

ROOSTERS STRUT
HENS ADMIRE

Chanticleer, Least Marketable
of All, Is Cock of Walk in
Display of Fowls.

FOWLS' 400 SHOW OFF

Exhibit of Oregon Poultry and Pet
Association Includes 1200 Out of
1,753,234 Members of Hen
Family in State.

BY ADDISON BINNETT.
Many conventions have been held in
Portland during the year, but only the
months to come, but one of the most
important of them all is the one now
in full swing at the corner of Third
and Pine streets, under the unfinished
Multnomah Hotel.

It is a convention of the egg pro-
ducers of the Northwest, but only the
elite and elect are in attendance, the
400, so to speak, of those that make
it possible to have bacon and ham
on our bills of fare, those who are
responsible for the ground work of
the omelette and the frame work of the
Tom and Jerry and the egg nog.

All day yesterday, the active master
of ceremonies was busy registering the
guests and assigning them to their
quarters, as he had been busy since
Saturday. This gentleman's name is
S. E. Smith, and they call him secretary.

Looking over the entry books, or
rather the register, I noted the follow-
ing well-known names, with one com-
ing in every hour: Bl. Minorca and
family; S. L. Wyandotte, husband and
children; L. Brahma and relatives; S.
P. Hamburg, B. P. Rock and G. P.
Hamburg, with their uncles, aunts,
cousins and nephews; B. Andalusian, P.
P. Rock and S. P. F. Rock and their
children and male escorts; W. Minorca
and B. Spanish and friends; Mr. and
Mrs. C. P. Rock; P. and Cal. Wyandotte
and relatives; W. P. Rock and
G. L. Reda and their chapters; W. H. Langshan,
male escort and relative; S. G. Dorking,
B. Cochon, P. G. Bantam and friends,
B. and P. Orpington and families, B. Orpington and S. C. Ancona,
brothers and sisters; S. C. W. Leghorn,
W. Leghorn, B. Leghorn, S. C. B. Leghorn
and D. C. Leghorn and a whole platoon of
lesser Leghorns; W. Langshan and B. P.
Langshan, and many other Langshans, and
also the Game family, including the cele-
brated Pit Game and C. I. Game.

All primed for show.
In all there were over 1200 members
of the above families, and each one of
them, from the youngest to the oldest,
from the smallest to the largest, was
dressed in his or her best apparel. And
such priming and penning, such brush-
ing and combing, such washing and
scouring had been done that even the
best friends of the visitors would
hardly have recognized them at home.

As a setting there were many mem-
bers of the pigeon and pheasant fam-
ilies, and many of the Duck and Goose
tribes. And in the way of embellish-
ments there were incubators, brood-
ers, feeders and feeders, roosts and nests
and care-alls.

