



SPEAKING OF CHICKENS.

An Item Recently Indited by "The Push."

Corvallis hens don't have to scratch for a living. The dung hill may have to hustle like the very devil for bugs to fill her crop and gravel for her gizzard. The Corvallis biddy is of royal lineage and has her meals of prepared breakfast food, served in her h-nhouse boudoir. In Corvallis hendom the mooted question is rooster suffrage. This aristocratic hen has grown so arrogant and been so fondled that her political position in the chicken world has so advanced as to overshadow her male companions. The rooster's prerogative, held since the detection of Judas, has dwindled until his subjugation is complete. It's an honest fact, but nevertheless one of which we are proud, that a Corvallis rooster don't dare to crow in the morning or on Christmas eve, unless by permission of the egg producing members of his household first had and obtained.

Well, speaking of poultry, brings to mind the fact that Corvallis fanciers encouraged by the success of the poultry show held here a year ago, have concluded to hold a "Second Annual" and this catalogue has been prepared for the purpose of disseminating such information among the poultry fanciers of the Pacific Coast.

C. G. Hinds, of Alameda, Cal., who will be the judge of the show, bears the reputation of being the best judge, of all varieties, on the Coast, and stands high in the poultry fraternity. Judging will be done by score card, and, whether your birds win or not, you will have something by which to show their value.

Exhibitors will be kindly asked to comply with the rules, as they will be strictly enforced. The Corvallis Opera House has been secured for this exhibition and will be provided with new, regulation, commodious coops throughout; your best cockerel can't disfigure his comb on the wires, nor fight with his next door neighbor through a thin partition. All coops will be bedded with cut straw or bran, and under no circumstances will sawdust or shavings be used, the evils of which many exhibitors have experienced in other shows.

Men of practical business experience, well-known integrity and absolute fairness have this exhibition in charge, and when we promise to take care of all entries made with us, that don't simply mean that your birds will be fed and watered, for any exhibitor may send his choicest specimens, feeling perfectly sure in the fact that they will receive the same care and attention as if he were present. Our premiums are all liberal and will be promptly paid.

It is not our purpose or intention to crow, but our show last year was generally conceded to have been the best "first show" ever given on the Coast, and this year we expect to eclipse our former efforts—and then some.

Assurances have already been received that there will be more, and if possible, better entries than last season.

Corvallis is fast becoming the "Petaluma of Oregon." Probably no town in the state has so many fanciers or so high a grade of poultry as Corvallis, and go where you will, you will not find a better or more whole-souled lot of fellows in the chicken business than you will right here. They know how to extend the glad hand, and whether you win a prize or not you'll be mighty glad you came.

Besides being a poultry center, Corvallis has the most successful pheasant breeders ever, and many pheasants of rare and beautiful varieties will be on exhibition at our show.

Considering its size, we have the best telephone system of any county on the Pacific Coast, hotels with all the comforts of home, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, a splendid government and state endowed institution.

It will do you good to come to Corvallis anyhow. Why, do you know, we have one of the liveliest, "driest," most beautiful, and most progressive towns in the Northwest. Corvallis people believe in Corvallis, and town and country pride of her citizens are the things that long since rescued her from the "moss-back" class and put her on the map to stay. Come and see and we'll tell you about it. If you don't want us to talk Corvallis, just tell us so, and we'll let up. We've a lot of other things to talk to you about, and we'll let you talk some, too, for—

"Way down in our hearts we've a feelin,' a sneaky feelin' for you."

R. F. D. Great Benefit.

The rural mail delivery system is still growing, and the popularity of the service is attested by the many letters that daily reach the post office department in commendation of the effects of the establishment of routes all over the country, as well as by the thousands of petitions received for the establishment of new routes. On July first there were 32,958 rural routes in operation, an increase of 7,492 over the corresponding period of last year. Plans are being made to number the boxes on the routes somewhat like the boxes in a post-office.

Many are the benefits of rural free delivery. Small rural towns have been converted into cities and property values have enhanced by reason of the increased convenience to all dwellers along the routes. The highest compliment paid the service, however, is that which it is receiving as a factor in the education of the people throughout the land. It is certainly keeping the rural resident abreast of the times, no matter how distant he may be from the city.

Among the modern advantages and improvements devised for human comfort and convenience that of rural free mail delivery is a great factor in making country life more attractive to both young and old, thus having a tendency to keep the people on the farms and also to turn urban residents "back to the land."

Force at Work.

It was calculated that work should commence yesterday on the construction of the new gravity system of water works for this city. As previously stated in the Gazette, H. Mitchell, who has the contract for doing the construction work, arrived Saturday, from Seattle, and has since been busily engaged at the task of hiring men and getting his camp outfit located at the front.

Men are now at the task of clearing the right of way and also ditching preparing for the entrenchment of the pipe.

About fifteen men will be employed at the task of clearing right of way, while in the neighborhood of twenty-five or thirty will be at the task of trenching. Work began at Rock Creek at the intake and the force will work from there on in to Corvallis. The camp is located near the Hecker place. During the work above mentioned Engineer Miller will be in the field with a surveying party making final location of the line where piping is to be laid.

Society invitations and wedding announcements are constantly changing in styles of type faces and form. Have them printed neatly and up-to-date at the Gazette office.

