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T. T. GEER ON HENS

T. T. Geer, now editor of the Salem Statesman, used to be called the farmer-governor of Oregon. His pronounced aptitude for politics, however, created the impression in some quarters that perhaps he was not a real, live farmer after all, but he has lately given proof that he is indeed a governor-farmer-journalist.

The two phases—"sit" and "set"—as applied to the average barnyard hen, signify different frames of mind, rather than any particular act on her part.

We would suggest that the Multnomah club football team provide itself with two names—one for use in the event of victory and the other for use in the event of defeat.

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The bye elections held in England Tuesday indicate that Chamberlain's policy of protection is to be upheld by the voters of the United Kingdom. No general election will be held for three or four years to come, but the probable outcome of the present political discussion will doubtless be apparent early in 1904.

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MR. SPEAKER WOULDN'T BOW From the Washington Post.

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