

## OREGON WILL RETAIN AND IMPROVE ON THE HONORS SHE HAS ATTAINED

She Has Won More Than Her Proportionate Share of the High Places in Laying Contests, and the Favorable Conditions Here Will Enable Her Breeders to Keep at the Head in This Respect.

Oregon may not be the poultryman's paradise, but conditions in this state, and particularly in the Willamette valley, are certainly as nearly ideal for poultry raising as one could hope to find anywhere.

fers conditions as nearly ideal for poultry production as can be found in any section in the world. The entire poultry world takes off its hat to the Pacific northwest when it comes to egg production, and Oregon has gathered in more than its proportionate share of the honors in every egg-laying contest in which it has been represented.

A High Compliment So widespread has become the fame of this section for its poultry production and so persistent have been the hens of the northwest in making and breaking new production records that the editors of one of the world's largest poultry journals spent several weeks in visiting the poultry plants of Oregon and Washington last summer to find out how it was done in order that the methods employed by the poultry raisers of this section might be passed on to the poultry raisers of other sections.

More Commercial Plants Whereas only a few years ago Oregon's egg supply came almost wholly from the small farm flocks, today this state contains a number of large commercial poultry plants with accommodations for from 2000 to 5000 hens, most of them returning handsome profits to their owners.

## SALEM MAY GET A MACHINERY PLANT

Possibility of Flax Pullers and Other Useful Devices Being Made Here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Tenney of Portland passed through Salem last week on the last leg of a 11,000 mile auto tour from coast to coast and return. Primarily the trip was taken to investigate the fiber flax situation in the east and Canada.

Copper Expects Results From New Commission Bill Supervision of irrigation projects, the placing of inspectors upon them and other functions that have been performed by the state irrigation and drainage securities commission, which have been of uncertain legal authority heretofore, are legalized by the enactment of the recent legislation that places the governor and the state treasurer on the commission in addition to the state engineer, the state superintendent of banks and the attorney general who have served heretofore.

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From Duluth the trip was continued into Ontario, Canada, where they specialize on fiber flax, their soil and climatic conditions being more favorable for its culture. Total acreage has fallen off from 100,000 to 20,000 or less for the last few years, principally on account of high labor costs in the field. The mechanical puller will invigorate the industry, as Canada looks forward to helping take care of, at least, a portion of the flax demand that was formerly supplied by Russia.

## Fish Commission Placed on Self-sustaining Basis

Governor Pierce yesterday at a late hour signed house bill 358, which places the state fish commission upon a self-sustaining basis by increasing fees and providing for a poundage fee.

territory that is especially well adapted to its growth and quality. "By boosting flax raising," says Mr. Tenney, "we can make possible the efforts of our governor to make our state penitentiary self supporting, bringing about the economies we so much desire in taxation, as well as making our own community more prosperous."

## Pollman Not to Accept Highway Commission Post

William Pollman of Baker yesterday informed Governor Pierce by telephone that he will not be able to accept an appointment as state highway commissioner.

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