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The Rose Festival

The annual Rose Festival begins next Monday in Portland, and continues throughout the week. The expense of this magnificent carnival can be estimated close enough to satisfy those who are in charge of it, but its value to the city and state and the Northwest cannot be computed. A quarter of a million visitors have been in Portland during the week of this event in previous years, and even more are expected next week. These people come from every quarter of the globe. They spend thousands of dollars with the Portland merchants and after their visit in Portland has been completed, they visit other cities and sections of the Northwest and spend an invest here and there.

As much as these cash returns are necessary to make the Rose Festival successful they do not alone make this enormous undertaking worth while for it is not the financial gain that is sought. The immense amount of advertising directly resulting from the festival is what proves its value. Thousands of visitors are in the city for their first time, at this one season of the year when every thing is in full bloom, when nature has done her best to make the city and state attractive. These conditions are indelibly impressed on the visitor, and he remembers his visit to the Portland festival as one of his happiest experiences. Hence it is but natural that every word he may speak of Portland is one of praise, and he will never think of the city but as the hustling place where he spent a most delightful week. Furthermore while here these visitors will send thousands of post cards and newspapers to friends, showing Portland and Oregon to all the world. These produce a desire in others to visit Portland, and immediately plans are commenced which culminate in new visitors next year. Thus there are no bounds to the influence of these festivals, and though all the visitors go first to Portland, Portland cannot accommodate them all, and each section of the state gets its share of those who come to stay.

Forest Fires

The Western Forestry & Conservation Association of Portland, has issued an attractive eight page pamphlet as a warning that the season of forest fires is again at hand, and urging all who go into the woods to use every precaution that they do nothing to start a fire that might result in much loss. The pamphlet points out the fact that Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana contain more than one-half the nation's standing timber, that this forest asset means the distribution of some thing over \$400,000 a day in the Pacific forest states, that forest protection means an increase in what is already one of the largest payrolls in the Northwest, the regular and adequate stream flow to water the arid lands of the state and supply the cities with water and furnish power and light, the safe-guarding of the public school funds obtained from the state-owned forest lands, and many other advantages derived from these timbered lands.

On the other hand it points out the dangers to the commerce and

citizenship of the state that would immediately follow the destruction of these valuable timbers by fire, such as the loss of outside money to these states, the advance in the price of lumber for every acre burned, without putting a cent into circulation, higher groceries, hardware and all other imported commodities, because rates on these must be increased to compensate for the loss of timber freights, game shelters destroyed, fishing streams ruined and constant terror to those who live in or near the forests.

While forest fires will not occur in this immediate locality, many in this section will go to the timbered regions for an outing. To them it is hoped this note of warning will not be in vain. A match carelessly thrown from the machine, or a cigar or cigarette, or a camp fire deserted before it is extinguished, often the case when a fire is made in leaves, rotten wood or against logs where it may spread beyond your control in a few minutes, or where you can not be sure it is out, are often the innocent causes of the big fires.

Many millions of dollars are lost annually through this source, and many that are lost might be saved by the exercise of care on the part of those who go into the timbered sections, especially those who are unacquainted with camp life in such country. There is good cause for the issuance of the pamphlet, and it is hoped that it may help to make 1912 a record year in the matter of forest fires and destruction. Let all who run, read and govern themselves accordingly.

Service to the State

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., May 31.—The aim of the Oregon Agricultural College is thus explained in the introductory words of the new illustrated booklet on "Dignifying the Industries" just issued: "Service to the state in all its needs; aid for the individual in his preparation for life, and the community in its efforts in behalf of the citizens; in a word, a material addition to the prosperity, the health and the happiness of all who come within the wide radius of its influence: this is the aim of the Oregon Agricultural College. The home—the heart of the community; the marts of trade, and all the vast multitude of agricultural and professional activities which fill the larders and coffers of the world, receive each year from the college gates hundreds of new recruits. They are girded with a knowledge bought by years of hard study, and eager to apply it in making their homes, their farms and orchards, their forests and mines, their towns and cities the best in the states, and their state the greatest in the nation."

Colored Rain.

Red rains are very rare, but in volcanic regions gray rain is comparatively common. Steily has had many showers of this shade. They are caused by the upper atmosphere being full of ash colored volcanic dust from Etna. This dust is infinitesimally fine and colors the rain as it falls.

Birds on Strike.

The female members of the bird tribe sometimes desert their nests, leaving their eggs to become unhatchable, and drive away the males. While the male birds are very concerned on these occasions, they seem to have no remedy, as the male birds will not attack the females.

Mules in Cuba.

In Cuban cities heavy hauling is done almost exclusively by mules.

Milk in Turkey.

Although Turkey is pre-eminently an agricultural and pastoral country, it has but few milk cows, and there is very little in the way of dairy industry. Milk is sold at rather high rates, is not always clean and is very often adulterated.

Rabbit Colonies.

In the rabbit colonies it usually falls to the share of the stronger rabbits to do most of the hardest digging and burrowing. About once in two years they come out on strike and decline to make the passages which connect all the burrows in a big warren.

WHAT KINDNESS WILL DO.

There was a day when Mother Hen
Didn't prance around so swell,
Her picture wasn't in the press,
Nor did she live so well.

She roosted on the rough grindstone
And froze up in the tree,
Old skunk and fox and long eared owl
Oft gobbled her with glee.

She stole feed from the corner
Or from the slop bar rim
She reached to drink the sour swill
And, kerflop, she fell in!

