

Largest Poultry Show Ever Staged in Oregon Commences December 15

ENTRY TERRITORY IS EXTENDED FOR BIG WINTER SHOW

Breeders of Finest Poultry in North and Middle West Will Send Stock Here for Exhibit.

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Editor of Poultry Life

The Western winter show, tenth annual exhibition of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association, will this year include entries from a wider territory than has ever before been represented here. Breeds are on the way from all three Pacific coast states, Oregon, Washington and California, and in addition they are coming from Montana, Idaho, Utah and North Dakota. Poultry fanciers will see here some of the best stock of all breeds of poultry from this territory.

The Black Orpingtons are expected to form a very attractive display. F. A. Grace of Montana having entered a string of these handsome big black birds which he showed at the big Chicago Coliseum show.

As usual, the big display will be of the old reliable Barred Rocks, the favorites not only with fanciers but known as well as "the farmers' chickens." The entry list holds over 200 of these Rhode Island Reds will come next in numbers. The scope of this show has been broadened to take in every branch of poultry raising and the commercial poultryman will find several attractive new features here. Probably the most interesting of these will be a world's record White Leghorn hen brought from Washington as a part of the exhibit of one of the feed manufacturers. This hen, bred and owned by T. Tancore of Kent, Wash., heads the list of the world's high producing hens with a record of 330 eggs in 345 days. Her owner allowed her to leave the farm only after a livestock insurance policy for \$5000 was issued on her.

The Boys' and Girls' club of the public schools have a part in this show with a large number of entries in the egg show. Egg shows are new to the Pacific coast, but this one will show the difference between standard eggs and the under-grade eggs which are often sold to them by retail dealers at the price of standard stock. The educational value of this display will be well worth while.

The congestion of traffic on railroads will probably delay matters somewhat, but the show will open on Tuesday morning for the remainder of the week.

POULTRY NOTES

Egg Standardization Favored—Recently a conference on the international standardization of eggs was held in London. Chief interest centered around the methods of grading followed by Denmark and Canada. Denmark has adopted the system of grading by weight with only casual attention to the actual interior quality of the egg. The Danes have been following this system for a number of years, and have acquired a considerable reputation on the British market. The Canadian standards are based primarily upon quality and relative edibility, with subsidiary weight clauses leading to uniformity in size. These standards have been in force two seasons only, but the reports received as to the quality of the eggs upon

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Eggs from "stolen" nests should not be marketed; they are of unknown age and quality and should be used at home. When taking eggs to market protect them from the sun's rays in warm weather. Ship or deliver eggs twice or three times weekly.

Notice the candler has places for the good eggs as well as for checks (cracked eggs), dirty eggs and "rots." When selling eggs insist that they be bought on a quality basis.

Fertile eggs will withstand marketing conditions much better than fertile eggs.

All cockerels not intended to be kept or sold for breeders should be marketed when they reach suitable size. Such birds confined in a home-made fattening battery or coop and fed a fattening ration for a week or 10 days will not only increase in weight but bring a better price on the market, because of improved quality.

Dairymen's League Meeting Put Off

The annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's league is postponed until December 16, at 10 a. m., in the Portland Central library. A few favored the storm last Tuesday, and Alvin D. Katz, president of the league, opened an informal meeting, at which his annual report was read and various matters talked over. J. D. Mickie, dairy and food commissioner, told of conditions he found in Coos and Curry counties, where he recently made a visit.

Bothwell Expert Poultryman
Enterprise, Dec. 13.—Enterprise boasts of an expert chicken raiser in the person of B. F. Bothwell. He now has 1200 White Leghorn May pullets that have begun to lay, and he expects to receive a nice income by the first of the year. Mr. Bothwell is 73 years old, but has no thought of quitting the chicken business.

The executive board of the farm bureau took over the publication of the Farm Bureau News for November and made of it an open letter, as it were, to the commissioners, explaining why the work must be continued. The commercial clubs, business men's organizations, bankers and women's organizations of the towns of Ashland, Medford, Talent, Central Point and several districts have taken up the matter.

The service rendered the children of the county, the help in all manner of scientific home management and the social spirit brought about by community meetings is among the special features argued for the maintaining of this office.

