

WOULD HAVE POLES IN AMERICA RETURN TO THE OLD COUNTRY

Women of Polish Nobility Appeal to Former Natives to Buy Lands.

MANY ESTATES RUINED

Families Once Wealthy, Made Destitute by War, Eager to Dispose of Tracts.

By N. L. Piotrowski. (Copyright, 1915, by J. Keeley.) Vienna, Austria, Oct. 22.—American Poles will be urged to return to Poland to buy up land which will otherwise go to foreigners. A group of Polish women here, of the nobility, is preparing for a campaign of appeal not only among Poles in America but directed to other natives of this persecuted land. It is the belief of this body that the Poles in America will gladly offer their savings for this cause and that many will be eager to return to their native land with an opportunity to invest their money. This movement is headed by Mme. Abrahamowicz, wife of the former minister and president of the Austrian parliament. Among the members working under her are other wives of high officials, princesses and countesses. The three parts of Poland are included in this work. Polish landholders are in dire need of money and the

feared that their property will be pounced upon by rich aliens is great. Estates famed for their luxury and gaiety before the war are pathetically in ruins. These estates include those of the nobility, for the wealth of the counts and princes is doubtful now. For instance, the 15 estates in Galicia of Princess Lubomierska have been destroyed, save one. Prince Czartorski's estates in Galicia have all been destroyed, a group of gaunt, fire-blackened walls indicating the palace of former splendor and life. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of Polish noblemen, wealthy before the war, now destitute and looking for a purchaser of their lands.

Women Learn Useful Occupations.

This group of Polish noblewomen, but recently organized, is broad in its scope of welfare work. It has a sub-name—the Society of Patronesses and Propagandists, the object to bring those women and girls back to their home towns whom have and poverty had driven away. These workers are bringing them back and are teaching them to pursue useful occupations, which they are practicing throughout the country. Their work is consistent. Every member of the society pledges herself to buy only hats and other articles from those producers for whom these girls and women work. And there are many aristocratic fingers at work in the factories, too. Destitute gentlewomen of Poland have taken up the commercial education offered by this body. It is the sense of this society that every girl, rich or poor, shall learn something useful; that the girl from a rich home shall not only pursue her French and music but shall become a producer.

Free Poland Cause Gains.

Regarding the question of Polish freedom in the future, I have learned some very interesting Austrian sentiment. Count Julius Andrássy of Budapest, counselor and former minister of Austria-Hungary, and son of the famous Hungarian patriot and statesman, wrote an article published in a recent issue of the Neue Freie Presse here, which passed the government censors, a significant fact, inasmuch as the government itself refuses to talk.

The article stated, in substance, in reviewing the Polish question, that the solution of the problem lay in giving Poland its own government, not under separate kingdoms but united with Austria, to protect herself from a repetition of Russian greed. What makes this interesting is the fact that many prominent Poles in Austria have endorsed his belief, among them Count Golschowski, former minister of foreign affairs; Leon Billmicki, former minister of finances and president of the Polish group of the Vienna parliament; Mr. Morowski, minister of Galicia; and many others. They told me personally that they believed this to be the best solution of the Polish question.

Many Entries Are In Sight for Show

Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock Association Makes Preparation for Exhibit Which Will Open December 6.

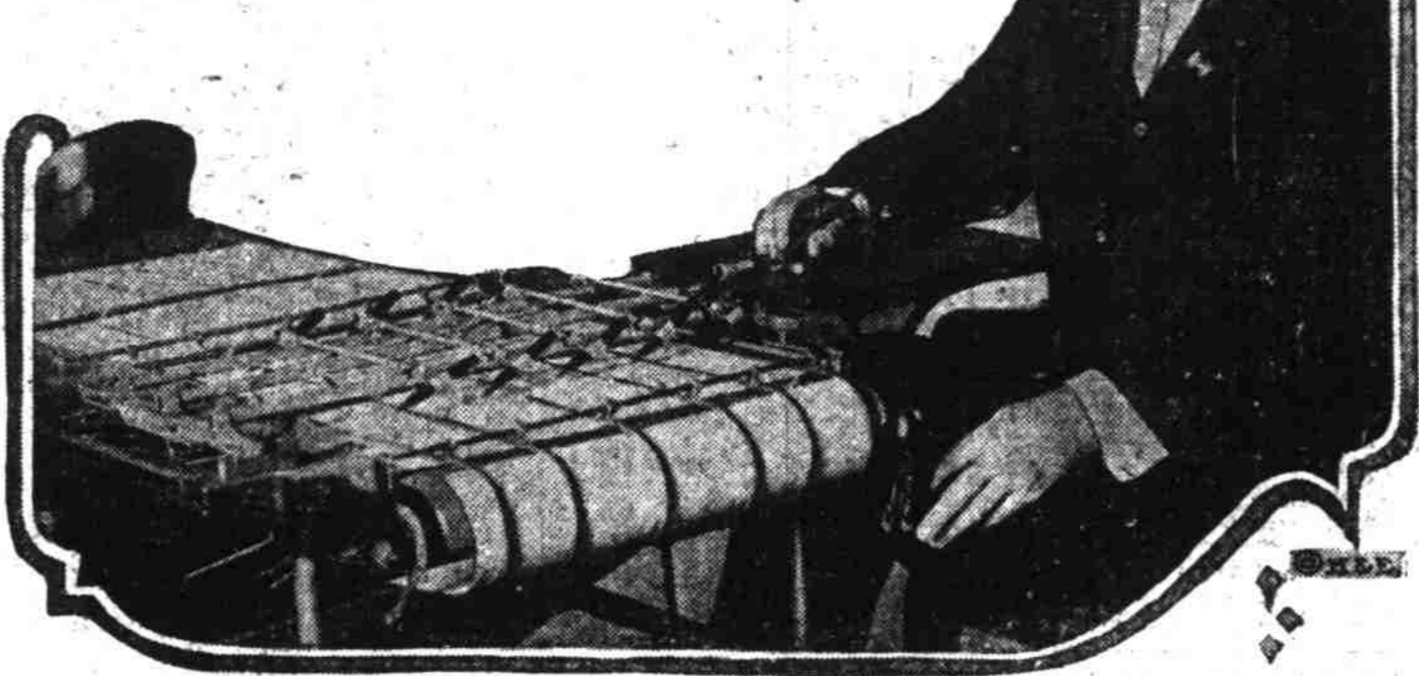
Workmen are now preparing the basement room of the Yeon building for the seventh annual show of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association, which opens December 6. Indications last night were that at least 2500 entries would have been made by the time the entries close, November 26. Coops are being constructed that will care for that many, besides quarters for the rabbits, guinea pigs, canaries and homing pigeons.