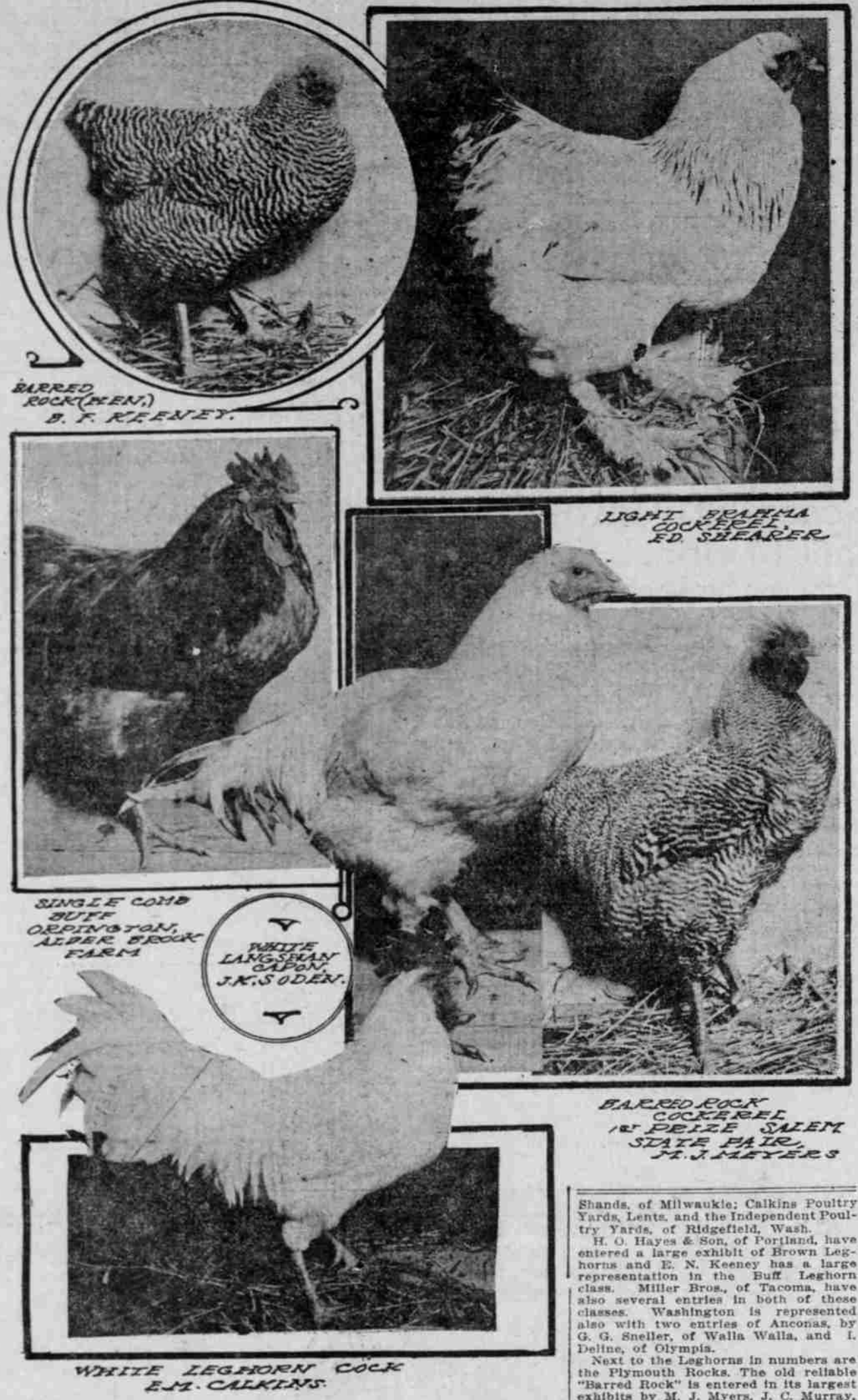
And not a word had been said about
the noise the male visitors, rather the
male delegates, were making; but the
reader knows that the average "male
hen" is the noisiest fellow on earth,
considering his size and his excuse for
making a noise. In fact, there has as
yet been discovered no valid excuse
for allowing the rooster to live be-
yond the cockerel age, beyond the time
when he sheds his baby teeth, the time
when he is in his prime, and when he is
in a stew, glibly when roosted.

Chanticleer Mostly Bluff.
To watch one of these male escorts
running at large, with a coterie of ad-
miring femininity around him, one
would imagine that he was the most
useful as well as the most admired
creature on earth. Is there trouble ap-
proaching? Listen to his warning cries
as he drops his tall feathers and skee-
daddies; does one of the ladies lay an
egg? Listen to his exultant crows! One
not knowing the difference would think
he laid it himself. In fact, he has laid
a place looking like a favorite haunt
for a worm; he gives a scratch first
with the left foot, then with the right,
steps back, wags his head and makes
an exultant call for the nearest fe-
male to come and grab the worm—and
there isn't a worm within a rod of
him. For this reason, the rooster is
commended to us by the hen's affinity.

What has that got to do with the
fact that the census says we had in
Oregon on the first day of last year
1,753,234 members of the hen family,
and the 1200 mentioned above are here
as the appointed and accredited dele-
gates of that vast number, and with
the hope of the promoters that inter-
est will be so augmented that we may
double the present flocks in the very
near future. As it is now two-thirds
of the eggs we eat come from the
Rocky Mountains—many of them
from "Rotten" dam, I think. Anyhow,
if the interstate commerce law would
work overtime many a bird would
be shipped in would be dumped at
the state line. Even at the best
when you now order an egg at a
caravanary you do not know
whether it was put in storage before or
since the Spanish War.

Judges' Task Hard.
Nor has that got anything to do with
the two gentlemen who are down at
the hen convention looking for dead
earlobes, microbes, fleas, imperfect
feathers and false teeth on those 1200
fowls. These gentlemen are Judge Elmer
Dixon, of Oregon City, and Judge
W. M. Coates, of Vancouver, B. C. It
is their duty to decorate certain of the
tribe with different colored ribbons,
award the cups, the breads, the
and the brooders that the enterprising
merchants hereabouts have asked to
have awarded to the finest specimens
of each family represented. May a
kindly providence have mercy on those
judges. I have had some experience
as a judge of baby shows—have fre-
quently been asked "how much did
you get" for giving the first prize to
a blue ribbon or overlooking some
other. I have on occasions refused
kindly invitations to go out behind the
tents and have it out man to man—
rather than to woman. But, Lord bless
us, think of Dixon and Coates! They
will likely escape with their lives, but
if inaudible harsh language could cut
they would be minced meat before Sat-
urday night.

