

MANY MEN ENTER INTO DISCUSSION OF HEN QUESTION

Many Different Views Expressed As to the Cost of Keeping "Biddy" a Year—May Involve President Roosevelt Next.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—With President Roosevelt threatening congress with an extra session unless it renders an official determination as to the annual appropriation that should be allotted to each hen, and with an army of poultry pilots and egg eaters throughout the country wearing out lead pencils in an effort to solve the problem, it would appear as if the time had arrived when the much-harassed Mrs. Hen will have to take the stand in her own behalf.

Beyond a rather indefinite statement that she cannot raise a family on \$1.25 a year she has steadfastly refused to be drawn into the discussion. Should she see fit to file a detailed article in her own behalf, she will save the statesmen down at Washington a great deal of worry and will effectually check a discussion that has already reached the assault and battery stage.

From the West and Middle West comes some heart-to-heart chicken chatter that shows the drift of sentiment out that way. Harken to a few of these hen harangues:

Times and Hens Have Changed.
JOHNNYCAKE, Minn., April 23.—"I've been deeply interested in the hen symposium," said Joel Gates. "I'm on speaking terms with every hen in this section, and from what I know of the man who said they could live comfortably on \$1.25 a year must have been thinking of robins."

"Times has changed and hens has changed with them," added Zack Van Auken. "I don't know how they're ever going to strike an average until the birds settle down to business and stop demanding modern improvements."

Hard Luck With Hens Had Scrappy Silas Redding.

RAPPAHANNOCK, Pa., April 23.—"I don't know what it costs to keep a hen a year," said Silas Redding, "but I know it cost me nine on to \$150 to keep one three weeks. I started in the poultry business last spring with one hen and a bundle of hay. The first day that hen got over in the next lot and excavated six or seven rows of potatoes. The man who owned the potatoes allowed he could lick the man that owned the hen."

"We went to the dirt on that proposition. I hammered him into submission, but not until he had smashed my glasses and blackened both my eyes. Then he sued me and got a verdict for \$100. I spent the other \$50 for a lawyer and some liniment. What did I do to the hen? Well, I won't say anything that can be used against me."

Hens and Jake Sommers Refuse to Be Quoted.

HOLLYHOCK, Mass., April 23.—Jake Sommers is the only man in town who keeps hens, and he won't tell. He says it's nobody's business but his and the hens'.

Cantaloupe, Conn., Decides Keeping Is the Caper.

CANTALOUPE, Conn., April 23.—Impossible to get a rise on the hen question down this way. Most of the folks have taken to raising bees. Seven cents will keep a bee in swell style for a year.

NEW ARRIVALS TO TAKE PART

Sec. Walter Lyon of Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, Arranges Novel Program.

Sec. Walter Lyon today arranged a novel program for the regular weekly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which will be held Friday evening. So far as possible, the program will be made up of numbers by new arrivals on Coos Bay. Speaking of it today, Secretary Lyon said: "The Chamber of Commerce meeting tomorrow night will be largely in the hands of recent arrival from other States. Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nevada and Iowa will be heard from a gentleman from Madison, will lead off and he will be followed by new-made comrades from other States, each one giving a short, pointed talk singing a song or doing some other stunt that he may elect. There will be some interesting hints and valuable pointers by the new comers. The public is invited."

The Olympic Games.

In 776 B. C. the Eleians engraved the name of their countryman Corchus as victor in the foot race, and thenceforward we have an almost unbroken list of victors in each Olympiad, or fourth recurrent year, for nearly twelve centuries. The games survived even the extinction of Greek liberty and were finally abolished by the Christian Emperor Theodosius in the tenth year of his reign.—New York American.

SCENE FOR NOVEL HERE

C. M. Sain Completes Story of Life in Northwest Which Will Soon be Published.

C. M. Sain, for several years a resident of Coos Bay and until a year or so ago one of the publishers of the North Bend Harbor, arrived in Marshfield yesterday to look after some property interests which he still has here. The principal reason for coming at this time was to arrange for a dismissal of the suit of John Diers concerning the North Bend Harbor which grew out of the trouble over the ownership and contracts of that publication a few years ago.

Mr. Sain has been spending the past year at Phoenix, Ariz., for the benefit of his health, the breaking down of which caused him to leave Coos Bay. En route here, he spent several weeks in Southern California, being at San Pedro to witness the arrival of the fleet several days ago. He came here via Drain.

