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## FARRINGTON ARRESTS JAIL ESCAPE FROM COLFAX

Harry Starkey, wanted at Colfax Wash., for stealing a horse and buggy, and who broke out of jail there two months ago, was caught in Eugene this forenoon by Chief of Police Farrington. Starkey is now in the city jail, where he will remain until the arrival of an officer from Colfax. Starkey was at the Willamette House when arrested by the chief of police. He had been notified to look out for him and last night he received a tip from a hobo that Starkey was here. Already having a description of the man the chief immediately went on a still hunt and found him at the Willamette spitting wood for his breakfast. He afterward owned up that he is the man wanted. Chief Farrington telephoned the sheriff at Colfax, informing him that he had his man, and a deputy will arrive in a day or so to take him back to stand trial for his alleged crime. Starkey is aged about 21 years.

## COMPANY A UNDERGOES ANNUAL INSPECTION

(From Saturday's Daily.) The annual inspection of Co. A, Fourth regiment, O. N. G., last night was an event of great interest to the militiamen as well as their hundreds of friends. A large crowd witnessed the ceremonies at the armory, the galleries being crowded. Col. James Jackson, U. S. A., retired, who is inspector-general of the Oregon National Guard, was the inspecting officer, and Adjutant-General Finzer was present, having come from Portland for the express purpose of seeing the crack company of the state execute its maneuvers. Captain Raymond Babb and Lieutenants W. G. White and W. W. Branstetter did themselves proud in the manner in which they handled their company, and each member responded to the commands with the spirit that has characterized former inspections. There was an attendance of 100 per cent, 69 enlisted men being in line. Some came from other states and from different parts of Oregon to be present and thus maintain the record that the company established three years ago and has not broken since. Colonel Jackson and General Finzer expressed themselves as being much pleased with the efficiency of the company and complimented the officers upon the showing made. The company room and accoutrements were inspected during the fore part

## HOPMEN'S UNION A DISMAL FAILURE SAYS MR. KREBS

Salem, Or., Feb. 8.—That the Pacific Hopgrowers' Union is a failure and that every hopgrower hereafter will have to "paddle his own canoe" so far as the Oregon association is concerned, is the opinion of Conrad Krebs, of this city, one of the strongest supporters of this movement in Oregon. He says the association has tabulated 26,152 acres, among the 1424 growers, an average of 18 1-2 acres to a grower. Eight hundred are not tabulated. The acreage owned by the signers of the by-laws is 9112, or 34 4-5 per cent., not counting those not tabulated. He attributes the failure to growers waiting for others to join, raise the price, and then the non-members would reap the benefit. The members refuse to be worked and consequently the organization will be abandoned. Mr. Krebs says the present acreage is double what it ought to be, and that the surplus now is 150,000 bales, 70,000 of which are 1908 hops. If Oregon produces normal crops of six bales to the acre, there are 150,000 bales. Adding the probable yield of 100,000 bales from California, 50,000 from New York, there is a total of 300,000 for 1908. With the surplus of 1906 and 1907, the visible supply is 520,000 bales, while the requirement is only 240,000. If the growers export 80,000 and import 40,000 bales in 1908, there will be a surplus of 240,000, which is all the breweries could use for 1908. He also discusses the wave of prohibition sweeping over the country. Joseph Baumgartner, of Salem, admits the situation to be shaky, but thinks it is money can be raised the organization can yet be saved. The directors probably will meet next week.

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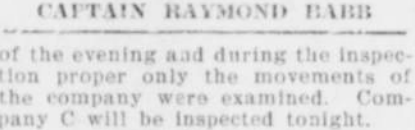
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## OREGON POULTRY INDUSTRY GROWING

The Oregon experiment station recently issued a 49-page bulletin on "The Poultry Industry of Oregon," from the pen of Professor James Dryden. Professor Dryden came to Oregon a few months ago from the Utah experiment station, where he made a reputation as one of the most useful men who are devoting their attention to the poultry industry at experiment stations in the United States. The bulletin just issued is intended to encourage the development of the poultry industry in Oregon. It gives figures taken from the last United States census which show by counties the number of fowl of different kinds on the farms of Oregon in 1900, the value of the poultry raised in 1899 and the number of dozens of eggs produced in that year. The value of the poultry raised in the state that year was \$826,678. The leading county in value of production was Linn, with \$83,368. Douglas was second with \$78,740, and Lane third with \$65,277. Marion followed Lane closely with \$64,169. The number of dozen eggs produced in the state was 7,709,970. Marion county took the lead in egg production with 732,170 dozens. Linn county was second with 670,420 dozens, and Clackamas third with 659,310 dozens. The growth of the poultry industry in Oregon is shown by the fact that the number of eggs produced in the state increased from 1,654,738 dozens in 1879 to 4,453,933 dozens in 1899. Basing an estimate upon the rate of growth in previous decades, Professor Dryden estimates the total value of the poultry products of Oregon in 1907 at four millions of dollars. The bulletin gives the prices of eggs by months and days throughout the year on the Portland market; also the record of sales by months made by Joseph Schulte, of Marion county. The sales of eggs from Mr. Schulte's flock of 300 hens for one year amounted to \$584.66. In the line of possibilities for development Professor Dryden first calls attention to the large demands still made by the Pacific coast on the Middle West for poultry and eggs and, second, to the possibility of doubling the yield of eggs produced per hen in this state, that is, raising the average production of eggs per hen from 75 to 150 per year, and so breeding and handling the birds in proportion of the eggs will be laid in the winter months. Many good suggestions are given as to the best conditions of keeping poultry and methods of housing them. Many illustrations are given. Every person in Oregon who is interested in poultry will find the bulletin valuable.—Agriculturist.

