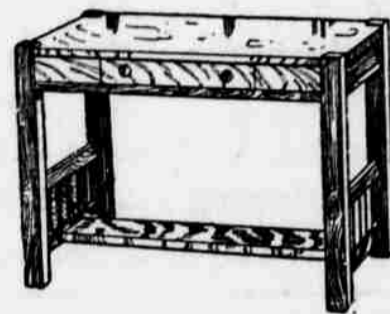
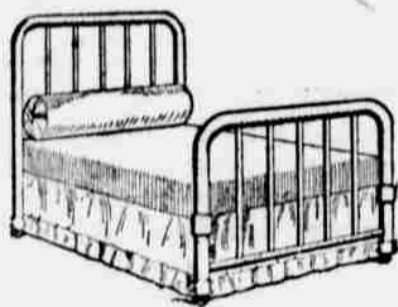


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### More Eggs? Use Electricity

A Southern California chickenman has hit on a novel method of increasing his egg output and as a matter of interest we print the following from the Arlington, Cal., Times.

—Arlington is getting a lot of advertising from the new scheme of electric lighting the chicken pens. The poultry raisers of Arlington are working their hens 15 hours out of every 24 by the aid of electricity, and the hens have no recourse.

They are in turn producing many more eggs in the long day than they did in the 8-hour day. There is every indication that the chickens will be obliged to continue their long hours, for it is a lucrative proposition to the owners of the pens and it is money they are after.

When the alarm rings its merry tattoo at 4 o'clock in the morning it is a sign for activity about the Brown poultry ranch. The proprietor arises and turns the switch lighting large lamps in the poultry houses. With the advent of light the egg layers fly the roosts and commence picking up the particles of grain given them in the litter on the floor the night before. They also had before them the remnants of the green feed on the previous day and the usual dry feed in the hoppers.

With the breaking of day, when the chickens can see to eat without artificial light, the current is turned off.

At dusk in the evening the lights are again turned on and allowed to burn until 7 or 7:30. There is no whistle to tell the chickens that the day is done and

it is time to go home. Instead the 40-watt lights are turned out and the two candle power lamps lighted. It is by the smaller lights that the chickens go to bed. After a few minutes the latter are switched off and all is darkness and quiet in the chicken plant, except for an occasional complaint from some hen being crowded off the roost.

If the birds are not given a green feed at 6 o'clock in the evening, after they have picked at the grain thrown in the litter two hours before, Mr. Brown has found that they will go to roost. To allow no loafing on the job the green feed is distributed in the pens just before the owner goes in to his evening meal.

Tests have shown that by keeping the interior of the buildings clean and bright with whitewash the amount of current needed to illuminate the houses can be greatly reduced. That the chickens might see the dry feed hoppers, Mr. Brown had the boxes covered with wire on which the light shines and attracts the chickens.

On farms where the lights are only allowed to burn in the mornings, the two-candlepower lamps for the hens to go to bed by are not needed. It is known that the best results from electricity are obtained in the early morning, when the hens are fresh.

During the two months that the chickens have been working by electric light, the egg output has doubled over the corresponding period of last year.

### Monmouth Heights

C. E. McCaleb was in Independence on business one day last week.

Mrs. Lettie Johnson and son Earl of Elkins visited with rela-

tives here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Grace Parker and Marion MacDonald of Monmouth were on the Heights Saturday.

Walter Johnson and Elmer Allen were traders in Monmouth Saturday.

Will Fishback returned home from Carlton the first of the week, where he went on a business visit the latter part of last week.

Roy Smith of Monmouth was out to look after his stock here Saturday.

J. B. Stump and wife and son Johnny spent New Year's day with his sisters, Mrs. Mary Campbell and Cassie Stump of Monmouth.

Golda Eggleston and Myrtle Housman of Monmouth were Sunday guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Bosley.

Herman Wunder and Mr. Warren were in Monmouth on business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Welch were business visitors to Independence Thursday.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the shareholders of the First National Bank of Monmouth, Oregon, will hold their annual meeting at the banking house in Monmouth, on Tuesday, January the 9th, 1917, at 1:30 P. M. The purpose of said meeting is for the election of a board of five directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

15t4 W. E. SMITH, Cashier.

J. C. Bell and E. S. Evenden were guests at Hotel Portland in Portland last Saturday.

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