

PHEASANTS ARE ON RANCHES

WILL BE LIBERATED IN SPRING

Shipment of 48 of the Gape Birds Arrived Recently—Have Been Distributed Among Ranches For Winter—County Court Aids.

The China pheasants which the State Fish and Game Commission proposed to send to Central Oregon arrived a short time ago and have been placed with ranchers in different parts of the county to be kept thro' the winter. In the spring, when they will have become in some measure acclimated and when weather conditions will be better, they will be liberated. It will be some time after that before the birds may be shot, and measures have been taken to protect them against illegal killing in the interval.

This shipment comes through the efforts of Clyde M. McKay, district game warden, who has been in correspondence with officials of the state commission nearly all summer making arrangements to have the birds sent here. When they were secured he began to provide for having them taken care of on arrival and as a result found four rancher-sportsmen who agreed to take them until the spring. These men are W. D. Barnes, of Laidlaw; C. O. Pollard, of Prineville; Wm. Phoenix, of Redmond and J. S. Stanley of Bend, who have received six pairs of the pheasants each, there having been 48 in the shipment from the game farm at Corvallis.

For protection against killing the pheasants before the law is taken off them, the County Court has offered a reward of \$25 for information which will lead to the conviction of a poacher. In addition under the state law a fine of from \$50 up is provided for killing out of season, half of which goes to the informer. It is expected that these provisions, as well as the sentiment of the sportsmen of the county will serve to protect the birds until they will have gained a foothold here.

As showing that conditions are favorable for the pheasant, Mr. McKay cites the case which several have reported to him of a cock pheasant which has been seen with a flock of sage hens in the vicinity of Antelope Springs south of Millican. It is not known how he came to that locality but he has apparently done well there and has gone through at least one winter without difficulty.

CARLOAD OF GIFTS COMING

Thomas W. Lawson Sending Livestock to Crook County.

The following dispatch sent out from Boston will be read with interest in Crook county, where the Bostonian's grandchildren, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCall of Prineville, live:

"Thomas W. Lawson is sending out to his grandchildren in Oregon this novel Christmas gift in a special freight car:

"One hundred and fifty Plymouth Rock and Rhode Island hens with two roosters.

"Two Siamese cats.

"Two English bulldog pups, names to be supplied by grandchildren.

"Five Jersey and Holstein cows.

"Two sons of champion Flying Fox's son, a prize winner."

YOUR OWN VOICE.

How You May Hear It as It Sounds to Other Persons' Ears.

Laloy, who appears to have scientifically investigated the matter, assures us that not only does one not see himself as others see him, but that he does not hear himself as others hear him. Some interesting experiments were made by the French savant in this connection.

In order to ascertain whether a man really knew the sound of his own voice, Laloy has been at some pains to determine the facts. His experiments show that if a person record on a phonograph disk a few sentences pronounced by himself, together with others recorded by friends, and causes the machine to reproduce these, it most frequently happens that the man more easily recognizes the voices of his friends than he does his own.

It appears that the difference lies in the quality of the tone. One hears his own voice not only through the



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air, as do his auditors, but across the solid parts between the organs of speech and those of hearing. The sound thus produced has a different timbre from that conducted to the ear by the air above.

If one entertain any doubt as to this, let him try the following experiments: Take the end of a wooden rod between the teeth and pronounce the vowel continuously. Let the other end be taken alternately between the teeth and released by another person who at the same time stops his ears. The latter will find that every time he seizes the rod in his teeth the sound will be

stronger than when it reaches the ear through the air above and that it has a different quality. The passage of sound through a solid body augments its intensity and modifies its quality.—Harper's Weekly.

A DIPLOMATIC KNOT.

It Wasn't Tied in a Tangle Just For the Fun of the Thing.

Ever since diplomacy was first invented its most eminent practitioners have expended their best efforts in mystifying if not in actually deceiving

their rivals. Uber Land und Meer cites an amusing anecdote of diplomatic life in the eighteenth century.

In 1741 Count Bestushew was sent by the emperor of Russia to Stockholm to put the question of war or peace to the Swedish government. Upon arriving the count made known his mission and then waited patiently for an answer.

Finally when he had almost given up hope of getting a reply he received a long communication from the Swedish minister of war. Eagerly Count Bestushew opened the letter, for he knew that it contained the long expected answer. But to his despair he found it so encumbered with official phrases and formalities that he could make nothing of its meaning. For two hours he struggled in vain to comprehend the confused document. Then he hastened to the minister of war.

"My dear Count Bestushew," said the minister when the count had explained his difficulty, "I have no authority to communicate to you orally the contents of this document. I could not think of it."

"But I have puzzled over this for two hours, and still I can make nothing of it."

"Pray, do not blame yourself, count," said the minister. "You could hardly expect to unravel in two hours a document that took me two days to knit and knot together."

FROZEN COAL MINES.

The Way They Manage to Reach Their Fuel in Holland.

It was not until 1888, when Foetsch invented the "freezing method," that Holland's coal fields became of any practical value.

Where coal is encountered immediately under the solid rock there is a stratum of drift sand that contains great quantities of water. This condition of things made it practically impossible to build the shafts. The freezing method, however, has successfully solved the problem, and Holland now has a flourishing mining industry.

On the spot where the shaft is to be dug from twenty five to thirty borings are made down through the drift sand to the solid rock in a circle five feet larger in diameter than the projected shaft. Pipes are then sunk into these bore holes, and through these is circulated by powerful freezing machines a chemical solution cooled down to below zero.

In this way the drift sand containing the water is frozen as hard as a rock after the freezing machines have been working day and night for two months. In this frozen cylinder of sand a shaft is then dug and lined from bottom to top with strong segments of cast iron securely soldered together with lead.—Chicago News.

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.—Lowell

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