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CHICKEN, HARE, PHEASANT.

A Recent Pool in Pheasants—Ancient Belgian Hare History.

During the past few years the poultry business of this section has increased with great rapidity. It is still growing and will continue to do so for many years to come. For this business there are many ideal locations adjacent to the city that are hard to equal, much less excel.

Each year sees more and more special attention given the matter and people are beginning to make it the chief means of their livelihood. Let us go into ancient history a few years—some things of interest can be raked up no doubt. Of course there were chickens before our time; they laid eggs, certainly, and some hatched and others didn't. But at one time the chicken habit was near to annihilation in this city by a little creature known as the Belgian Hare.

Some of our citizens went pell-mell into the hare-raising industry, but try as they would, they could not make it pay. One by one they began quietly to unload bunnies and slowly get back into the chicken business. They had proved to their satisfaction that hens are better layers than rabbits, hence the change.

Of late there has been, in connection with the chicken business a great demand for China pheasants. The demand continues and prices are good. This is as legitimate a business as that of breeding fancy poultry; it is of the same character, akin to it in fact, and the two businesses go hand in hand. S. B. Bane is one of the first of this section to go into pheasant raising on anything like a large scale. He was followed by Gene M. Simpson. However, Mr. Bane has retained his grip on the poultry business, while Mr. Simpson at present, at least, has nothing but pheasants.

As stated by the Gazette recently Mr. Bane added several kinds of pheasants to his pen during the past month or so, and among others that he received are some Amherst and Golden pheasants. All goes well with him.

Mr. Simpson and Johnson Porter have been in the habit of bantering each other to send for a pen of Golden pheasants, but both kept out of it until last Friday morning. On this particular morning these gentlemen were talking pheasant when F. L. Miller proposed to go in with them and send for some of the Goldens. Whilst they were in conversation Robt. Johnson happened along and he suggested that he be let in on the ground floor. So it was arranged, and that very morning an order went from here to Canada for the birds. A pen is ordered, but it is likely to be late in April before they arrive, as there are certain arrangements to be made with the United States authorities at Washington, D. C., before these birds can be brought into the country.

This is great! Too many of these birds cannot be brought here to suit our citizens. These pheasants are about as beautiful as any bird in existence. They are not hard to handle, as they are among the tamer varieties of pheasants. For the information of those who may be especially interested in pheasants it may be in order to add the following bits of useful information:

Mongolian, English, Reeve's, and Versicolors are pheasants that are in full feather at five months old and will breed the following spring. The male birds of Golden, Amherst, Silver and Swinhoe are not in full feather until they moult the second summer, but the Amherst and Golden will breed at a year old, the Swinhoe and Silver not until two years old.

Golden or Amherst eggs hatch in 22 days, Mongolian, Versicolor and Reeves in 24 or 25 days, according to advertisement."

Silver and Swinhoe in 26 days.

Silver or Swinhoe should always be kept in pairs. In the other varieties mentioned one male to 4 or 5 females. There is no duty on pheasants between Canada and the United States, but it is necessary to secure a permit from the department at Washington before shipping. By some dealers Golden pheasants are held at from \$25 to \$30 per pair.

Fulton Answers Questions.

The following are a number of questions asked United States Senator Fulton and his answers:

"If the officials were indicted by the Federal grand jury, would the suspension be turned to dismissal?" was the next question.

"I do not know," was the answer, "but I suppose so. The office is now closed to business and should indictments be returned it would be closed for an indefinite time if the officials were not removed. I should therefore think that new officers should be appointed."

"Is the supposition so general that you have seen any people hustling for the jobs?"

The Senator smiled an audible smile. "Well I have heard," he said "that there are a number of aspirants for the places."

"Speaking of land offices, Senator, have you heard anything of the story that the Oregon City Land Office is to be moved to Portland."

"I have heard nothing directly, though I have heard it rumored that the President had ordered the change. A year ago the question was agitated on two grounds, the first that it would be cheaper to have the office in the Federal building in Portland, the second that it would be more convenient. At that time both Senator Mitchell and myself recommended against the change and the subject was dropped. Since that I have heard nothing of it, until today, and then nothing definitely."

"Have you heard anything about the alleged investigation of the United States Marshal's office?" the Senator was asked.

"I don't think there is anything in the story," was the reply. "It is the practice to have all the Federal offices inspected at certain times, and if there is an inspector in this district it is for routine work, I think. When I left Washington, it was the understanding that Mr. Mathews should not be disturbed."

