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WHY NOT A LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The state grange is behind a measure to change the state constitution to provide for the office of lieutenant governor.

This movement was no doubt induced by the death of Governor Patterson and the elevation of Senator Norblad to the governorship. In this case we have a man occupying the governor's chair who was elected to office by the electors of one county.

By the provisions of the Grange plan as it appears on another page of this issue the lieutenant governor will be elected as the governor is and by the entire electorate of the state. It also provides for any vacancy which might occur should the governor and lieutenant governor be absent from duty at the same time. It also provides for a presiding officer in the state senate similar to the vice president in the national congress.

There is little argument against the creation of the office unless it be the small salary, which is involved and in case of the death or resignation of the governor the state will have a new governor, elected by the people all ready to step in and assume charge of affairs.

One of the biggest pieces of good news to reach this city in recent years was that the court of appeals had reversed the decision handed down by Judge Bean in the United States District Court and thus reestablishing the right of the city to maintain or build a dam at the site of the city pumping plant.

The situation as it now stands looks bright for an early renewal of activity at that place by the Beaver Portland Cement Co. Unless further stumbling blocks are placed in the way of the construction work it will no doubt be pressed as soon as conditions are right and the erection of a power and generating plant at the east end of town, will be a reality.

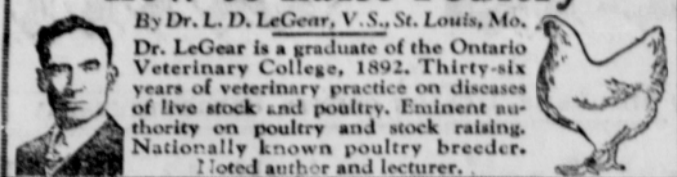
The construction of the power plant has been hanging fire now for two years and insofar as the people of the city are in favor of the Beaver Portland Co. building it let us hope that nothing more intervenes to stop the early completion of the project.

We do not wonder at the news from Chicago that the people are going to take the situation in hand and attempt to stop the epidemic of murder, anarchy and disrespect of civil liberty in that city. The better people are not going to long stand for any such rotten condition and if it comes to a showdown when either the racketeer or the respectable citizen must leave we will place our stakes on the decent citizen. More power to the people of that disgraced city for their stand, may their cause be successful.

A woman in New Jersey was strangled to death trying to save her jewelry from burglars. She perhaps thought she was as well off dead as without jewelry.

We believe that the naval arms parley being held in London will be a great success if some diplomat be developed there who is diplomatic enough to make every nation believe it is getting its own way.

How to Raise Poultry



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Shortening The Hens Vacation

Careful Feeding and Sympathetic Handling of Hens During the Trying Ordeal of the Molt Will Do Much Toward Accelerating Their Return to Productiveness.

The thought has often occurred to me that civilization has compelled both man and fowl to do a great many things that nature never intended to do. Civilization and evolution combined have also changed many of their natural bodily functions. Yet, with incomprehensible stubbornness they still retain organs and habits for which the need has long since disappeared. A man's appendix, for instance, is his souvenir of some long forgotten physical function, while the fowl's habit of moulting is her reminder of the time when a vital need existed for the periodical removal of her feathers.

A hen in the wild state frequently had to depend on her wings for flight from birds and beasts of prey. Her feathers, moreover, were her only protection from the elements. In the wild life she led they were undoubtedly in need of repair and renewal at the end of a strenuous season in brush and briar. It was to be expected, therefore, that wise Mother Nature would provide some regular, automatic method to supply the needed renewal at the proper time.

Now, the wild hen had to lay enough eggs to hatch out a small brood. When the chicks were old enough to shift for themselves, she was as free from duties or responsibilities of any kind as a modern flapper is free from hosiery in the summer time. She was then at liberty to renew her coat and she could take the rest of the year for the job. Now, civilization has changed all that. Whereat the wild hen might lay a dozen eggs or less and started hatching at once, the civilized descendent is expected to lay ten times that much and gets no chance to exercise mother instinct. Instead, her eggs are hatched by a machine and her chicks foster-mothered by a capon or brooder.

