

## Plan Show to Arouse Interest in Poultry

Medford Tribune: The suggestion that Medford hold a poultry show during the month of January next has met with prompt and enthusiastic approval by all who are interested in poultry and the improvement of poultry stock generally throughout the valley. Not only those who raise poultry, but persons of observation who realize that something should be done to stimulate interest in that industry in Jackson county, favor it without exception.

The plan will be to make the show essentially educational, both in the matter of improving the stock in order to obtain the best possible results by poultry raisers and in the effort to create a better market for the larger output of the poultry yards.

This can be done most effectively by concert of action under a common understanding of methods between those interested, both in the production and in the work of establishing the market. It will serve to overcome the embarrassments of the haphazard system—if it may be called a system—now extant in this valley.

The plan suggested is to give poultry raisers abundant time to prepare their stock for exhibit, to obtain speakers on popular poultry subjects from various sections of the state, to secure the services of expert incubator managers who will explain instructively the best and most economical uses of the various makes of incubators and breeders in relation to the production of healthy chicks with the minimum of loss, and, in a general and specific way, to teach the beginners how to make poultry pay.

It will stimulate interest in the industry as no other equally inexpensive method may do. It will teach the value of the best breeds, how to maintain the choicest strains and the important difference between the fancy family of premium producers and the scrub breeds. It will serve to overcome the prejudice commonly existing against so-called "fancy poultry" breeding—for it will show that the fancy chicken is, after all, only the best chicken in the matter of yielding profit, and that anything less than that is a scrub.

San Francisco, which is a greedy market for all of our poultry farm products, now ships from six to ten carloads of poultry from the east every week. Isn't that an anomalous condition, when we consider that one of the best informed and most practical poultry authorities in the state declares that Rogue River valley is one of the choicest regions on the continent for raising healthy chickens that produce the maximum yield of eggs in a year? He cites the fact that every essential condition in poultry production exists here in prime form—and it is his official business to know, for he is connected with the agricultural college at Corvallis and chicken raising is his specialty.

T. J. Gardner, head of the Medford Poultry Company, and one of the best informed men in the state on "poultry from the pen to the market," declares that Rogue River valley should easily reap the profit on the shipment of at least one carload of fine poultry a week from this point, and declares that he will do his utmost to make the proposed poultry show a

ringing success from every point of vantage.

"If our farmers would only keep account of the expense of maintaining a flock of chickens and turkeys, numbering from 100 to 500 to each farm throughout the year, and then note the proceeds of sales therefrom, comparing the income to the outgo, there would be a poultry yard, well kept and carefully handled as to breed and strain, on every farm," said Mr. Gardner, in discussing the matter with a Mail Tribune man. "What our farmers need is a little technical instruction, combined with practical demonstration of results, and the best, most economical and effective way to give it is in the annual poultry show that has become so popular and meritorious throughout the several states. Every district of consequence has its annual meeting of poultry people and exhibit of their stock, together with figures of profit and loss, and the reason why. That gives the show an educational feature that can't be duplicated any other way so simply, practically and usefully."

The matter of making preliminary arrangements for the poultry show is being taken up enthusiastically by these interested, including the business houses of the city and the industrial enterprises of several points in the valley, all of whom have been interested to the extent of expressing a readiness to give attractive premiums for best exhibits, ranging from goods and merchandise to real cash. Everyone approached insists that it must be made a "go" and a success.

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### WAKING DREAMS.

#### A Long Series of Events Can Be Crowded Into a Few Seconds.

It is more than likely that the great majority of dreams belong to the few moments when we are falling off to sleep and the equally brief time we take to wake up. In fact, nothing is more fully established than the fact that an apparently long dream can unfold itself in an infinitesimal space of time.

Alfred Maury relates how he had a long and vivid dream of the reign of terror in France, which included his trial before the revolutionary tribunal and his execution. He actually felt the guillotine fall. Yet that dream from beginning to end was actually caused by the fall of a curtain rod which struck him on the neck and woke him up. The whole lengthy dream lasted really a couple of seconds.

A well known writer in London was sitting up late writing something he much wished to finish. Suddenly someone came into the room and announced that he was called to go to Manchester. He went out and packed his bag and went to that city, where he stayed several days and saw innumerable people. He returned in due course and transacted a lot of business in town and actually contracted for and started a new book.

Yet when he woke with a start and found it was all a dream the ink of the last word he had written was as fresh and needed the blotting paper as much as if it had only just been written. He could not have dozed longer than ten seconds.—Pearson's.

### SPOILED HIS FISHING.

#### An Angler's Abrupt Departure From an Uncongenial Visitor.

An easterner was spending his first summer in Montana, says the Washington Star, where he had a good opportunity to indulge in his favorite sport of trout fishing. One afternoon he had been unusually successful, but just as he was setting out for camp with a heavy string of fish he caught sight of a great pine that had blown down and was lying with its top in the water—just the place for looking a monster trout.

Pushing along to the fallen pine, he climbed upon it by dint of hard scrambling, holding on as best he could with his rod in one hand and his string of fish in the other. The tree was close to the bank, and the stream was running bank full. He was in the midst of the branches, crowding onward, when suddenly an immense bear rose up close beside him.

There was no hesitation. To run was impossible. On the impulse of the moment the man dashed his string of trout full in the bear's face. In doing so he lost his balance, and the next instant there was a tremendous splash, and he disappeared in the rushing water.

The fisherman emerged some distance farther down the stream and, scrambling to the bank, looked back. There on the pine sat the bear, intently watching the hole where he had disappeared. He did not go back to inform her that he was not there, but made for camp at good speed.