Then the Senator, in conclusion, told of the wonderful interest taken in the Exposition throughout the East. He also announced that Secretary Shaw would be present at the opening of the Fair, and would be the personal representative of the President, who would not be able to come. Other members of the Cabinet had also promised to visit the Exposition during its course.

Benton has no Candidate.

The Oregonian has twice mentioned George A. Waggoner of this city, as a candidate for the land office at Roseburg. Mr. Waggoner is the author of "Stories of Old Oregon" which are being read with so much interest, and on being interviewed regarding the Oregonian's statement, he said:

"No, I am not a candidate for the Roseburg land office and have never intimated to any one that I would like to have the place, although I have been mentioned the second time as one of the hungry seekers. I presume some friend of mine has accidentally got on the editorial staff of that paper and is trying to keep my name green and to assist me in selling my book. I am delighted to have my little book thus incidentally mentioned and shall be pleased to have the items remain in the Oregonian as a stand-

WANT INITIATIVE.

Anxious That Back Taxes be Paid by Possessors of Large Land Grants,

A short time ago a movement was set on foot to invoke the initiative and force those who hold large land grants within the state not only to pay taxes on said lands, but to pay back taxes of from 30 to 40 years standing. The idea was taken up like wildfire by citizens all over the state. A few days ago the following was given out from Salem, Or.:

Petitions for the initiative upon the proposed bill to assess and collect taxes on all property in the state heretofore unassessed have been completed and will be put into circulation within a few days. Inquiries are being received from all parts of the state regarding the move, and much comment of a favorable character is being made. It is said prominent men of both parties have signed petitions, but help circulate them in this county.

Beside the 1,129,960 acres of land held in this state by the Oregon & California and Oregon Central Railway Companies and by the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Military and the Corvallis & Yaquina Bay Wagon Road Companies, by virtue of the grants of Congress of 1866, there are several hundred thousand acres of land purchased from the state which have also escaped taxation in past years. This is due to the fact that the purchasers neglect to file their deeds of record when they complete payment to the state, and there are no convenient means by which the Assessors of the different counties can assess the property on account of the lack of record of title.

In years past it has been a practice of purchasers of state lands to make first and second payments and delay final payments an indefinite period, thus leaving the title in the name of the state. Thus they would be required to pay only interest at 6 per cent per annum, which was much cheaper than taxes. Last year, however, the Land Board issued an order compelling all purchasers of state land to complete payments within the limit of three years as prescribed by law, under penalty of having their certificates canceled. While many were canceled under this order a great majority paid up and received their deeds, but they still have eluded the Assessors by neglecting or refusing to record the deeds.

All this property would come under the provisions of the proposed bill and taxes could be collected upon it back to the date of the issuance of deed. There is a complete record of the state's transactions in the office of the Clerk of the State Land Board and Governor Chamberlain says that the Assessors of the different counties of the state have free access to these records, which would give them all the data necessary to assess the property to the rightful owners. All the land purchased from the state and escaping taxation could be listed from the land office records, and the Governor says it would pay each county to send its Assessor here every year for the purpose of checking up the records and listing taxable property. The back taxes upon land of this character would also amount to thousands of dollars.

Are Taking Interest.

It is pleasing to note that the work of those sent out from OAC to hold farmers' institutes in various parts of the state are exciting interest in what they have in hand. Our professors are in possession of many facts which are of interest and importance to the farming class and on this account are well received wherever they

go. The last issue of Rural Spirits contains the following notice of their work:

Dr. James Withycombe, Profs. Cordley, Knisley and Kent and J. W. Bailey have just completed a series of farmers' institutes in Eastern Oregon and report splendid attendance and keen interest at each meeting. It is encouraging to note the increased interest and growing appreciation of this institute work among farmers. Meetings were held at Summerville, Elgin, Island City, Hains and Freewater and there was not a hall in either town large enough to accommodate the crowds. The subjects of forage, hog raising and dairying claimed most of their attention, also taking up the best methods of treating alkali land at Hains, which is an alkali district.

O. A. C. Athletes.

Every afternoon the athletic field at OAC is the scene of great activity. The various athletes are always found on hand at this time to do their "stunts" under the superintendence of Physical Director Trine. The annual "tryout" will occur next Saturday afternoon, April 1. The indoor meet of Columbia University will be held in Portland two weeks later, or April 15, and the team to represent OAC on this occasion will be selected from the winners of next Saturday's events.

