day of six consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and you are further notified that the date of the first publication of this summons is December 20, 1911.

GEORGE R. WILBUR,
Hood River, Oregon,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

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"K" C. A. R. List 6-576.

Restoration to Entry of Lands in National Forest

Notice is hereby given that the lands described below, embracing 10 acres, within the Oregon National Forest, Oregon, will be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States and the act of June 11, 1906, (34 Stat., 233), at the United States land office at The Dalles, Oregon, on April 3, 1912. Any settler who was actually and in good faith claiming any of said lands for agricultural purposes prior to January 1, 1906, and has not abandoned same, has a preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were listed upon the applications of the persons mentioned below, who have a preference right subject to the prior right of any such settler, provided such settler or applicant is qualified to make homestead entry and the preference right is exercised prior to April 3, 1912, on which date the lands will be subject to settlement and entry by any qualified person. The lands are as follows: The SE¼ of SE¼ of SW¼, Sec. 12, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., W. M., 10 acres, application of Harry S. Crouse, of The Dalles, Oregon; List 6-576.

S. V. PROUDFIT,
Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office
Approved December 19, 1911.
CARMI A. THOMPSON,
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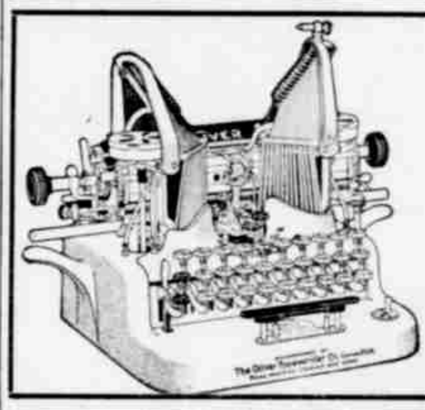

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