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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 adaptibility 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-farmerfournalist. Some days ago a woman Hving at Oregon City wrote a note to the Oregonian asking whether or not she was right in saying that a ben "sets." She had discussed the propesition with a preacher, who said that "sits" was the word to be employed in dealing with hennery situations, The Oregonian printed the note, but, as Mr. Scott is alleged never to have been a farmer, the question propounded by the woman-a Mrs. Johnson-was not answered. Perhaps Mr. Scott was a farmer at some stage of his career and he may now be ashamed to acknowledge his agricultural learning; but, however that may be, Mr. Geer comes to the front with the desired informa-

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, says the former governor, who continues to the end of his dissemination as follows: When, day after day, she (the hen) is engaged in filling her nest with eggs in anticipation of a forthcoming brood, she "sits" thereon with an equanimity of mind that is equalled only by that of her waiting but patient mate, because every prospect land the greatest maritime nation or laid she is transformed into a "setting" ben, and all the nave, a of earth could centrated determination, insufferable s a "setting" ben, with all that that I unlies. You may remove every egg that no rational attachment to the . 4 seems to remain, destroy every vestige of the uest itself and place a broad board over the abandoned spot and that "setting" hen will immediately file a homestead appli eation on the mere reminiscence and will come nearer complying with the very letter of the law than nine-tenths of those other bipels who, under the in the event of defeat. Such difficulties same pretense, show a mighty sight has regard for conscientious "staying" could then be overcome. qualities. She would construe nothing so quickly into an unforgiveable affront as a suggestion to take advantage of any communication clause in her rules of conduct.

So, we repeat, it is not a question of cited to one of Webster's definitions of the word "set"-"that which is set or a setting hen, it will be contended that ft is only proper to refer to her as in the "setting" mood, and generally speaking, in the future tense, indefinitely.

For these reasons Mrs. Johnson is notified that her hen "set" and that the controversy with her minister is decided in her favor without recourse.

When, 34 years ago, the builders of the first transcontinental railroad pushed the line around the rocky northern shore of Great Salt Lake, they little thought that in a gneration 147 miles of that costly road would be abandoned for a cut-off straight across the lake 44 miles shorter, says the Railway Age. Their engineers, perhaps the ablest of that day, seem never to have thought of piling and filling through 30 miles of water, and so they carried the line, by infinite labor, over grades reaching 194 feet to the mile with curves in-

numerable, and bequeathed to the The Daily Astorian Southern Pacific one of its most expensive pieces of track, to maintain and operate. Now the modern engineer and builder devise and carry out the cut-off, by means of 7514 miles of land customary profound bow. work and 27% miles of trestle and filling, thus making a line between Lucin FRANKLIN PRINTING CO., and Ogden 103 miles long, against 147 non's elbow man. around the lake, straight as a ruler, for the most part, and practically level except a slight grade on the western his famous expletives of four letters. end-a far better and shorter line than the original and probably costing less money. The engineers of 1869 would have said of the Salt Lake cut-off, if fully, Mr. Cannon stood perfectly upthey had thought of it, "It can't be done," the railway executive of to-gineer finds the way to do it. Whether it has been doing. or not the cut-off will save all of the \$200,000 or so a year necessary to pay interest on its cost may be a question, but the increase in both passenger and Sent by mail, per year, in advance \$1 00 freight business which the shortening of distance and time must attract will doubtless justify the additional out-

> An innovation in garbage disposal is under consideration at Wilmington, Del., which has points of considerable merit. Ordinary garbage contains a large amount of water, and the evaporation of this water in crematories calls for fuel of one sort or another that might well be saved. At Willmingion about 60 per cent of the total weight of the garbage is stated to be water, of which two- thirds can be reremoved by oressing. A local designer is accordingly preparing plans for a machine to produce this result. Without discussing the design of such a machine, it may be stated in a general way that the idea is one which merits careful study. In some cities, particutarly in the south ,the water in the refuse is a serious factor in the operation of crematories. There is abundant reason for the belief that a pressing machine can be designed which will cost in operation much less than the fuel used in evaporating the water it can remove. It is even possible that the heat of the crematories can be utilized under boilers and enough steam raised in this way to operate the press. It is to be hoped that if the experiment is made full information concerning the results, whether successful or unsuccessful, will be made public.

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. Free trade made Engpleases. But 20 minutes after she is the globe, and it is one of the surprisconvinced that the last egg has been ing features of national evolution that protection should now be essential to her maintenance of that position. The not change her nood 37 of it. She at American tendency is towards modified | 100 shop becomes the very envince of conor very pressing need of protecting incontrariness and man mountable im- dustries in this country. England will plunge into the tariff problem at a time that will enable we Americans to view without favor the effects of the experiment, and it is not at all improbable that we may be able to profit thereby.

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 as that arising at Astoria last Sunday

### MR. SPEAKER WOULDN'T BOW

From the Washington Post. When the secretary of the senate appears at the head of the center sisle of the house with an official message, grammur. As proof, the reader is Spenker Cannon's backbone becomes as rigid as a ramrod.

Eearly in the extra session, when Mr. fixed," and until some can name one Cannon was still new to his job, and object under heaven that is more per- | was taking lessons in the etiquette of manently and definitely "fixed" than the chair from his elbow man, as all new speakers must do, the senate's secretary pushed through the double doors



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