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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 Modesto.

It would be an interesting study to trace the causes of the deterioration of the human race from the time that the "German" 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 Hyatt 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 3,068,709 turkeys on the farms of the country, while in 1900 there were 3,594,005. If this movement should continue for another ten years we wouldn'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 six level quarts of corn or other small grain add one ounce of strychnine 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, skim milk 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.

In latitudes liable to frozen drain-pipes it is well during the coldest weather to put some salt on the sink strainers and pour a quantity of hot water through. If the pipes are nearly clogged this will tend to clean them out, while if they are stopped up the salt will help to melt them out.

It is rather a strange coincidence that for the three winters past, including the present, the lowest temperatures through the north central states have been recorded between the 5th and 7th of January, temperatures of from 20 to 30 degrees below zero having been registered in this brief interval.

Perhaps in no case does the proverb "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" apply with greater force than in the case of the flock of poultry. It is both cheaper and easier to take the simple necessary precautions to insure the health of the flock than to correct matters after a disease gets a foothold, for after poultry get sick the simplest and often the cheapest cure is to knock them on the head and bury them.

A disease which has been prevalent among the cattle and horses of eastern Oregon for the past year and a half and had been dubbed the "walking sickness" has been lately diagnosed as plain hydrophobia, following a recent investigation into the malady by the state bacteriologist, Professor Pernot. A curious feature of the disease seems to be an attempt on the part of affected animals to follow moving objects. Invariably the disease has been fatal.

On Dec. 27 a good many people gathered on a farm near Raymondville, Tex., to witness the dynamiting of five acres of land, the treatment being given for the purpose of increasing its productive capacity. Holes were bored forty feet apart over this tract and to a depth of five feet, and in these the charges of dynamite were placed and exploded. It is claimed by those who were in charge of the experiment that this treatment will increase the capacity of the soil to hold moisture and will make possible more perfect sub-drainage.

The wheat producing territory of the world is so distributed that there is not a month in the year but the harvesting of the cereal is in progress somewhere. It begins in January in Australia and Argentina and for the remaining months is carried on successively in East India and upper Egypt, lower Egypt, Asia Minor and Mexico, Algeria, central Asia and China, southern France and the southern United States, southern Europe and the central United States, northern central Europe, England, Canada and the Dakotas, Norway, Sweden and north Russia, Peru and South Africa, and winds up in December in Burma and Argentina.

The brown or corn bread that is the natural complement of a ration of pork and beans is said to have been first made by a Boston baker in 1746 in an effort to find a cheaper substitute for the white bread, which had become a luxury owing to the high price of wheat. While it was designed originally as a ration for the poorer classes, it took so well that it became highly prized by both rich and poor. The following is said to be the recipe for this original brown bread: Take two cupsful of Indian meal, two cupsful of rye or wheat flour, two cupsful of sour milk, one cupful each of sweet milk and molasses, two teaspoonfuls of soda and two of salt. Steam three hours in a covered tin inside a large covered vessel, then half an hour more with the inside cover off.

The fine quality of many a big churning in co-operative creameries is ruined through the addition to the cream of a single mess of dirty cream slipped into the gatherer's tank by some careless or dirty patron. Where such a mess of cream is stirred into a large vat of cream and is allowed to ripen before churning the contamination is spread to the whole mass, and when this churning of butter gets to market the price may be knocked from 2 to 4 cents a pound because of the rankness which has been imparted. Level headed creamery managers and their butter-makers should have their drivers keep close tab on these dirty patrons, with orders to refuse dirty cream or that from the milk of cows too far advanced in their period of lactation for their milk to be sweet and usable. If these precautions were taken thousands of dollars would be saved for the patrons of co-operative creameries in the course of a year.

If the California Fruit Growers' exchange has a pretty effective monopoly in the handling and marketing of citrus fruits, as contended by some market papers that are decidedly partial to jobbers and middle men as a class, it is a situation that these latter people are chiefly and directly responsible for. Time was, and that but a few years ago, when, to use an agricultural figure, the jobbers and commission men as well as the railroads "played horse" with the orange and lemon growers of California. It took the latter quite awhile to get wise to what ailed them; then they got tired, later fighting mad, organized, and the Fruit Growers' exchange is the result. The same provocation and much the same results in co-operative effort along the marketing line are to be noted in half a dozen or more other fruit growing lines. It is simply a case where the middlemen have killed the geese that laid the golden egg.

A COSTLY LESSON.

The writer has in mind a pretty level headed orchard owner who somehow got the idea that the chaps who are in charge of the horticultural work at his own and other state agricultural colleges were impractical and did not know what they were talking about when they laid much stress on the importance of a thorough spraying with arsenate of lead within ten days after the petals fall. This was in the season of 1910. Acting on his own belief in the matter, he delayed his first spraying for the codling moth until the little calyx cup was closed and the apples were about two-thirds of an inch through. The theory of the college men was amply justified in the fall, when this orchardist had no end of worms, which converted what would have been fancy box stuff into cheap stuff for a canning factory. It is needless to say that this experience was not repeated.

A WINNING COMBINATION.

A friend, a banker, living in a section where alfalfa and corn do well and silos have been built the past season for the first time states that some farmers of his section have some doubts whether the silo is advisable in case of the man who does not care to take up dairying, but does want to raise beef cattle. The writer would suggest that any doubts these farmers may have along this line be put aside, for if the extensive feeding experiments which have been conducted by many experiment stations make any one point clear it is that the cheapest as well as the best beef in the world is produced in those sections where both corn and alfalfa can be grown and where the corn crop is put into the silo for safe keeping. It is our opinion that these fellows are in clover in very truth and the sooner they get those silos built the better it will be.

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By virtue of an order of license to sell real property duly made and filed by the County Judge of the County of Hood River County, State of Oregon, dated the 26th day of January, 1912, in the matter of the guardianship of Lawrence O. Jones and Nellie R. Jones, minors, now pending in said court.

Notice is hereby given, that I will on the 1st day of March, 1912, at the front door of the Court House, in the City of Hood River, in said County and State at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, an undivided one-fifth (1-5) interest in and to the following described real property situated in the County of Hood River, State of Oregon, to-wit:

The East one-half (E 1/2) of the Southwest quarter (SW 1/4) and lots three (3) and four (4) all in Section Seven (7) Township One (1) South, Range Ten (10) East of Willamette Meridian, containing 140.20 acres more or less. Also three shares each of the capital stock of Middle Fork Irrigating Company, per value \$10.00 a share, which should be treated as appurtenant to said real property and which has been heretofore sold and conveyed as a part of the same.

Dated January 27th, 1912.

JOSUE L. SMITH, Guardian of Lawrence O. Jones and Nellie R. Jones, Minors.

L. A. & A. P. REED, Attorneys.

"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., 223), at the United States 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 SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, 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, Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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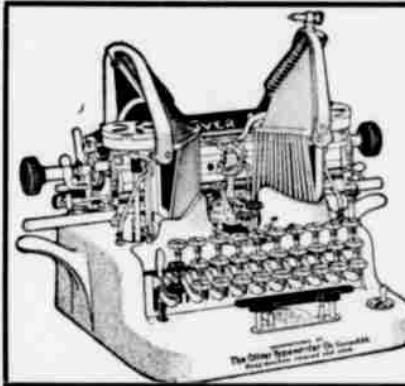
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