John M. Mann, secretary of the association, said yesterday that interest in fancy poultry during the last year has increased many fold and that the association now numbers more fanciers of high grade stock than ever.

Four hundred fine Oregon birds now being shown at San Francisco are to be brought here for exhibit. In addition, exhibitors from all over the northwest have been supplied with premium lists and their choicest fowls are to be sent here for display. The premiums amount to \$1500 this year. One of the features of the show will be the display of rabbits, more

DEVICE SIMPLIFIES CHECK SIGNING

Frank J. Thiel, assistant treasurer of the United States, who, in his official capacity, is called on to sign nearly 500,000 checks a year, a job that heretofore took up about all of the assistant treasurer's time. Recently a check signing machine was installed in the treasury and the other day Mr. Thiel signed 100 checks in 54 seconds. At this rate he could sign 6666 in an hour, 64,662 in a seven hour working day. Signed by hand a good day's work would be about 2000.



than 1500 entries already having been made. Many fanciers have gone into the rabbit game during the last 12 months. The show will open December 6 and continue until December 11.

Mongols May Work Mines.

Petrograd, Nov. 20.—(I. N. S.)—In view of conditions created by the war, the gold mining committee of the ministry of trade has decided to sus-

pend the regulations forbidding the employment of yellow labor in the mines of East Siberia. Measures facilitating the transportation of Chinese workmen to the gold mines have been adopted.

BROADWAY SECTION TO BE PAVED SOME DAY TO BE CERTAIN

Part Between Union Avenue and East Approach of the Bridge to Be Improved.

MUCH DELAY RESULTS

It Is Difficult to Find Out the Exact Status of the Proposition at This Time.

Some day Broadway, between Union avenue and the east approach of the Broadway bridge, is to be hard surfaced. When that will be done no one knows, but officials of the department of public works generally agree that it will be done some day.

Although much has been said and done on paper, Broadway is no nearer being paved today than it was when the Broadway bridge was completed. Grades have been changed, and jogs eliminated on paper, but the actual grades and jogs are still very much in evidence.

Attempting to find out the exact status of the improvement is worse than trying to find the man who started the European war. Proceedings, you finally learn, are somewhere en route between the city attorney's office and the department of public works, and you are told that everything possible is being done to expedite matters.

Originally when proceedings were started to improve the street property

owners, remonstrated, and the plan to improve the thoroughfare was automatically killed. Later another attempt to hard surface the street was made, but property owners objected to the type of pavement proposed, and again proceedings were killed. Then some one got the idea that the idea that the jog at Broadway and Wheeler streets should be eliminated. Proceedings to eliminate the jog took several months to change the grade—that is, on paper.

Now the changes have necessitated damage to property, and the department of public works and the city attorney's office are trying to figure out the exact amount of damage done and how the costs can be assessed. When that is done steps may be taken to again start proceedings for hard surfacing. When this is to be is a matter of conjecture, although officials of the department of public works say that it will be done as soon as possible.

Municipal Court Makes New Ruling In Appeal Cases

Judge Stevenson yesterday made a ruling that jail sentences of less than 10 days or fines of less than \$20 dollars cannot be appealed from the municipal to the circuit court. Peter Kall was arrested recently for participation in a gambling game in which a man claims to have been fleeced of \$25. Kall was charged with vagrancy under the state law and was sentenced to serve seven days by Judge Stevenson. Attorney McDewitt appearing for Kall took the case to the circuit court where it was thrown out. Kall will now have to serve the sentence.

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