Naturally, the students are taking great interest in events and each day sees new faces on the grounds and new entries for events. Some of those in training are developing rapidly and the indications are that Physical Director Trine will take an aggregation to Portland April 15 that will be heard from and to the credit of the institution they represent. Following is a list of events and those who bid fair to participate in them.

50, 100 and 220-yard races—Smithson, Graham, Greenshaw and Swann.

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Half-mile—Greenshaw, Beach, Van Cleve, Davolt, and Howard.

Mile—Beach, Leonard, McFarland, Davolt, Chambers and Steiner.

Weights—Dow Walker, Root, Dunlap, Stout, Sinn, Shepherd, Wilkins and Abraham.

High jump—Reed, Smithson, Moores and Woodcock.

Broad jump—Moores, Belden, Cathey and Root.

Pole vault—Swann, Burns, Woodcock and Reed.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE

Makes Kidneys and Bladder Bright

LEAGUE MEETING.

Attend the Annual Meeting of the Benton County Citizens' League—Show More Interest in Public Matters.

The regular annual meeting of the Benton County Citizens' League meets Monday evening, April 2d, at which time the election of officers for the ensuing year and other important business will occur.

All members should attend and other citizens of the county ought to be present and become members. It was a committee appointed by this organization that took up the matter of a tree ferry at Corvallis and pushed it to a successful termination. Another committee appointed by the League responded to the call of farmers for connecting rural telephone lines with Corvallis, which finally resulted in establishing the Independent Telephone System.

At another time a committee from the league negotiated with the railroad officials for two or three years for better service. W. E. Coman, freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Co., took up the matter very earnestly, which resulted in putting on the early morning train leaving Corvallis at 6 o'clock in the morning for Albany and returning at 8 o'clock in the evening, connecting both ways with the early local train from Albany to and from Portland. This gave every citizen of Benton an opportunity to leave Corvallis at six o'clock in the morning for Portland, or any other place down the valley on the East Side, and return home the same day.

Two separate issues of very fine illustrated pamphlets have been written and printed by the league, descriptive of Benton county and of Oregon generally, to circulate abroad for the express purpose of giving valuable information to people seeking new homes.

Many other important public matters have been promoted and assisted by the efforts of the league. Our people should show a livelier interest and attend the meetings of the league, and each person should resolve to use his best endeavor to assist the league in the furtherance of public improvements. Without the assistance of the league the public matters enumerated would not have been accomplished. In order to improve matters of a

public nature there must be some organization through which the people can put forth united and harmonious effort.

In many of our sister towns the league is the power behind the throne. By organization much can be done, because in this way people meet and have opportunity for an exchange of ideas on all matters of public interest. When it comes to handling affairs of importance the league provides a starting point, a place for discussion and consideration. In view of what has already been accomplished, and what may be done by the league, it is the duty of all interested in the welfare of the town and county to become a party to all its works, aims and objects.

Additional Local.

If you want new flues put in a boiler call on D. & A.

Repairing of all kinds done neatly and without delay by D. & A.

Hon. J. K. Weatherford came over from Albany to attend legal matters connected with the circuit court now in session.

A complete line of Bicycle sundries and cutlery on hand all the time. D. A.

Fresh cigar cuttings—just clipped at home factory. D. C. Roe & Son. 26.

Miss Ethel Price came over from King Valley yesterday for a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. Louis Oren, who is here from Portland.

Incredible Brutality.

It would have been incredible if Chas. F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says, "got a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye." Good for burns and ulcers too. Only 25¢ at Allen & Woodward's drug store.

SIGNS OF FAILING VISION.

When your eyes tire in reading, when you frown or partly close the eyes when looking at an object; when things "swim" or become dim after being looked at for some time; when the eyes ache, smart, or water; or when you have pain in the eyeball, orbit, temples or forehead.

All the conditions are capable of being relieved by glasses, such as we will furnish you after a scientific examination.

MATTHEWS, THE Optician,

Room 12, over First National Bank

FOLEY'S HONEY AND STAR

for children; safe, sure. No ointment.

HOUSE-CLEANING

time is here, and you will need **Wall Paper**,

Carpets, **Matting**, and many other things.

You know where everything in the House Furnishing line is kept? At Hollenberg & Cady's, of course. They have the largest line in town and their prices are always right. We have the

New "Eldridge B" Sewing Machine

now on sale and would be pleased to have you call and see them. They are a Standard Machine, have all the latest improvements, and we guarantee the price lower than any other. New line of Trunks and Suit Cases now on display and will be sold at astonishingly low prices. Call and see

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