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Swiss Pigeons Fly to Homes, Despite Fogs

Bern.—An interesting test of the reliability of pigeons as message bearers was recently made by the Swiss general staff. Twenty doves were taken to the highest accessible point of the "Jungfrau" and released. The day was cloudless in the upper region of the Alps, but all the cities and valleys were screened from view by a thick layer of fog. Seventeen doves started in a straight line for Bern. Two started in the wrong direction, and a third became lost for a while in the valley. But the entire 20 finally reached their destination. The three erring doves were only ten minutes behind the leaders in getting home. A normal, healthy person breathes twenty times each minute.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

McMinnville.—Russell Lantia, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lantia of Yamhill, shot and killed a bear that was roaming about in the woods near the Lantia place Tuesday.

Astoria.—Alexander Burns, 50, member of a pile-driving crew at Fort Stevens, was killed instantly Sunday when he lost his balance and fell 30 feet. His skull was fractured by striking piling.

Salem.—Although it rained for the first three days of this year's state fair, which closed here Saturday night, the cash receipts were only \$3000 less than those of the 1923 state fair, which established a new attendance record in Oregon.

Salem.—There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending September 25, according to a report prepared here by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Henry Oleman, donkey engineer of Summit.

Cascade Locks.—G. W. Harvey and associates of Los Angeles have bought the E. M. Veatch farm, one-half mile west of Cascade Locks, and will operate it as a silver fox farm. The farm contains 40 acres and is one of the scenic spots near Cascade Locks.

Salem.—Capitalized at \$2,000,000, the Medford Logging Railroad company, with headquarters in Medford, has filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department here. The incorporators are Charles W. Reames, V. V. Plymale and A. E. Reames.

Pendleton.—One hundred and fifty thousand bushels of wheat was sold in Pendleton Friday, according to the estimate made by local grain buyers. Selling has been general over the county during the past week. Growers in Athena were said to have been selling recently.

Eugene.—Joe Jackson, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jackson, who live near Yoncalla, was in a serious condition at Pacific Christian hospital here Saturday night as a result of a wound in his back from a shotgun in the hands of his brother, Joseph, 13.

Portland.—Voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed Saturday in United States district court by J. W. Downey, H. K. Phillips and J. Willard Downey as individuals and as partners doing business under the firm name of Sheridan Creamery of Sheridan, Yamhill county, Oregon.

La Grande.—La Grande educated her children in the public school at less cost than Pendleton, Baker, Hood River and The Dalles, comparative figures furnished by school clerks of the five cities show. Incidentally, La Grande has more students in school than any of the other four cities.

Salem.—State traffic officers working under the direction of T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department, were responsible for fines in the amount of \$4958 being levied for violations of the traffic laws during September, according to a statement issued here.

Seaside.—Fire of undetermined origin, started about 2:30 Saturday morning, destroyed four frame buildings just west of the Necanicum river bridge and for a time threatened the entire west side business district with destruction. The damage was estimated at \$20,000 with little insurance.

Eugene.—The attitude of Richard W. Price as a member of the state game commission was condemned and his removal by Governor Pierce urged at the final meeting of the Oregon State Sportsmen's association here Saturday. It was declared that Mr. Price had failed to act in the best interests of sportsmanship.

Salem.—Race horse owners have filed a protest with the state fair board with relation to a recent order which would close the fairgrounds to horses and their attendants after October 1. Members of the fair board declared that their action was due to carelessness on the part of the stable attendants who have destroyed considerable state property in past years.

Salem.—George P. Rodgers, president of the First National bank here, and Miss Claire Crewe of Portland died at a local hospital Sunday as the result of injuries suffered yesterday when an airplane in which they were passengers crashed to the ground a distance of more than 200 feet. Miss Crewe died at 3:30 o'clock this morning, while Mr. Rodgers died at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Portland.—There is a fair local trade in potatoes with enough coming in to supply jobbers' needs, and prices are on a steady basis. The shipping demand has not opened up and it is uncertain when the movement southward will begin. The Oregon crop is estimated at 3,760,000 bushels against 4,180,000 bushels last year, the decrease being due to the dry summer. Growers look for a fairly profitable season.

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Wheat Feed.
Approximately 4,750,000 tons of wheat feeds are annually produced by flour mills in the United States. It would require 237,500 twenty-ton cars or a train about 1,800 miles long to transport this material.

Device Packs Currants.
A machine has been invented for the packing of currants at the Greek ports, whence most of that fruit is sent to the foreign markets.

New Tree Growth.
The United States forest service has started an investigation to find where new tree growth on burned-over lands comes from.

Never Went to College.
Joseph R. Harker, president of Illinois Women's college, never went to college until he was a member of the college faculty.

More Women Voters.
In the recent town elections in Connecticut the percentage of women voting was much higher than that of the men.

Radio Fans Dodge Tax.
Between 100,000 and 200,000 people in England have been using radio receiving sets illegally by listening in on broadcast programs without paying the license fee required in that country.

An Odd Experiment.
In 1889 a bill was introduced in the Kansas legislature appropriating money for drilling four deep holes in the ground "to see what can be found."

Well Rewarded.
The pleasure a man of honor enjoys in the consciousness of having performed his duty is a reward he pays himself for all his pains.—La Bruyere.

