

Poultry.

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POULTRY NOTES.

The State of Oregon can boast of as fine fowls as can be found in any other State in the Union. The poultry interest is steadily on the improve.

There are many firm and intelligent fanciers in our State who do not keep fancy fowls as a speculation. They will survive all difficulties and become famous, when the speculation breeder will become disgusted, sell out, and be forgotten.

We have yet to see the good in feeding young chicks soft food. After two weeks we feed almost entirely on wheat, and find the broods do better than on any other food.

Just set this down as a fact, that no laying fowls, setting hens, or young broods of chicks will ever thrive and be profitable to the owner if infested with lice. Keep your fowls from the hen houses at this time of the year, is the best remedy we know of.

What has become of the proposed new organization of the old N. P. P. and P. S. Association? Gentlemen of Portland, we would like to hear from you. We are ready to lend what aid we can.

One would think this cold, damp spring would kill all the young chicks, but our "little ones" have never done better. Not a single chick lost so far.

We have heard of no complaints of droops in chicks so far this spring. We may possibly escape this dread disease.

THE BEST BREED.

We are many times asked which is the best breed of fowls. This would be a hard question for us to answer. Certainly, if we had our preference for any one breed, and said they were the best, we would be injuring, or would be accused of injuring, those who kept other breeds that we do not. There are many breeds of fowls, none of which but have their admirers. The breed that suits the fancy of the breeder is the one to keep, and is the one that he would and will always be successful with. Certainly, if a fancier did not admire the Plymouth Rock, we would not expect him to be successful in their breeding. Yet because this breeder did not like them, that should not be any reason why he should denounce them. The same may be said of all other breeds. A breed of fowls that is a profitable one in one locality, may not be so in another. One breeder may keep fowls for eggs alone, while another may keep another for beauty, regardless of what they are capable of producing in eggs or meat. All we have to say is, choose the breed that suits you best, take good care of them, and success is sure to follow.

The Coming Leghorn.

An ever increasing interest seems to be in the Rose Comb Leghorn, and they bid fair to have a boom equal in brilliancy to that of the Wyandotte. Unlike the latter, they met with the most vindictive opposition at the start; the opposition being almost entirely from breeders of Single Comb Leghorns, who felt that the new breed must surely become the future Leghorn, especially in northern climates, unless crushed in its infancy. It is amusing to read the abusive essays in back issues of poultry journals. The position taken by the opposition almost always being that "Rose Comb Leghorns" were not pure Leghorns, but the result of a cross, and consequently a mongrel. It seems rather strange that nearly, or quite, all the opposition came from parties who never kept Rose Comb Leghorns, and probably in some cases, never saw one. Not less vindictive was the fight over the origin of Rose Comb Brown Leghorns. One party, who will be nameless here, going so far as to threaten to challenge another party, also nameless, to fight a duel over some statement made in an article replying to a certain Mrs. —; both parties being in the delirious state of the "chicken fever."

The above incident, I believe, was never in print before—but it comes from "headquarters." The R. C. B. Leghorn originated in a rose-combed fowl of Spanish origin, which was imported into Maine and kept quite extensively by farmers, a strain of them being known as "York County Fowls." They resembled the S. C. B. Leghorns, except in comb, and were afterward crossed on the latter to secure more perfect standard markings. Our R. C. B. Leghorns, as we now have them, originated in this strain, and well bred stock will throw quite as finely marked birds in every standard requirement as the S. C. B. Leghorns.

The R. C. White Leghorns have been longer before the public, but do not seem to have gained such favor as the Brown variety, probably because their color is

not so fancy and is more liable to become disfigured by dirt when confined to small yards. They are a grand breed, and shall be more widely cultivated. When allowed free range, they will keep their plumage clean, and a more beautiful fowl is hard to find.—National Poultry Monitor.

Are the Asiatics the Best.

The question of which breeds is best has long been one of discussion; the question what class of fowls are best seems somewhat broader.

The question of how many eggs will a fowl lay to the time she is one year old. If this could be ascertained would do much toward deciding this vexed question. We hatched four birds June 16th, pullets, Light Brahmas; twenty from July 4th to 17th, and six August 6th. It will be seen that these birds average a year old about July 15th. During the time ten of these birds were set on eggs, and each raised a brood of chicks. We gave no credit for this work, but for it taken account August 1st, as a fair time for all to be one year old—the few days difference being recompensed by the ten birds set, three of which set three weeks. Now for result. Thirty Light Brahma pullets, our "Wounetta" laid 109 8-15 eggs each, and were growing in the time.

Will breeders of all varieties the coming year make the experiment, and let us see which in this respect are really the best. The highest average was for February, while February, March and April was about the average for the six months, they were laying really 109 8-15 for less than six months, places at least the Light Brahma where it will take a good one to take from them the lead or equal their record. The pullets were the get of a cockerel presented to me by Mr. Williams, and out of our pedigree Light Brahma hens, June 3d.

These eggs average at our grocery store 33 cents, and all could have been exchanged for the food they have eaten. They have earned \$2.99 less the food they consumed, which, on a basis of one bushel and twelve quarts or its equivalent in other food, would be in Natick \$1.12 for the past year, or a net of \$2.79, and throw in the care of the ten broods of chicks and raised.