SOME OF HIGH-BRED FOWLS EXHIBITED THIS WEEK UNDER AUSPICES OF OREGON POULTRY AND
PET ASSOCIATION AT ITS ANNUAL SHOW.



BARRED ROCK (HENS)
B. F. KLEINER.

LIGHT BRAHMA
COCKEREL
ED. SHEARER

SINGLE COMB
BUFF
ORPINGTON,
ALFRED BROOK
FARM

WHITE LEGHORN
LANGSHAN
J.K.S. ODEW.

BARRED ROCK
COCKEREL
PRIZE SALEM
STATE FAIR,
J. J. MEYERS

FOWLS DISPLAY BEST

Expert Judges Declare Exhibit
Leads Northwest.
Number and Class Excel

Judging of Birds in Oregon Poultry
and Pet Association's Show Is in
Progress—Every Breed of
Chicken Is Cooped.

Judges and officials agree in declar-
ing the poultry show that opened yester-
day under the auspices of the Oregon
Poultry and Pet Association, in the
Multnomah Hotel at Third and Pine
streets, to be the best in quantity and
quality that has been held in the North-
west this season.

Many important questions will be
considered at the monthly meeting of
the Northwestern Passenger Associa-
tion in Tacoma today. Included among
these will be the uniform packing of
trains in the Portland railway yards
during the Elks' Convention next July.
Numerous delegates who will come to
Portland on special trains are desirous
of having the cars remain on a con-
venient siding that they may sleep
there every night. It is estimated that
the various trains will be able to
thrust accommodate about 1000 cars.

It is probable that an effort will be
organized to obtain an extension of the
sale dates for Eastbound tourist tick-
ets from various points in the North-
west. Some passenger men want to
have the low fare round-trip rates
cover the Thanksgiving period and
probably the Christmas period. For
the last few years there have been no
reductions on Eastbound tickets for
the holiday season. A similar reduc-
tion may be sought on the Westbound
rates. The question of reduced rates
between points in the Northwest for
the holidays also will be discussed.
Uniform methods of advertising will
be considered.

The following Portland passenger of-
ficials left last night to attend the
meeting: A. D. Charlton, assistant gen-
eral passenger agent, Northern Pacific;
William McMurray, general passen-
ger agent, O.-W. R. & N. Company;
John M. Scott, general passenger agent,
Southern Pacific; E. C. Robbins, chief
clerk, passenger department, Northern
Pacific, and W. C. Wilkes, assistant
general freight and passenger agent,
North Bank road.

Where the Locality Does Not Count.
Wherever there are people suffering
from kidney and bladder ailments, from
backache, rheumatism and urinary ir-
regularities, Foley Kidney Pills will
help them. Belvidere, Ill. E. A. Kelly,
an ex-engineer, says: "Three years
ago my kidneys became so bad that I
was compelled to give up my engine
and quit. There was a severe aching
pain over the hips, followed by an in-
flammation of the bladder, and always
a thick sediment. Foley Kidney Pills
made me a sound and well man. I can
not say too much in their praise.
For sale by all druggists."

OWNERS TO PLEAD
TO KEEP LEVY DOWN

Big Taxpayers May Organize
to Demand Pruning of
Toll for 1912.

25-MILL TAX IS FEARED
Increase of Three Points Over This
Year's Impost Added to Bigger
Assessed Valuation Deemed
Burden on Citizens.

Aroused by the prospect that the tax
levy on property in Portland will reach
25 mills, an increase of three mills over
the tax for this year, heavy taxpayers
are threatening to effect an organiza-
tion and go before the various tax-
levying bodies with a view of keeping
the levy at the lowest possible amount.
Unless this is done, property owners
fear the 25-mill levy will be reached,
if not exceeded.

An increase in the levy will prove
burdensome to the small homeowner
in the same proportion as to the large
business man or manufacturer. For
instance, with a tax of 25 mills the
workingman whose home was assessed
for \$1000 this year paid \$25 taxes. Under
a 25-mill levy next year on the same
valuation he would pay taxes to the
amount of \$27.50, or an increase of
\$2.50. This increase in the amount of
this man's taxes is based on the same
valuation for the two years. The as-
sessable value of a great deal of prop-
erty, especially in the business district of the city, was
increased by the Assessor this year,
with the result that the tax burden
will be increased by the levy would be in-
creased even more.

