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A NEW RECORD IN EGGS.

COOS BAYITES who have been complaining during the winter when eggs soared to 60 cents a dozen and who still murmur at having to pay forty cents should find consolation in a story that comes from Pennsylvania. The fancy figures that prevail here for hen fruit are dwarfed into insignificance by the value put upon the product of a Pennsylvania hen who has been the victim of as sinister, callous and cold-blooded a set of scoundrels as ever conspired to ruin the fortunes of a respectable fowl. Let us be a little specific.

Lady Washington was recently sitting at the Scranton poultry show. She is worth $12,000, and is therefore much more precious than the proverbial goose that laid the golden egg—as will presently be established by the irrefutable logic of arithmetic. The other day, in a moment of misplaced confidence, Lady Washington proceeded to inform the assembled populace in the manner peculiar to hens, that she had become the mother of a fine, fat, white, bouncing egg, sex not determinable. Then several coarse, brutal, long-fingered and short-conscienced men plotted to steal the egg and accomplished their nefarious purpose when Lady Washington, her owner and the special policeman who guards her were inexcusably looking the other way.

Lady Washington's owner offers a reward of $25 for the return of the egg, and no questions asked. This establishes a new record for eggs. Of course, the cynical will ask why so much fuss about such a little thing, and why Lady Washington can't lay other eggs in a burglar-proof vault if, necessary. But the value of this particular egg lies in the possibility that from it may be evolved another $12,000 hen. Assuming that Lady Washington lays but four eggs a week, a very modest estimate, she would in the course of a year return to the owner at $25 an egg the astonishing revenue of $5,200 which, on the original capitalization of $12,000, would make her possession proportionately more profitable than the control of Standard Oil. "Hen minded" is a term of contempt in New England. But when a hen is minded as Lady Washington is to produce eggs at $25 each the expression takes on an entirely new significance.

THE HABIT OF CHEERFULNESS.

"CHEERFULNESS will attract more customers, sell more goods, do more business with less wear and tear than almost any other quality," says Orison Sweet Marden in "Success Magazine." "Optimism is the greatest business-getter, biggest trader, the greatest achiever in the world. Pessimism has never done anything but tear down and destroy what optimism has built up.

"In the business office, as in society, everywhere, the favorite is always the cheerful person. Good-natured, cheerful people do not waste their vital energy as rapidly as the grumbler or the too sober, too sad people. They work with much less friction.

"Good cheer is a great lubricant; it oils all of life's machinery. Shakespeare says:

"A merry heart goes all the day,
Your sad tires in a mile—a."

"There is no other life habit which can give such a prolific return in happiness and satisfaction as that of being cheerful under all circumstances. If the resolution to cultivate cheerfulness is strongly made at the very outset, it will not be difficult to form the cheerful habit, and it will be the best protection against suffering and disappointment.

"Cheerfulness is also a great producer. It adds wonderfully to one's active ability, and increases mental and physical power. It makes hosts of friends, and helps us to be interesting and agreeable."

Not only is the above very true but it is also a fact that cheerfulness like good health is a matter that is largely in one's own keeping. If you will take careful note you will find that those who are gloomy and depressed have no especial reasons for being so. You will find cherful people who have just as many cares and worries. They are cheerful because they prefer to be that way and make it a point to be that way.

DAIRYING FOR PROFIT.

A COW OF the Guernesey breed, belonging to a dairyman and cattle breeder in Rhode Island, recently completed a year's record for milk and butter fat which places her in rank among the other choice dairy cattle of the United States. She is Missy of the Glen, and during the twelve months from December 1, 1908, she produced 14, 591.70 pounds of milk from which was obtained 954.76 pounds of butter.

A year ago, the wonderful Jersey cow, Jacoba Irene, owned by a resident of Illinois, completed a record for milk and butter fat during twelve months which startled the dairymen all over the world. During that period she gave 17,253 pounds 3.2 ounces of milk in which was found 654 pounds 2.4 ounces of butter fat or 1,122 pounds 9.3 ounces of butter.