Mr. Sain has been devoting his leisure moments to completing a story of life in the Northwest which centers around Coos Bay. He started the story while at North Bend, but did not make much progress with it, owing to his time being taken up with his newspaper work. However, he completed it several weeks ago and it is now in the hands of a publisher. Part of the story contains a satire on the wave of populism and socialism which spread over this section several years ago.

Mr. Sain's partner, Mr. Keith, is now at Salt Lake City where he is engaged in newspaper work.

Animal Instinct.
A friend of mine saw two cats approaching each other on the top of a board fence. There was no room for them to pass each other, and he wondered what would happen. When they were near each other one of them stopped, turned around and retreated till it came to another board fence that joined at right angles the one they were on. The cat stepped off on this fence and waited there till the other went by. My friend thought this act showed an appreciation of the problem beyond the reach of instinct. No doubt those cats had met before, and one was master of the other. What more natural than that the defeated cat should retreat before the superior and when it came to the other fence step off upon it and let the victor pass? The action involved no mental process any more than when two inert bodies in motion meet each other and one gives way. There was no other course open to the cat. If she or he had turned back and taken to the side fence solely to accommodate the other cat, why, that were another matter.

The Gordon setter that met a trail of ears upon a railroad bridge and stepped down upon one of the timbers of the bridge and stood there while the train passed gave no proof of reasoning powers. It was the only thing the dog could do. Nearly all animals know enough to get out of the way of danger. If they did not, what would become of the race of animals?—John Burroughs in Outing Magazine.

Old Roman Laws.
The old Roman laws, according to Colquhoun, conferred on the husband complete empery over the wife. All she owned or earned was vested in him, and he acquired the same rights over her person and property as if she were his natural daughter. The wife, on the other hand, acquired all the rights to a child and to her husband's name and succession in the event of an intestate estate, and she could exercise all the privileges to which her sex admitted. The power of the ancient Roman father over his offspring was originally perpetual, nor could the child be emancipated from the father's control during the father's life except by that parent's consent, nor did he become sui juris until the father (being himself sui juris) died, when the son was emancipated by the simple operation of the law. In those brave days the father had legal permission to scourge his children or to send them, fettered like slaves, to work on his estate or even to kill them, choosing whatsoever means for their taking off he thought proper.

How the Brahman Cleans His Teeth.
When the Brahman cleans his teeth he must use a small twig cut from one of a number of certain trees, and before he cuts it he must make his act known to the gods of the woods. He must not indulge in this cleanly habit every day. He must abstain on the sixth, the eighth, the ninth, the fourteenth, the fifteenth and the last day of the moon, on the days of new and full moon, on the Tuesday in every week, on the day of the constellation under which he was born, on the day of the week and on the day of the month which correspond with those of his birth, at an eclipse, at the conjunction of the planets, at the equinoxes and other unlucky epochs and also on the anniversary of the death of his father or mother. Any one who cleans his teeth with his bit of stick on any of the above mentioned days will have hell as his portion.—"Hindoo Manners," by Aldis Dubois.

Mulch For Young Grass.
After the lawn has been established and it has gone into "winter quarters" it is well to give the young grass a mulch of well decomposed stable manure, which shall not be heavy enough to disfigure or mar the lawn, but should be so fine and well decomposed, that it will be carried beneath the surface of the grass by the rains and snows of the winter, leaving very little rough or unsightly matter to be raked off in the spring. If this is not desirable after the greensward has passed through the first winter it should be treated to a top dressing of fine ground bone at the rate of a thousand pounds to the acre.—L. C. Corbett.

To Secure Compact Growth.
Nip the points out of the young growth of thrifty growing plants if you desire to have them become compact and bushy. Most plants are benefited by frequent sprinklings overhead, but these should be given in the evening and never while the sun shines upon the foliage.

Fruit and Flowers

A NEW ROSE.

A Winter Forcing Variety With Marks of a Winner.
The new rose, Mrs. Jardine, a seedling from the famous nurseries in Newtownards, Ireland, that produced Killarney and Liberty, which proved such valuable winter forcing varieties, has all the marks of a winner, says a writer in Gardening. It certainly makes one of the most beautifully formed flowers when about half bloomed of



NEW ROSE, MRS. JARDINE.

any rose now in cultivation. The color is between Bridesmaid and Killarney. It is also fragrant, a very good feature. The flowers are borne on good stout stems. The habit of growth is vigorous and strong, with buds forming on every new shoot. It is said to bloom continuously, being more prolific than Bride or Bridesmaid.

