

## How China Pheasants Came to Us

Some interesting information relative to the early history of China pheasants in this country is made known in a letter written by Mrs. O. N. Denny, widow of N. Denny, former Consul General at Shanghai, China, in response to a letter sent by the Oregon Fish and Game Commission by J. S. Pilcher, of California. Mr. Pilcher wanted to know whether a Mr. Powers owned Protection Island when the pheasants were put there. Mrs. Denny's letter in part, follows:

"I do not know the name of the man who owned the island at that time. We arrived with a special shipment of birds at the end of 1883. We had spent so much money in our desire to stock our beloved Oregon with the finest birds in the world we were glad to turn this shipment over to the Rod and Gun Club of Portland whose personnel were all friends of my husband. The club rented a large, barn like place. I think it was an old, unused shop or warehouse, in which to turn the birds loose until the right time could be found and the right place and season came to turn them out of doors. I know they kept the birds in this place between two and three months and in the meantime looked about and decided upon this island as a good place to turn them out. They arranged with the owner of the island to pay him \$25 per month to safeguard the birds from hunters and for whatever damage they might do to his crops. This is what gave it the name of Protection Island.

"Ninety birds were taken to this island February 1, 1884. Thirty of them were golden pheasants. These are a smaller bird than the ring neck and not so prolific, but very beautiful. Then there were over

30 copper pheasants, which are a larger bird than the ring neck. They look almost like bright copper flying in the sun. They fly very high and are very game. Their longest tail feathers measure fully three feet. They are rather narrow, much like the other pheasants tails, only much longer. It is really a curiosity to see them manage their extraordinary tails. Their longest feathers are used in China on officers' hats of certain rank or grade. There were also some silver pheasants. There were also some quail, and to wind up, there were a lot of little rice birds, so much used and prized in China for dainty food supply.

"These birds were all turned out on the island in good condition. Just here comes the disappointing part of the matter. During that year the secretary of the Rod and Gun Club made off with all the funds of the club, which was about fifteen hundred dollars. This seemed to so discourage the club that as time went on, the \$25 per month was not paid to the owner of the island and he claimed the birds. I heard long ago that this man sold the island. It may have passed through several hands since that time, for that happened 35 years ago. I am sure that if the rod and gun club had realized the value of the thing they would never have let it drop out of Oregon's hands as they did.

"As it is the state of Washington does not know how the birds got there, so the state has not had the opportunity of saying thank you for the gift, and Oregon as a state does not know anything about it outside the Rod and Gun Club. The club seems to have gone out of existence with the disappearance of

its funds. I am very sorry for this was our last gift to Oregon."

Fully 200,000,000 wild rabbits are killed in the United States every year according to estimates made by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. Many of them are jack rabbits the majority of which have not been utilized in the past. If all the rabbits killed were consumed they would represent between 200,000 and 300,000 tons of valuable food, and if proper measures were taken to insure the collection of skins, these alone would have a value of \$20,000,000. The Biological Survey has frequently been called upon to help western farmers in coping with the rabbit pest. In view of the probable economic value of rabbit meat and fur in the coming few years, the energies of the farmers and ranchmen will be directed to the conservation of this important resource. Already a number of establishments for collecting, dressing, canning and shipping rabbit meat are in operation in western centers. As in Australia the transition of the wild rabbit in this country from its status as a pest to source of profit is assured, it is believed.

The National Food Administration mathematicians have figured out the number of teaspoons one should limit himself under the new allowance of two pounds per month. There are just a little over six level teaspoonfuls daily for each consumer. This amounts to one and one fifteenth ounces. If you save even a fraction over your six spoons, this goes into the reserve. You can measure your patriotism by the spoonfuls you don't use.

**Tea Dealers' Troubles.**  
Tea dealers claim that since the beginning of the war their profits have dwindled considerably. Since 1914 ocean freights have increased more than 600 per cent; and in addition to the increase in freight rates there is a high rate of war insurance quite apart from marine insurance. The cost of tea at the gardens in Ceylon and India has also increased, principally because the British government takes a large part of the output. A Canadian tea dealer said lately that tea consumers in Canada were better served in quality for price than any other country in the world.

### Bees Save Sugar.

"In this year of war, with a shortage of sugar, more farmers will find it profitable to keep bees, and the man who now keeps bees will find it profitable to give them better care," says Farm and Fireside, adding: "Tons of honey go to waste every year through lack of bees and through failure to care for bees in the most efficient way. But this year is no year for waste."

### Notice of Sheriff's Sale

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

Walter W. Wells and Mary Alice Wells, Plaintiffs, vs.

C. W. Leonard as the administrator of the estate of D. W. Harvie, deceased, C. W. Leonard, F. W. Sloan and Blanche Sloan, his wife, Mrs. A. E. Harvie and David Harrison Harvie, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution in foreclosure issued out of and under the seal of the above entitled Court in the above entitled suit, to me duly directed and dated the 5th day of August, 1918, upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said court in said entitled suit on the 29 day of July, 1918, in favor of said plaintiffs, and against said defendants, for the sum of \$1500.00 with interest thereon from December 1st 1913, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum until paid, for \$100.00 attorney's fee, and for \$25.00 costs and disbursements of said suit, and the costs of and upon said writ, subject however, to the rights and equities of the defendant, C. W. Leonard, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, situate in Polk County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at a point which is 19.61 chains South 89 deg. 27 min. West of the S. E. corner of the Wm. Meyer's D. L. C. No. 61 in Township 8 S. R. 4 West of the Willamette Meridian in Polk County, Oregon, running thence North 89 deg. 27 min. East 12.25 chains; thence South 12.25 chains; thence West 12.25 chains; thence North 12.25 chains to the place of beginning, containing 15 acres, more or less.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment, order and decree, and in compliance with the

commands of said writ, I will, on Saturday the 7th day of September, 1918, at the hour of one o'clock P. M. thereof, at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for U. S. Gold Coin, cash in hand, all the right, title, interest and estate which said defendants or either of them, had on the date of the mortgages herein or since had in or to the above described real property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment, order, decree, interest, costs, taxes, and all accruing costs. That defendant, C. W. Leonard has paid all taxes on said real property.

Dated at Dallas, Oregon, the 7th day of August, 1918.

JOHN W. ORR,  
Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.  
SWOPE & SWOPE, Attorneys.

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## Ships & Sugar



OVER 75 per cent. of the sugar used in the United States is delivered by ships. There is produced about 800,000 tons of beet sugar and 250,000 tons of cane sugar in Louisiana. The total consumption of the United States is about 4,500,000 tons of raw sugar, which makes about 4,250,000 tons of refined sugar.

If our coasts were blockaded as Germany's now are, we would have available for the use of the people of the United States only one pound of sugar for every four we use. Under such circumstances there is no doubt that the American people would get along on this limited supply without complaint.

The United States Food Administration is asking every American household to use not more than two pounds of sugar per person each month for domestic use. Reducing our sugar consumption here means that we will be able to help supply the needs of France, England and Italy. Sugar conservation on the American table also means conservation of ships.

The Army and Navy have sent out an "S. O. S." call for ships. "Save Our Ships to Transport Troops and Munitions to France, in order that we may keep the fighting front where it now is and not allow it to extend to our own homes," is the message.

There is ample sugar in the world for all requirements—in fact, there is a large surplus, but on account of the ship shortage it is not available for use in this country.

Java, which produces 15 per cent. of the world's cane crop, is too far removed. It requires 150 to 160 days for a ship to go to Java and return.

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