Other great milk and butter records have been made by cows of other breeds in the eastern part of this American republic, and coming nearer home it might be well to mention that there are several cows in Coos county that have already made themselves famous as producers of milk and butter fat and will continue in that respect because their owners are enthusiastic dairymen and believe that none but the best cows should be maintained on their farms.

Profitable milk cows are always desirable; but few of them are to be found on the average homestead. They require but a trifle more care and feed than do the cows whose keep means a loss to their owners, and whose offspring should never be allowed to reach the adult stage, unless they are wanted for the meat block.

The dairy industry of this section is not advancing as rapidly as it should, when we consider the natural facilities at hand for maintaining it. It has been ascertained that during the past year or longer, the industry has been practically at a standstill notwithstanding the high prices for milk and butter, and the principal reason assigned for the deficiency in total production of milk and cream is that several who have, heretofore followed dairying have become prosperous to such an extent that they desire to associate themselves with a business which is less confining and in which the matter of hired help does not figure so greatly. Competent help in the dairy is difficult to get, and this necessitates a reduction of the number of cows on a farm to what can be cared for by the owner himself assisted by members of his family . In such cases cows that are large producers of milk and butter fat should be kept, as through this means numerous small dairy herds could be maintained without extra trouble and the annual showing of the industry would consequently be increased. There is a necessity for more cows whose milk-and-cream producing capabilities are such that the annual income from each is close to or exceeding $100 instead of the paltry sum of $50 or $60, which is barely sufficient to remunerate the dairymen for the feed placed before them.

Governor Hughes says he is going to retire from politics and earn some money for his family. That is certainly a worthy ambition. No family however economical, can live on political glory.

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TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A BOOSTING THOUGHT.

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They boosted up the mines
(They used the very swellest type
To make the big headlines.)

They boosted up The Times
That prints the bosting stuff
(But they didn't boost the prices
For they were high enough!)

They boosted up the climate
For the climate's come to stay,
(Though the knockers get the cold feet
Upon the warmest day!)

The people make the towns.

The man who expects to get legal advice for nothing should marry a woman lawyer.

One aviator is of the opinion that it is just as dangerous to fall a hundred as a thousand feet. But the man who falls a thousand feet will have more time to think of all the mean things he ever did.

Three pecks of Oregon apples were sold in an Illinois town recently for $51, the money being used for the benefit of an orphans' home. No doubt the little ones would have appreciated the apples instead.

One of the members of the United States senate is of the opinion that this country will have a population in 1960 of 200,000,000. Of course, he will have resigned his place in that part of the national government before then.

Washington was the fifth child on his father's side and Benjamin Franklin was the fifteenth of 17 children. And there are others, including many who are preaching the doctrine of "fewer children and better." It's lucky for them that their parents weren't controlled by that belief.

Merchants may now go ahead with their orders for summer goods, and dealers in fireworks lay in their Fourth of July stocks. For the retiring president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has given assurances that the earth will not collide with anything in 1910.

Exactly $42,430,476 will be spent on vessels of the navy now under construction during the fiscal years 1910 to 1913, inclusive, under the estimates submitted to congress by the navy department. Of this amount $30,732,653 will be for hulls and $11,697, 913 for machinery. The total amount during the current fiscal year is estimated at $24,520,755, for 1911 it totals $13,375,220 and for 1912 and 1913 it aggregates $4,534,501.

The value of the mineral output of Alaska in 1909 is estimated at $20,200,000, practically the same as that of 1908 which was $20,139,272. The estimated value of the gold output of 1909 was $19,460,000; that of 1908 was $19,292,818. The copper production of 1909 was approximately 4,000,000 pounds, valued at about $520,000; that of 1908 was 4,585,362 pounds, valued at $602,267. Probably the output of none of the other mineral products, including silver, coal, marble, and gypsum, differed greatly from that of 1908, when the total value was $244,189. From 1880 when mining first began in Alaska to the close of 1909, the total value of the mineral production has been in round numbers $168,000,000. Of this amount the gold mines have contributed about $161,000,000; the commercial value of the silver output has been about $1,200,000 and the copper production has been about $4,700,000. The remainder is represented by the value of the output of coal, gypsum, tin, and marble.

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