## RECENT PROMOTIONS

Recent promotions in Company A are those of R. S. Huston to first sergeant; Corporal Cecil Henderson to sergeant; Walter McCormack, Alva Pritchett and Edward Robne to corporals. The new first sergeant is one of the foremost militiamen in the state, having been a member of the O. N. G. for the past twelve or fifteen years. He is conceded to be one of the best drill masters on the coast. **ARMORY APPROPRIATION.** Colonel Jackson reports one of the great needs of the National Guard to be better armories. Every company should have its own armory in order to make the service efficient and up to the highest standard. Besides, it is a splendid thing for the members of the company, serving as a club house, well equipped, a fine place for the young men belonging. The bill referred to the people, providing for an expenditure of \$100,000 for new armories, is a good one which the colonel hopes to see sustained in the interest of the National Guard and better service, and as well for the sake of the young men. The National Guard is becoming a great factor in the soldiery of the country and the state should do its share in its support.



CAPTAIN RAYMOND BABB

of the evening and during the inspection proper only the movements of the company were examined. Company C will be inspected tonight. **HISTORIC DOCUMENT FOUND IN NEWARK** Newark, N. J., Feb. 10.—A document bearing the signature of George Washington attesting Colonel Francis Barber as commander of the Second New Jersey regiment in the Revolutionary war and who was killed February 11, 1783, was found in the court-house here today.

## CLOSING OF SAWMILL CAUSED FAILURE

The Grand a few days ago pointed that a trustee had been appointed for Harry Stewart's store at Springfield. This week's News tells of it as follows: The citizens of Springfield were somewhat surprised Wednesday morning when it was announced that Harry M. Stewart had failed in business, and that James L. Clark had been appointed by his creditors as trustee of the stock. The failure of Mr. Stewart was a surprise to the public, as it was generally believed that this store would be among the last to fail. However, when the hard times came on and the mill closed down, throwing nearly one hundred men out of employment, the sales of this large store dropped off about 100 per cent., thus making it impossible for Mr. Stewart to meet his obligations and the crash came. He has an immense stock of goods on the shelves and was not prepared for hard times. He had bought heavily and has more than double the stock that he should have during such a panic as now exists. Mr. Clark announces that sale will be carried on in this store that will discount anything that has ever before been conducted in Springfield. He says goods will be cut to actual cost and in many cases below cost, as they are bound to raise money enough in the next sixty days to satisfy the creditors, and as soon as this is done the business will be conducted by Mr. Stewart as before. The fact that he has failed for the time being is no disgrace nor is it a lack of ability, but he was caught like hundreds of others, not expecting a sudden lull in business, and was unprepared, with an overstock of merchandise and heavily in debt. The News, with his many friends, hope that the big sale that is now on will be a big success and that he will be able to pull out of the tight place that he so suddenly found himself in.

## STATEMENT NO. 1

(Cottage Grove Western Oregon.) Any man who wants to try his popularity can get on the primary ticket and the electors of his party will see that some candidate goes on the state ticket. This is true of the Democratic party as well as the Republican. Then Statement No. 1 was written to compel legislators to vote for the people's choice. Mind people's is written here, not party. It is just as absurd for legislators to refuse to ratify the people's choice of United States senator as it would be for the same men to refuse to count in the candidate for governor whom the voters by their majority had chosen, but it has been noted that legislators do absurd things. The subscribing to Statement No. 1 gives notice to electors whom they can expect to carry out their will. A refusal to sign indicates that the candidate may or may not respect the will of the electors of the state. Individual voters need some assurance that they will not be defrauded in this choice of senator. There may be other plans but Statement No. 1, but will our other weak primary law now have been suggested. If it is desirable to elect senators by popular vote, let some plan like the Oregon law, let it be employed until such time as the constitution of the United States is amended so as to permit an election by popular vote.

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