She scratched in the foul dung pile
And in the dark horse stable,
And thus a living she picked up
So far as she was able.

Her color was like calico,
Of eggs she laid a few,
Her meat—well, it was fairly good,
Though some too tough to chew.

But some one pitied this poor hen
And gave her a fair chance,
And she returned the kindness
With a marvelous advance.

She's now the billion dollar hen
Of whom we're all so proud,
Her rooster's cock of the high perch
No wonder he crows loud!

She's got the gold mines skinned a mile,
The wheat and cotton fields
Are just back numbers when compared
With what bright Biddy yields.

Now, that's what thought and kindness
Did
With a discouraged hen,
You bet it works with Biddy!
You bet it works with men!

C. M. BARNITZ.

THE FALL OF TURKEY FORETOLD

The dire prophecy has been handed down from the seats of the mighty at Washington that 1920 will see the end of the turkey tribe if the present rate of decrease continues.

In 1900 there were 6,504,065 turkeys in the United States. In 1910 there were but 3,068,708, a decrease of almost 3,000,000. In the same decade chickens increased from 23,566,921 to 280,345,133.

The whole truth in a turkey eggshell is that the United States department of agriculture has neglected turkey culture, and the state experiment stations have done little to conserve the turkey, with the exception of Rhode Island, which has done more to help turkey breeders than Washington and all the other states taken together. It has been all chickens and eggs. Even the quacks have received more attention than the juicy, money making turkey, and the farmer without reliable information has gone on and inbred and ill fed his turkeys to death, so that today the United States is nearly all in the turkey graveyard belt.

Now Washington turns her conservation searchlight on the turkey remnants and commands us to hustle or there will be a turkless Thanksgiving and Christmas in 1920.

But, oh, you Washington big guns, why not get out some practical turkey data for the turkey raiser? And, oh, you experiment stations, why not put some time and state appropriation on this question and help save the turkey? And, oh, you directors of farmers' institutes, why not compel your poultry lecturers to qualify on turkey culture and thus spread reliable turkey information throughout the states? When the powers that be combine with breeders in a campaign for the conservation of the turkey then and then only will turkdom prosper.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

Those who choose Dorkings for eggs are usually disappointed. The English call the Dorking the "cream of table chickens" and for the table it is dandy when bred and fed right.

In England in 1314 twenty eggs were sold for a penny, and if the seller refused to take that his eggs were forfeited. That was before America and the American trust were discovered.

In mixing mash most poultrymen moisten the bran and other ingredients with cold water. The bran should be scalded, otherwise much of the nutrient value is lost in the droppings and gritty sharp edged particles are apt to cause irritation.

Clearfield county (Pa.) fanciers have been so pestered with chicken thieves that the Conport poultry raisers bought a bloodhound to track the thieves. No less than six men were in the county jail at one time awaiting trial for chicken stealing.

The gold diggers of Gold City, Johannesburg, South Africa, got a nervous shock when Sir Thomas Culliam, M. P., told them not to think so highly of the gold they dug out of their mines—that it was surpassed in value by the eggs laid by the hens of the United States.

The practice of penning breeding flocks closely is a mistake. As these are select ducks and the foundation stock, they should be kept near to nature. Give them a good grass run with water, if possible, and nutritious mashes with plenty of meat food right before and during breeding season.

A committee of nine, appointed by the American Poultry association, is at present working on a standard for the utility side of the poultry business. Utility is the foundation of the poultry industry, really the whole thing, and it will not be long till the utility show will be the whole show and the industry, thus encouraged, make greater strides than ever.

It is remarkable how many professional men are raising poultry. We always find them at farmers' institutes where we lecture, and they chase us to our hotel to interview us, and we find many of them enthusiastic experts. Pure bred birds are pretty interesting pets, and they pay. They take the tired mind off the daily grind. Yes, the simple life in its varied phases is a godsend to man.

C. M. Barnitz.

MADRAS!—MADRAS!

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**Slayer of G. W. Barnes
Acquitted by Jury**

Canyon City, Ore., May 29.—After being out 20 hours, the jury which tried the second case of George Anderson, who shot and killed George W. Barnes on the streets of Canyon City last June, brought in an acquittal verdict. Five stood for conviction until the last few hours. The case was tried last November, but the jury then disagreed. The present verdict was a surprise. The trial showed Barnes started the trouble which ended in his death. On the day of the murder both men had been drinking. It was shown in the testimony that Anderson retreated for about 30 feet under Barnes' threats before firing the fatal shot. There were many eye witnesses to the tragedy.



Tom—Can he sing nicely?
Dick—Well, he offered to sing the baby to sleep the other night, and his wife said, "No; let her keep on crying!"—New York Mail.

Gabe—Jones is certainly getting eggs. His hens lay all the time.
Steve—How does he manage it?
Gabe—He feeds them on strong coffee, and they sit up all night.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**Church Picnic at
Warm Springs**
Church members, the young people's societies, Sunday Schools throughout the county are combining forces in a big picnic given on the Warm Springs agency, at a point near July Fourth. The unique event was instituted by the Oregon Christian Endeavor union meeting held in Medford February. Invitations were sent to all the churches in the county, to participate in the picnic, which was the first general reunion of people of all denominations has taken place in this county. Every one who is requested to bring a luncheon. Provision is made for conveyance from station to the grounds. Works of any kind will be permitted.

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