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INTEREST GROWING IN POULTRY

A RAY OF sunshine is breaking through the clouds of high prices for flesh food in the activity of poultry raisers and the splendid success attending the development of the poultry industry in Coos county. The breeds are being improved and the business of getting eggs and growing chickens for the market and for home consumption is being learned by scores where formerly only a few were experts. But the victim of high prices need not look for immediate relief from the impetus given the poultry business. Modern methods require a considerable outlay for incubators, standard birds, wire fencing for runs, feed and labor, and the average property holder in town either lacks the funds or the patience and wisdom to have a henry of his own.

With the spread of intensified farming, however, and the mastery of obstacles which heretofore have beset the owner of fowls in this section small henneries will multiply, poultry will become more plentiful and prices will be brought down to the point where the average citizen can purchase chicken for food once a week or oftener instead of once a month or at less frequent intervals.

PASCO THEN AND NOW.

FIFTEEN YEARS ago a spot on the Columbia river in Washington went by the name of Pasco. The name was against it. Aside from an excuse for a depot, (for it was a junction of two lines), a stretch of river and a waste of sage brush and sand, Pasco had nothing to commend it, and about everything that condemned it.

One day, however, somebody, who no doubt was pronounced crazy, not only by the lonesome inhabitants of Pasco, but by others who knew of its environment only to put the place on the black list, started the phrase, "Keep your eye on Pasco." At that time to keep your eye on that particular spot too long at a time meant to get it full of the shifting sands that swept across the tracks, requiring a force of shovelers constantly at work so that trains could pass thru with safety. But nothing daunted, the originator of the Pasco phrase found others who joined him in its publicity until today Pasco is a city of no mean pretensions, and has just completed a handsome school building at a cost of \$63,000.

This story, a true one, is given to illustrate what can be done in the work of city building in the face of the most adverse circumstances. Yet it is only one of many similar examples of how great cities have been built upon what seemed to be but the energy of its citizenship as a chief asset.

The lesson to be drawn from this is that if Pasco, with everything against it can become a city, what is to prevent a location like Marshfield with everything in its favor of becoming a metropolis. The energy and the determination displayed by our citizenship daily demonstrates that as a city we shall be known far

and wide as one of the most progressive in the west.

COMPANIONSHIP OF THE SEXES.

HENRY ARTHUR JONES, the dramatist, said some interesting things to the Society of Women Journalists in London recently in an address on the changes which are taking place in the character of woman and in her attitude toward man.

He expressed satisfaction at what he considered the most notable change, which he described as the coming of the woman who is more truly a companion of man and a sharer in his interests. He is right in feeling that this change is a hopeful one, for real companionship between the sexes is greatly to be desired. It elevates both man and woman.

This happy relation was not possible to any great extent until woman could enter freely into the life of the world. In ancient Greece when custom confined the wife within narrow intellectual bounds, men sought the company of the hetaira—the woman whose lack of social standing enabled her to cultivate wit and to acquire knowledge of affairs.

Socrates is found paying honor to a brilliant hetaira. The sex attraction that this type of woman exerted was often intellectual as much as physical. Many of the hetairai were famed as conversationalists. Most of them were skilled in music. The word hetaira means, literally, a companion. In modern times the wife may be her husband's housekeeper and companion too.

Mr. Jones said he was willing to allow that, granted the right conditions and plenty of time, woman might be developed into a creature far superior to man, like that female spider who, when the poor male spider timidly approaches her to make love, sizes him up and if she doesn't relish the looks of him simply eats him there and then.

The dramatist preferred to think of the ideal of companionship and equal development of the sexes as final. "In the theatre," he said, "women are necessarily our companions. In journalism they are less so, but in journalism and in other intellectual professions women are every day more and more showing themselves our successful competitors and welcome comrades. In fiction they are proving themselves our equals in matter—our superiors in number. Doubtless, in this particular art, the art of fiction, they have always been our superiors, though their talent has generally been exercised rather in the practical concerns of life than in writing novels.

SUFFER FROM FOREST WASTE.

China is most often cited as the horrible example of forest waste with all the attendant evils of water famine and soil erosion, ugly landscape and impoverished farmers, and photographs showing plainly the devastation caused in China by indiscriminate cutting of trees formed an impressive part of Theodore Roosevelt's appeals to congress in behalf of conservation.

But according to the Pittsburg Gazette there is a chance to study the effects of our spendthrift policy within a short distance of the national capital. One district of Pennsylvania is described where there are towns of from 5,000 to 28,000 people in which water during the past season has been doled out only two hours a day, and the supply was not only scanty but also unpleasant to use for drinking purposes. Railway service was crippled on account of the lack of water, and large collieries employing many hundreds of men had to shut down. The Gazette says in explanation of the water famine:

"This is not the first occasion when such distress has arisen, and this year conditions have been made worse by an abnormal deficiency in rainfall, but what renders the situation worse is the reckless denudation of mountains and forests. The hills are as bare as the Bad Lands of North Dakota, and for miles valley and field are black and bleak. King Coal has taken toll. There has been no planting of trees. Nature is given no assistance. Many of the streams are poisoned with sulphur. Heaven and a few mountain rivulets outside the mining zone are the only dependence of tens of thousands of people. The reservoirs are reduced to pitiful ponds scarce affording to a tadpole."

Here we have an impressive illustration of our carelessness about the future, which the Japanese commercial delegates who recently visited America noticed and commented upon a few hours after their arrival.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

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IMPOSSIBLE.

I can not raise my eyes to you, dear girl.
And beg you for a favor—just one curl
To make remembrance sweeter as I go—
And yet I love you so!
Ah, no, I can not bear with me one tress
To waft the fragrance of your last caress
Across my senses when the lights are low—
I can not breathe the perfume of your hair.
Nor steal a look—as you have none to spare;
That 'twas a wig I really did not know—
And yet I love you so!

—Town Topics.

A man's business should also advertise his advertising.

The best way to get rid of the fellow who wants to give advice is to give it to him first.

A good guess is better than a bad calculation.

The man who goes to a horse doctor when he is sick is an ass.

Only death can stop a wise man's education.

A dead bent isn't as dead as he ought to be.

The running expenses of a home are not so great as the walking expenses of the street.

As we understand the astronomer, Halley's comet is traveling at a rate of speed which makes it impossible for anyone to put salt on its tail.

London is now busy with the question, "At what age is a woman most beautiful?" If the London men are wise they will refuse to be drawn into the discussion.

The story that George Washington ate with a knife again demonstrates that the truly great are not safe from the muckrakers until they have been dead about five centuries.

A Maine woman recently cooked 5,200 doughnuts in thirty-two days. It would be interesting to know what effect they had on the demand for dyspepsia tablets in her neighborhood.

Thomas A. Edison declares that he didn't know what to do upon receipt of his first \$40,000 check. The up to date young man of today would send for an automobile catalogue first thing.

"Men are coarse creatures," says the Topeka Capital, "but no man can look through the pages of the Delinquent without blushing." But, knowing that, some curious men will persist in scanning its contents.

President Taft says "whisky made of neutral spirits is whisky when reduced to potable strength." Under this decision business will be continued at the old stand by the brand which makes a man see blue and yellow situations perched on the foot of his bed.

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