Owners Oppose Increase.
With scarcely an exception, each of
the various departments of state,
county, city and district government is
making increased demands for appropria-
tions at the hands of the taxpayers. They
are not only asking for more
money, but an increased levy. This
amounts to a double blow to the tax-
payer in view of the fact that the ag-
gregate of the taxroll this year is
about \$18,000,000 greater than that on
which taxes this year were levied and
collected.

Already Mayor Rushlight has asked
the Council to fix the levy for municipal
purposes at 6.5 mills, an increase of .5
mills this year. This increased levy
will give the city approximately \$300,-
000 more money than it received and
expended this year. Protesting tax-
payers will demand that the levy for
city purposes be not increased, con-
tending that the business of the city,
with the increased assessable valua-
tion of property, should be conducted
with the funds produced from the same
levy made for 1911.

Word has come from Salem that the
demands of the state on the several
counties next year will be greater than
this year, when the levy for general
purposes was 2 mills. In all probability
a heavier levy will be required in
order for Multnomah County next year
to raise its share of the state tax. For
school purposes it is believed the levy
of 1.2 mills which was raised this
year, will be adequate.

County's Expense Larger.
Increased expenditures planned for
Multnomah County next year in all
probability will necessitate a larger
levy by the county. This is brought
about largely by reason of additional
money needed to complete the County
house, the construction of a County
library building and the maintenance of
that institution.

The School Board is expected to ask
for an increase in its levy, which for
this year was 6.5 mills. More school
buildings and needed additions to the
buildings now used are assigned as
the principal needs for more funds.
There is a possibility that the Port of
Portland Commission may be able to
get along next year with a slight re-
duction in the levy that was made this
year, amounting to 1.5 mills. To date
this is about the only ray of hope left
to the taxpayers, but any saving made
in the tax for this corporation will be
wiped out several times by the in-
creased demands of the other depart-
ments.

It is this general demand from all
sources for increased funds that is
causing the taxpayers to take a keen
interest in the situation. The agitation
has reached a state that promises to
result in an organized movement on
the part of those who pay the taxes
in presenting a vigorous protest
against any unnecessary invasion of
their purses by the tax collector.

Mortgage Irregularity Causes Arrest.
Charged with removing from Port-
land to Clackamas County eight horses
and a wagon on which J. B. Robinson
held a mortgage, L. Mikkelsen and Otto
Eberle, of the Copenhagen Creamery
Company, were indicted Saturday by
the grand jury. They are accused of

FIREMEN QUIZZED TODAY

Eight Lieutenants and Captains to
Seek Battalion Chief Post.
Eight lieutenants and captains of the
fire department will take part in a civil
service examination today, that an eligi-
ble list may be established from
which the vacancy of battalion chief in
the department will be filled. The vacan-
cy was made by the appointment of
former Battalion Chief Dowell to the
position of Fire Chief.

It is thought the Civil Service Com-
mission will reinstate Lee G. Holden to
fill the vacancy, and for that reason a
number of the firemen who had intend-
ed taking the examination did not do
so. The eligible list to be estab-
lished by today's examination prob-
ably will be kept until the end of 1912,
and those successful in the examina-
tion will be in line for appointment in
case of vacancy until that time.

Today's test will be undergone by
Alanno W. Dolson, John B. Simpson,
Charles P. Neale, Frank D. Heath,
Harry E. Hawkins, W. C. Slaughter-
back, Edward Grenfell and James Dil-
lane.

Library Architects Retained.
Doyle, Patterson & Beach, architects,
have been retained by the Portland
Library Association, the County Court
concurring, to draw the plans and spec-
ifications and superintend the construc-
tion of the new library to be erected
on the block bounded by Tenth, Eleventh,
Eleventh and Taylor streets. The
architects will receive a commission of
5 per cent of the gross cost of the
building. What the new structure will
cost is problematical, but it is esti-
mated that there will be between \$475,-
000 and \$500,000 available.

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larceny by bailie, the state law being
such that this crime may be charged
when mortgaged property is removed
without permission of the mortgagee.
The indictment was held secret till
yesterday, when the defendants were
arrested and released after furnishing
\$1500 bail each. Mikkelsen and Eberle
were formally owners of the Crescent
Creamery Company, which went into
bankruptcy several months ago. They
organized the Copenhagen Creamery
Company, which took over the assets
of the other company.

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dark, glossy hair at the age of seven-
ty-five, while our mothers have white
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mothers used to make a "sage tea" and
apply it to their hair. The tea made
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