Other statements for Brahmas in other hands, I can vouch for of a profit of \$2.78 per head since January 1st to August 1st, are already reported. The query is, "will not the other Asiatics do nearly, if not as well?" If so, the question is squarely asked, "Are not the Asiatics the best?"—I. K. Felch, in Poultry Monitor.

In Chicago, as is well known, it was a direct battle of the best people of both the old parties against the "Socialists," and the anxiety for a time was great as to the possible result. The better element however prevailed. A report reads, "The genuine interest with which to-day's election was watched was well illustrated by the hundreds of dispatches received by private individuals asking information. Many such inquiries came from a class which rarely takes an interest in the city elections—the well-to-do farmers." All that is threatening in our country to-day is centered in our cities, and, as above noted, in many instances this bad element is already ruling the country. Farmers cannot too soon organize and educate themselves to meet the issues. We cannot shirk the responsibility. It is an "irrepressible conflict."

Before the coming of the Grange, farmers never had an organization covering the whole country, and in all its principles, its teachings and practices to every portion of our land. For over twenty years has it been in existence; had it not been right and founded upon justice and truth, it never would have lasted all this time. It has been thoroughly tried and proven, and has resulted not only in great good to its own members, but to farmers everywhere and to others not farmers. It is no longer a theory, no longer an experiment. It is to-day a bright, living fact, and one of the permanent institutions of our country; and as has been the case in the past, just in proportion that its true aims and objects are understood, do we find prejudice and opposition passing away. It has only to be known, its true objects and purposes explained, and every farmer of intelligence and progress will give it his hearty support.

For every American citizen who loves his country and its institutions, and takes time to note the "straws that tell which way the wind blows," it must cause serious thought to read the returns of the spring elections from several of our largest cities and States. In Michigan a prohibition amendment was defeated and the telegram reporting the result says: "The whole affiliated liquor interest—manufacturers, retail dealers and the innumerable army of drinkers—was arrayed against it. * * * It was a battle between the cities and the rural districts and the former have won."

From Cincinnati we read this: "For a new party to come within a scratch of electing a ticket which a fortnight ago not one business man in ten knew had been placed in nomination, is something as novel as it is revolutionizing. People generally went home late last night in the belief that the candidates of the party had been elected, but the morning papers relieved the feeling of possible calamity."

Grange Column.

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SALEM GRANGE—THE COMING STATE GRANGE.

Though the day was stormy, Salem Grange turned out well last Saturday, and discussed the prohibition question, but the negative was very poorly handled, sentiments generally being in favor. Bro. Webb, who is an ardent prohibitionist, covered the field very ably in favor of the pending amendment. While this question was taken up for debate, and the members of the Order, as individuals, are largely in favor of the amendment, it was distinctly enunciated there that the Patrons do not intend to go out of their proper field of thought and labor to take sides on any pending questions of the day. The object of the Grange is to advance the interests of agriculture, and devise means for that purpose, as also to secure higher and better social privileges.

The question of entertaining the State Grange at its coming session had been before attended to, and committees appointed. It was reported that on Tuesday, May 24th, after the Grange had met and organized, an open session would be held in the afternoon, at the Senate Chamber of the State capital, which Secretary of State McBride has kindly allowed the use, as the hall of Salem Grange is too small for the purpose.

At this afternoon session, there will be a welcoming speech by His Excellency, Gov. Penney, to the State Grange, to be replied to by Sister Hays. Also Mayor Ramsey will speak in welcome, and various exercises, with singing and addresses, will occupy the afternoon. This session will be open to the public, as also that of the evening to be held at the same place.

On Tuesday evening, at the Senate Chamber, also open to the public, there will be literary exercises, essays, etc., by the younger members of the Grange from different parts of the State, interspersed with music, singing, etc. This evening is given up to informal exercises, and to mingle together for acquaintance. It is hoped that Salem people will attend, and that many friends from the country will be present, and for that purpose this attractive hall has been secured.

On Wednesday evening the Fifth Degree will be conferred, and the Grange will finish its work, and adjourn Thursday night, as there are no officers to elect and install at this session.

GRANGE NOTES.

"A few years ago there was great glee among the middlemen and over-bearing corporations. The reason for their joy was peculiar, and to the ordinary mind not provocative of merriment. It was simply this: There was a temporary lull in the activity of the Patrons of Husbandry and immediately its haughty and greedy foes set up the cry, 'Lo! the Grange is on its last legs; it is sliding down to die.' Just here was where their mistake very naturally occurred, for the Grange was merely resting itself up for more vigorous efforts, for now behold! it is on its feet again, and is hitting out from the shoulder with a vigor and vim that is at once a terror and surprise to its adversaries."—Western Rural.

"The principles learned and obeyed in the Grange, and in our intercourse there, as Patrons of Husbandry, are none too good for the outward daily life. Fraternity, born here within these walls, should go with us everywhere, bearing the spirit of the Grange room in all our walks. Let us not forget what the Grange is. It is not pleasure alone, nor a business, nor a trade, nor a profession. It is a joyous duty, a noble manhood and womanhood, a charitable life. The Grange is an inward possession. It is not altogether a matter of gain, but of giving; not altogether of hoarding, but of diffusing."—Roscoe G. Smith, Lecturer, Cornish Grange, Maine.

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