Has Huge Opium Trade.
The most profitable trade in South Persia, in the last twelve months, was in the export of opium, via the Persian gulf.

Pygmy Camel of Persia.
The pygmy camel belongs to a species found only in western Persia. It is only five feet high and snow white.

No Excuse for Loafing.
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POULTRY

ROASTING CHICKENS FINISHED ON MILK

Much of the poultry sold to the consuming public is in an unfinished condition. Fledding or fattening puts weight onto the birds, improves the flavor, causes the muscles to become tender and the bones brittle. Theoretically the fat is distributed between the muscle fibers in a way similar to the marbling in roasts and steaks. In the roasting method of cooking poultry, the fat assists in shortening the time of cooking. This may be contrasted with the lean bird which requires longer cooking and from which the water evaporates, leaving the bird in a dry and tough condition.

Most milk feeding of roasting chickens by the producer is done in the fall when the weather is cool and the birds can better stand confinement. The time just preceding Thanksgiving and Christmas is most desirable. Young birds weighing from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 pounds are about the right weight for fall feeding. Broiler fledding is done in the spring when the birds weigh about one-half pound less than the market demand, which is normally two pounds.

Two common methods of feeding are pen and crate fattening. For farm purposes pen fattening will be satisfactory because no special equipment is needed. The birds are confined to a limited coop area where they will get little or no exercise. The lack of exercise helps to make the bird tender.

Purdue university has found the following ration and method of feeding quite satisfactory:

Two pounds ground corn
One pound ground whole oats
One pound four middlings
Eight pounds liquid buttermilk.

This is mixed at the feeding prior to the one it is to be fed. When fed, it should pour and be of a thick cream of pancake-batter consistency.

The birds should receive no feed for 24 hours previous to their first milk feeding. This is done in order to free the intestines from feed and to get the birds hungry. Thereafter they should be fed in troughs twice a day, early in the morning and late in the afternoon. From 10 to 14 days is the usual length of time for feeding. For the first three or four days until they are "on feed," the feed should be in front of them for only 10 minutes; for the next three or four days, 15 minutes, and for the last days, 20 minutes. The birds should be hungry at each feeding. If they are not hungry at each feeding, that feeding should be withheld.

Only in very hot weather should anything other than the two regular feedings be given. At such a time the birds may have a very thin mixture of the ration given at noon.—L. H. Schwartz, Purdue University.

Summer Hardest Season to Produce Good Eggs
Summer is the hardest season in which to produce quality eggs and for that reason a producer of such should have very little trouble getting a few cents more per dozen. It really costs no more to produce a good egg than a poor one, though it is perhaps a little more work.

The first thing to do when producing quality eggs is to dispose of the roosters. This is the greatest trouble with summer egg production. The egg starts to incubate and then the embryo dies leaving the egg unfit for food. The second thing to do is to never neglect gathering the eggs twice a day.

The third thing to do is to keep the eggs in a cool cellar or cave. They should never be kept in a musty place as an egg will take up odors as quickly as milk. By following these three rules you will not find it difficult to produce eggs that will be a credit to the producer.

Poultry Notes
Keep grain before all the stock.
Select best pullets and give good care.
Keep young chicks moving on to new ground. It prevents coecidiosis.
Pullets that are small for their age and apparently lacking in vigor are seldom profitable.
It pays to watch the development of the pullets and if they seem to be maturing too rapidly you can take away the mash and feed only scratch grain.
Sick chickens that are cured should never be kept for breeding purposes but should be fattened and sold on the market. The offspring from these birds will be low in vitality and will never thrive like chicks from healthy breeding stock.
The big Toulouse goose should produce something over a dollar's worth of feathers a year even where the feather market is known to be poor, as in the distant country places. Add this to its other profit and you have a valuable asset in such a goose.

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Land of Little Value.
The public domain amounts to 182,000,000 acres, the great bulk of which, not yet allocated, lies in the states of California, Utah and Nevada. Some of it has so little value it has not been surveyed.

Many Wild Horses in Iceland.
There are many wild horses on the island of Iceland. Formerly they were shipped to England for use in the mines, but that market is closing since mining machinery was adopted.

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Advices Young Mothers
Portland, Ore.—"It surely is a pleasurable duty to recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription to mothers and prospective mothers, for I found in this medicine a wonderful help during expectancy and afterward. I was physically frail and feared the consequence of motherhood, but I gained in physical strength. The tonic effect of the 'Favorite Prescription,' together with the 'Golden Medical Discovery' overcame the general weakness I had. Nature was greatly helped thru expectancy and I shall always have a good word for Dr. Pierce's medicines, because they have been so much help to me, just at the time I most needed strength."—Mrs. Wm. Bradley, 545 Albina Ave.

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First to Count Pulse.
The first regular observation on the pulse rate by counting the number of beats in a minute by the watch were made by Sir John Floyer, English physician, in 1707.

Chains Car to Post.
Having no intention of losing his car in broad daylight, a driver of a flivver in Farmington, Me., hitched it to a granite post, using an ox chain and padlock.

Put it Off.
Mrs. Blank (visiting)—"Really, James and I meant to call long before this, but somehow we kept putting off the evil day."—Weekly Telegraph.

Popular With Birds.
One lover of wild game is able to greet at least 40 per cent of the birds he tags in the fall, that proportion returning to him in the spring.

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