Although man now provides shelter and protection from wild beasts, the hen takes no hences; she continues to molt. This would be of no great consequence were it not that egg laying and moulting do not often go on together. A hen can neither eat and digest enough food

nor supply enough energy to produce both new feathers and a regular supply of eggs. Consequently the longer a hen takes for the molt, the less time she has for laying and the less profitable it will be to feed and care for her. The big problem in connection with the molt, therefore, is to make it as short as possible.

Careful breeding offers one solution. Good layers will not stop laying until late August, early September or later and are through in about six weeks. Eggs for hatching should always be from such hens. Hens that molt early and take two or three months for it should be watched carefully. The chances are they do not lay enough to pay for their feed and keep, but would be more profitable if marketed for the table.

By constantly culling out the loafers and breeding only from the best layers, a flock will eventually be built up which will require only a very short vacation period for the molt with a corresponding increase in time devoted to laying. Very careful handling and feeding is desirable at all times, however, to keep the vacation at a minimum and the production period at a maximum. Avoid anything that hinders laying, like sudden changes of feed. It may bring on the unproductive molt sooner than need be. On the other hand, correct feeding and a little extra care may accelerate feather growing so the hen can complete her new winter costume and get back to profitable production in a very little while.

During the molt, fowls should have the very best of care. They should have ample shade, an abundance of green food and plenty of fresh water. They should be protected from dampness, drafts and exposure of any kind. Very late molters should be especially protected against cold. If possible, put molting birds to themselves. They are timid and self-conscious when bare, and the other hens will make life miserable for them. The less hens are disturbed at this time, the easier it is for them to convert food into feathers.

Proper feeding is of paramount importance. Feathers are derived from the same material as eggs, being about 80 per cent protein. It is wrong, therefore, to take away the mashes as many people do when hens are molting. The mashes contain the protein concentrates while grains contain very little. To rob molting hens of their proteins is simply to prolong the molting period until enough proteins are assimilated to supply the feathers needed.

The regular scratch grains may be fed including oats, wheat and corn as it is too heating. Feed also some flower seed and linseed meal in the mash. Also a little more meat scraps or cut bone that is usually fed and give plenty of milk if possible. A good mineral tonic is also invaluable.

Remember the molting hen is really very much out of condition, but that careful handling and special diet will help to speed up the passage of this trying period. Then, as she begins to get back to normal, gradually work back to the regular feeding practice of the laying period. Avoid sudden changes as they will only delay full completion of the molt. Careful adherence to these methods is sure to speed up the molt with a commensurate increase in egg production just when prices are beginning to soar upward.

Customer, in modern drug store—I want to purchase a Rock Ford. What do they cost?

Clerk—Which do you mean—the cigar, the cantaloupe or the fliver? We have them all.

Mr. Oldboy—I have had my life insured in your name for \$10,000. Now can I do anything better than that to show my devotion?

Young Wife—No, dear—not as long as you live.

Luella—You're not angry with me for going out with Archie last night?

Henrich—No, indeed—I talked him into it.

UNHAPPY MARRIAGES

Uncle Billy Beane of the Goshen, Ind., Democrat, in speaking about unhappy marriages says:

Nine-tenths of the unhappy marriages are the result of green human calves being allowed to run at large in society pastures without any valves on them. They marry and have children before they have mustaches. They are fathers of twins before they have two pair of pants and the little girls they marry are old before they are out of their teens. Occasionally one of these gosing marriages turns out all right, but it is a clear case of luck. If there was a law against young galoos sparking and marrying before they have cut all their teeth we suppose they would evade it in some way, but there ought to be a sentiment against it. It is time enough for these bantams to think of minding a pullet when they have raised money enough to buy a bundle of laths to build a hen house. But they see a girl who looks cunning, and they are afraid there is not going to be enough to go around, and then they begin to get their work in real spry, and before they are aware of the sanctity of the marriage relation they are hitched for life and before they own a cook stove or bedstead they have to get up in the night and go after a doctor so frightened that they run themselves out of breath and abuse the doctor because he does not run too, and when the doc-

tor gets there, there is not enough linen in the house to wrap up a doll baby.

Waffles—I always take my poetry personally to the editors.

Sorgum—Same here—I can't afford postage either.

Minister—My poor woman, you must be full of regret for shooting your husband.

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