HOMESTEAD CLAIMS VOID.

Siletz Timber Land to Receive Attention.

The following dispatch from Washington, under date of November 7, to the Oregonian, is of interest to our people:

Before the timber land on the Siletz Indian reservation in Oregon can be disposed of, Congress will have to make some modifications in the law opening that reservation to settlement. As the law now stands, it is ineffective, for it stipulates that the Siletz land may only be acquired by homestead entry. The great bulk of the reservation is mountainous timber land, which can only be cleared and cultivated at a heavy expense. Except for a comparatively small burned area along the coast, there is little land on the reservation suitable for agricultural, and this has all been entered and entries are being proved right along. Nobody, in the opinion of the Land Office, has any purpose in acquiring the remaining unentered land except for timber, and in most instances, in fact in all instances, it is believed no entries will be made except for speculative purposes.

Many homesteads have been initiated on Siletz timber land, many huts and cabins have been erected to give color to final proof, but it is declared by special agents who have seen the land that it is utterly unfit for cultivating and it will therefore be impossible for anyone to make bona fide homestead entry on it. Entries covering timber lands, which have not and will not be approved, were made by persons who sought to get title to the land and then sell to some large lumber company or other purchaser, so it is said. Except the entries which figured in the recent Jones-Potter trial, the Land Office is satisfied that these prospective homestead entrymen made their filings in good faith, believing they had a perfect right to sell after acquiring title from the Government. It is not believed the great mass of these entries were made with any intention of violating the law.

Nevertheless, no homestead on timber land on the Siletz reservation will be passed to patent for the reason that entrymen cannot reside upon and cultivate this land, as required by the homestead law.

Just how to throw this unentered land upon the market is a problem that is being investigated. No recommendations yet have been made by the special agents who have gone over the reservation, but it is not improbable that the entry department may eventually recommend that this land be made subject to entry the same as other unreserved public timber lands, that is to say under the timber land and stone act. But in view of the rigid inspection of timber entries these days, particularly in Oregon, and in view of the fact that the timber on the Siletz reservation is remote from transportation some Land Office officials doubt the wisdom of this policy. It is believed, because of the remoteness from transportation, that entrymen could only profit by selling out to lumber companies which have sufficient capital to develop the timber. It may be some other recommendation will be made as to this land, but no immediate action is expected.

The original law is declared to be defective and there is suspicion in the minds of Department officials that it was so worded as to permit persons to acquire Siletz timber without paying the price required by the timber and stone act. This, however, is mere surmise!

Heard From Johnnie.

Many of our readers will recall the appearance of Johnnie Wadleigh on the local field some

time last spring. Johnnie arrived in this section in company with a band of hobos and was placed in the city bastille along with the others of his set by our city authorities. Hearing that a mere lad was in the "jug" the compassion of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. DeVarney, who were then in this city in charge of the Independent telephone line, but who are now in Portland, was aroused and they went to the lad's rescue.

So successful were they that Johnnie was soon breathing pure air and some of the accumulated dirt was removed from his person. Nor was this all—the boy was given work by the phone company. But he did not possess an aptitude for work and after a few months he was given hearty "God s peeds" on his departure to join his relatives.

But Johnnie has been heard from again. Not long ago J. C. Lowe, who is at present in charge of the business of the Independent telephone company of this city, received a letter from Sanborn, Vale & Co., of San Francisco, stating that one Johnnie Wadleigh had applied to them for a position and as his people were not in good circumstances, financially, they felt inclined to do what they could for him if he was deserving. Johnnie had referred them to the Independent telephone people of Corvallis that they might satisfy themselves that he was all and more than he purported to be.

Johnnie's usefulness to his benefactors during his sojourn within the confines of this city was not so marked as circumstances warranted. For one thing he became noted—that was his ability along terpsichorean lines. He was fond of "hoeing it down" to the inspiring tunes of some phonograph and when opportunity presented was always to be found indulging in this favorite pastime, surrounded by a throng of admirers. As a matter of fact, Johnnie's legs seemed double-jointed and for nimbleness were 20-century marvels. He also possessed in an abnormal degree, for one so young, a sense of rhythm.

Considering all these facts and estimating Johnnie's probable usefulness to Sanborn, Vale & Co., Mr. Lowe wrote them that if they would put clogs on Johnnie and sand the floor he would prove a drawing card and an entertainer of the first magnitude.

Son Lost Mother.

"Consumption runs in our family, and through it I lost my Mother," writes E. B. Reid, of Harmony, Me. "For the past five years, however, on the slightest sign of a Cough or Cold, I have taken Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss for Mr. Reid, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quickest relief and cure for coughs and colds. Price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed at Allen & Woodward drug store. Trial bottle free.

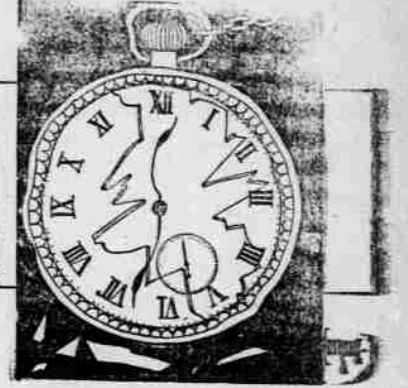
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