Grape Pruning.
Pruning away the surplus wood will do much to reduce disease and insect trouble in the vineyard. The pruning should not be done while the vines are frozen, as the plant is liable to be injured by twisting and bending the vines. The late winter and early spring pruning is usually done hastily, and if done late in the spring the vines bleed freely. It is better to prune the vines late than not to prune them any, but the best results will be obtained by pruning in early winter.

The young vines should be pruned very closely. The first year after the vines are set in the vineyard all the tops should be cut away, and not more than three buds should be left at the base of the vine. This will leave only a stub, but that is all that is necessary to produce a good growth of vine the next year.

The second year's growth may be placed on a trellis, and the vines may be permitted to bear a light crop the third year. The general tendency is to let the vine bear very heavy crops as soon as they will, and the vines are weakened and do not prove of much value. The first crop should be produced from not more than ten or twelve buds on each plant. From the third year on the number of buds left on the vines may be increased until the strong vines are left with thirty or forty buds after the pruning has been done. This will look like very severe pruning, and so it is, but it produces the best and the most fruit.

These buds referred to in the preceding paragraph are on the last season's growth of vines and will produce the young shoots in the spring, which carry the fruit. If the vineyard is well cultivated and sprayed, each bud left on the last season's canes will produce on an average two bunches of fruit. The size, age and vigor of the vines should determine the amount of fruit that each should be expected to mature. It is a good plan to work for a smaller number of bunches than the vines are able to carry and have the berry of good size, well matured and properly ripened.

The spur system of pruning is the one most commonly practiced. This system consists of cutting away the canes of the last season's growth and leaving only two or three buds at the base of the stub. The large branches that carry these canes are left year after year. A number of spurs or old stubs are developed by the annual cutting away of the fruit bearing canes. This system of pruning is simple and is well adapted to home vineyard growing.—O. M. Morris, Horticulturist, Oklahoma Experiment Station, in Oklahoma Farm Journal.

CLEVELAND IS THOUGHT ILL

Fears Felt for Former President on Account of Extreme Care Taken of Him.

(By Associated Press.)
LIKEWOOD, N. J., April 23.—The fact that Grover Cleveland remains at the Lakewood hotel after the hotel has been closed for the season, and that the physicians are in close attendance, has caused apprehension about Mr. Cleveland's prehension lest Mr. Cleveland's recent illness has not been as rapid as desired.

Miles Darden, the Giant.
Miles Darden, the giant, was born and raised in North Carolina. He was seven feet six inches high and in 1845 weighed 871 pounds. He was born in 1798 and died in Tennessee Jan. 23, 1857. Until 1853 he was able to go about his work in an active manner, but his weight increased so fast that after that year when he wanted to move about he had to be hauled in a two horse wagon. In 1839 it is chronicled that his coat was buttoned around three men, each weighing more than 200 pounds, who walked together in it down the streets in Lexington. At his death he is said to have weighed not less than 1,000 pounds. His coffin was 8 feet long, 35 inches deep, 32 inches across the breast, 18 inches across the head and 14 inches across the feet. These measurements were taken at the time and are matters of historical record.

With One Eye Bandaged.
"I had a great joke played on me while shooting billiards at a hotel in New York recently," said a Milwaukee man. "Having a little time on hand, I sauntered into the billiard room. I became engaged in conversation with a fellow in the room, and I proposed a game, while he readily accepted. At first things went along splendidly, and I had twenty to his ten. But soon he forged ahead and beat me out by a close score. Then a friend of mine, who was stopping at the same place, said he was willing to wager that my opponent could beat me with one eye bandaged. I accepted his deft and placed \$5 on the result. He didn't give me much of a chance, trimming me to the tune of 50 to 15. After the game was over I paid my bet, when the above mentioned friend loudly told me the eye that he had bandaged was a glass one."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL INDEMNITY SELECTION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, February 24, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon on May 1, 1907, applied for lot 4 of sec. 30, t p 25 s. r. 10 W., and E. 1/4 S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 2, Twp. 21 S. R. 9 W. of W. M., and filed in this office a list of school indemnity selections in which it selected said land; that said list is open to the public for inspection. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land or any legal subdivision thereof, or claiming the same under the mining laws, or desiring to show said land to be more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, or to object to said selection for any lawful reason, should file their claims or their affidavits of protest or contest in this office on or before the 20th day of April, 1908.

I hereby designate the Drain Non-pariel, published at Drain, Oregon, as the newspaper in which the above notice is to be published, and the Coos Bay Times, at Marshfield, Oregon.

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