#### A Plank's Inside and Outside.

There is an inside, also an outside, to every plank or board, the outside being the side farthest removed from the "pith," or center, of the tree from which the plank was cut. The careful workman always bears this in mind when fixing boards. He leaves the outside exposed to the air. If the inside is exposed to the atmosphere the earlier layers will ultimately shell out in shreds and strips owing to the action of the air destroying the timber's cohesive properties. As a result the even surface will be destroyed, a serious defect in better class work.—London Answers.

#### Origin of Comets.

Professor Elis Stromgren, director of the Copenhagen observatory, has carried out, with the aid of J. Braae, an investigation to determine whether comets come originally from interstellar space, as has been commonly supposed, or originate within the solar system. His method of research involves the backward computation of planetary perturbations for eight comets. The conclusion reached is that all comets heretofore observed have originated within the solar system.

**An Unfortunate Accident.**  
"Goodness, little boy!" exclaimed the kindly old gentleman to the weeping youth; "what on earth is the matter?"  
"I had a terrible accident," bawled the boy.

"Gracious! What was it?"  
"I met pop when I was a playin' bookey."—Ladies' Home Journal.

#### Imprudence.

The only cure for imprudence is the suffering which imprudence entails. Nothing but bringing him face to face with stern necessity and letting him feel how unbending, how unapitying, it is can improve the man of ill governed desires.—Herbert Spencer.

#### Candid Analysis.

"Can you dance?"  
"Yes," answered the self approving man. "I ain't much for style, but I've got wonderful endurance."—Washington Star.

#### None For Him.

"Why did you quit your last place? Wasn't your work congenial?"  
"Lady, no work is congenial."—Detroit Free Press.

Fidelity in small things is at the base of every great achievement.—Wagner.

## SPORTS

### Predictions and Forecasts.

Roscoe Fawcett, sporting writer for the Portland Oregonian and acknowledged authority in the northwest, indulged in a regular Beals stunt of forecasting previous to last Saturday's football games, and is much elated over the various outcomes, which proved his predictions to be 750 per cent correct. Friend Fawcett fell down hard on the Oregon-Michigan Aggie game, however, since his 21-7 defeat for O. A. C. was more than reversed. But every dope artist in the northwest fell down on that game, and as a matter of fact Fawcett came about the nearest of the bunch, so why should he worry?

This prediction business has an appeal all its own, and here is where we take a shot at it. We will predict that Washington university will claim the northwest championship; that Pullman will dispute the claim; that the Oregon-O. A. C. game will not be called off on account of rain; that if Junction City high school plays Astoria the latter will win; and last, but not least, that if "Chimax" Delsman plays in the Medford game the referee will be all worn out from chasing down the field behind the Ashland team. The only prediction about which we are a little leary is the last. We would not be the least bit surprised if the referee worked up a good appetite for dinner even if Delsman was to suffer a stroke of sunstroke.

### Why Not Try Numbering?

The numbering of players is meeting with approval in the east. We would suggest that Ashland and Medford try the innovation in the Thanksgiving conflict here. A crowd of several thousand people is anticipated and the game would be much more interesting to the rank and file of the people who can not recognize their neighbor's son when he is dolled up in football togs, if identification numbers and line-up cards were furnished.

The deer would have escaped practically unscathed had it not rained a week before the season closed.

You may now shoot ducks—if you can find the ducks.

We forgot to tell you that San Francisco copped the Pacific Coast league pennant and the Portland baseball would-be finished so far below the bottom that the bottom got discouraged.

We would like to be present when Fred Herrin turns the Russian wolf-hounds, which he bought at the exposition, loose on the wary coyotes

over on some open hillside on Grizzly.

### A Few Comparative Scores.

The old problem of how much tin would it take to make a star for a Talent policeman if coca colos sold in New York for thirty cents a flock, is simple when compared with making a comparison of two football teams merely on the basis of comparative scores. But how is this for a starter?

Washington State College beat the Oregon Aggies, 29-0; the Oregon Aggies beat the Michigan Aggies, 20-0; the Michigan Aggies beat Michigan, 24-0; ergo, Washington State is 73 points better than Michigan and the Oregon Aggies are 44 points superior to Yost's crew.

Investigating further, Syracuse beat Michigan, 14-7, and Princeton beat Syracuse, 3-0, so Washington State College has a 63-point margin over Princeton. And Princeton beat Lafayette 40-3 and Lafayette beat Pennsylvania 17-0.

And remember, too, that Cornell is rated as only 13 points better than Princeton, as shown by their scores with Williams. Cornell beat Williams 46-6 and Princeton beat Williams 27-0. Yet Cornell defeated Harvard 10-0. So, on comparative scores, Washington State College is 50 points superior to Cornell, 60 points superior to Harvard and 64 points superior to Yale, gauged by Washington and Jefferson scores with Yale and Lafayette.

Of course these comparisons are merely fanciful and Syracuse may upset goo all over the horizon when this strong eastern eleven comes to Portland December 1. But, in the meantime, the edge seems all to be with the teams from the far northwest.

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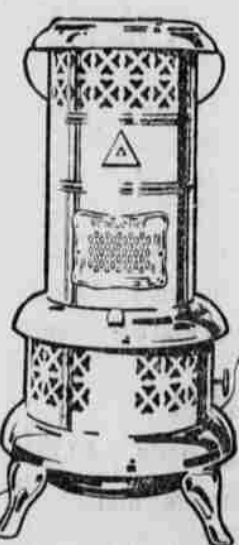
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