Dairy Commissioner Addresses Dairymen

J. D. Mickie, dairy and food commissioner of Oregon, recently returned from a trip to Coos and Curry counties. Mickie went on the invitation of the Coos and Curry counties cheese associations before whom he addressed four meetings. Mickie reports that this section is very progressive, the dairymen are making many improvements in their equipment and building silos and raising large root crops to supplement the grass, which is abundant most of the year. The Bandon condensary is receiving about 25,000 pounds of milk per day and the creamery at Norway is doing a large business, paying from 73 to 74 cents per pound for butterfat. To create a war chest fund the members of the association voted to give 2 cents per hundredweight on all milk handled outside of the associations.

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Corvallis Expects Fully 2000 Visitors For Farmers' Week

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 13.—Plans are being made to care for at least 2000 persons during farmers' week, December 23-January 2. Sixteen hundred persons attended in 1917, when the last event of the kind was held, but owing to increased interest in agriculture, thought to have been brought about by war conditions, a material increase is expected.

Reservations should be made in advance, to avoid confusion upon arrival in Corvallis, say those in charge of arrangements. Dr. D. V. Poling, at the "Y" hut, is listing rooms. Accommodations may be had at from 50 cents to \$1 a day, and the college cafeteria will be prepared to serve meals to all who desire them at an amount not exceeding \$1.50 a day. Clubs or associations, by making arrangements in advance, may obtain lodging in the same building, it is pointed out.

Valley Dairymen Have Stock Sale

Albany, Dec. 13.—Dairymen from all parts of the Willamette valley attended the sale of cows held Saturday by Lane county men who shipped the animals here. Registered and grade stock, some of them being prize winners at the Lane county and other fairs, were unable to attract fancy prices, but few animals bringing over \$150. One of the registered Holstein cows brought only \$300, although the sellers offered \$125 for her calf at four months if it proved to be a heifer.



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METHOD OF PACKING EGGS DISCUSSED AT LONDON CONFERENCE

Railways Refuse to Take Responsibility Because Rules Are Not Strictly Followed.

The recent conference of the international egg and poultry instructors and investigators held in London was attended by American Agricultural Trade Commissioner Edward A. Foley, who has forwarded the following report:

"The first subject under discussion was the new railway rule that each egg should be separately packed in its own compartment before railways will accept the case of shipment at company's risk.

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packed as to bring them under the conditions of this rule.

"Danish eggs are placed in wood wool; Irish in straw, and American and Canadian in cardboard containers. The American container would be acceptable if each egg were wrapped in paper before being placed in its section in the container. A resolution was adopted protesting against this rule as impracticable and imposing an unnecessary hardship on the shipper.

"A resolution demanding that expert freight handlers be used by the transportation companies was also adopted. Considerable evidence of serious damage to eggs through the careless or inexperienced handling by the railway was presented."

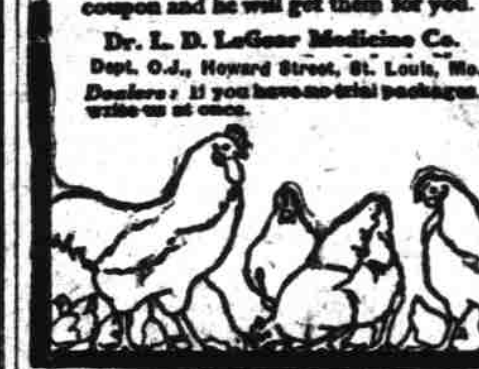
Minnesota Buys Poultry Farm
Roseburg, Nov. 13.—F. F. Chase of Minneapolis, Minn., a recent arrival

here, has purchased the fine poultry farm of J. H. Clark in Edenbower. Mr. Chase will take immediate possession of the poultry farm. The ranch was recently fully equipped by Mr. Clark, and he has 500 White Leghorn pullets just beginning to lay and is getting an average of 150 eggs per day. The housing for the poultry is of the very latest and most approved model and the place is one that will make a fine income for the owner. Ten acres are in fruit.

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"Noon—Feed FISHER'S EGG PRODUCER wet with sour milk or buttermilk. Feed in troughs all they will eat in thirty minutes. Be sure and have the trough long enough so all the birds can feed at once.

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"Keep in mind that neglect in feeding any part of the ration will result in a serious falling off of the egg yield. Feed as regularly as you possibly can. Fresh ground bone from the butcher shop fed twice a week in the fall and winter, is very good. About two or three pounds to each hundred hens is sufficient for each feed of this."

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