

DRY FARM PRIZES

Central Oregon Farmer Makes Good on Every Entry Exhibited

THE DRY FARMING CONGRESS

Reuter of Madras Captures 34 Awards at The Congress Just Closed at Colorado Springs--Farm Products Prize Cup Held by Central Oregon Man.

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also to do the still more valuable work of instruction in the cultivation of the land. For, be it always remembered dry-land farming is an art by itself, and untaught effort will almost surely be followed by failure. In other words untaught experiments are a very costly business, says the Journal.

But the Burns Times-Herald is absolutely right in urging that the possibilities of irrigation in the great central region of eastern Oregon should be developed to the full, and that as soon as men and money can be found to do the work.

Harney valley is only second to the Willamette valley, both in area and in the stored fertility of its soil. Nothing but the inaccessibility of this great tract, while railroads were but possibilities of a dim future, has held it back from that discovery of its possibilities, that recognition of the profits in store for those who would stake their efforts on the enterprise, which would have drawn their settlement and improvement without bounds.

Thirty years and more ago travelers brought back the story of natural grasses so strong and thick that a horseman was hidden when he left the trail. Hundreds, ave thousands of tons of hay were annually cut for the supply of the fort and for the winter forage of the cattle ranging its wide expanse, on the level lands surrounding Harney and Malheur lakes.

Water is, of course, the supreme necessity. Not only must the yearly flow of existing streams be stored and distributed, but the sub-surface reservoirs must be tapped by many wells.

I will be hard to find in Oregon a more inviting enterprise, nor one promising greater rewards. Water brings farms, farms necessitate roads, railways are certain followers, even if not precursors, of the resulting traffic.

Don't wait for success to come in your yard. Grab it by the collar and yank it inside the gate.

He was an ambitious youth, the simple life was not for him. He was determined to go upon the stage. His persistence won the day. He now drives the stage between Upham's Corners and Newton Center. — November Farm Journal.

"There could be no better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My children were all sick with whooping cough. One of them was in bed, had a high fever and was coughing up blood. Our doctor gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the first dose eased them, and three bottles cured them," said Mrs. R. A. Donaldson, of Lexington, Miss. For sale by all dealers.

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EXPERIMENT WITH HENS

Egg Laying Test is Made at Oregon Agricultural College

RESULT OF INTEREST-TO RAISER

No Harm From Cold Weather, Laid Eggs Just The Same and Retained Good Health--Regular Train Service Established to Bend--Virginia Valley Notes.

Interesting tests for egg laying have been conducted at the Oregon Agricultural College by John H Mack, a special poultry student from Portland.

In these tests single-comb white leghorns were used, five pullets and a cockerel being given a run of but 10x10 feet, in which space were in close confinement. The house was a 6x3½ foot brooder coop rearranged for their use. Half was used for roosting quarters and half for a scratching shed.

This scratching shed was kept well bedded with straw about 8 inches deep, and a large part of the whole grain given the fowls was fed here, though some was fed in the yard to induce the fowls to scratch outside when the weather permitted.

The front of the house consisted of two doors which were either wide open or partly so even in the coldest winter weather. No ill effects were noticed, and the egg record and general vitality of the flock showed that they were benefited by the more nearly natural conditions, although the cold sometimes seemed extreme for them.

As the soil was rather heavy, several inches of sawdust were spread on the ground, so that the chickens did not track in cold, wet mud, and had a good scratching place which dried rapidly after a rain.

A dry mash was fed them in hoppers, and whole grain, oats in the morning and wheat in the afternoon, strown in the litter. The fowls ate only about one-third as much oats as wheat, but as there were oats and barley in the mash, they probably made up deficiencies there. The mash, which was fed dry and kept constantly before them, consisted of two parts of bran to one of ground corn and one of ground oats and barley. Other hoppers to which they had access all the time held beef scraps, charcoal, grit and ground shell. A good supply of kale was kept before them to pick at, and good fresh water was within easy reach.

They were all apparently in good health throughout the experiment, but on the last day the pullet numbered 2 was found dead in the pen without apparent cause, though she had been laying up to that day.

The following record of the amount and cost of the feed from November to May is interesting in the light of the production records: 158 lbs. of wheat, \$2.22; 66½ lbs of oats, \$.88; 13 lbs of bran \$.15; 7½ lbs of ground oats and barley \$.10; 9 lbs of beef scraps, \$.32; 8 lbs of charcoal, \$.04; 5½ lbs of grit \$.05; 5½ lbs of shell, \$.05; 5½ lbs of ground corn \$.08; total cost, \$3.92.

Pullet No. 1 weighed 3 lbs 8 ozs at the beginning of laying, and exactly the same at the end of the experiment six months later. She laid 113 eggs valued at \$2.35, averaging in weight about 2.01 ozs each. Pullet No. 2 weighed 3 lbs 4 ozs in the beginning, but gained 3 ozs. She laid 112 eggs valued at \$2.75,

averaging in weight 2.05 each. Pullet No 3 weighed 3 lbs 2 ozs, and gained 12 ozs. She laid 101 eggs valued at 2.39, and averaging 2.08 each in weight. Pullet No. 4 weighed 3 lbs 12 ozs in the beginning, but lost 3 ozs. She laid 113 eggs valued at \$2.94 and averaging 2.15 ozs. Pullet No. 5 weighed 3 lbs 2 ozs at the beginning, and but 2 lbs 6 ozs in May; her laying record was 99 eggs valued at \$2.23 and averaging 1.8 ozs.

Thus it is seen that the total expenditure for the five pullets and the cockerel was but \$3.92, while the income from the eggs was \$12.66, leaving a profit, if the work in caring for the chickens is not counted, of \$8.74.

BEND GREET'S FIRST TRAIN.

Bend welcomed with loud acclaim last night the arrival of the first regular passenger train from Portland over the route into Central Oregon. The train which is to be operated jointly by the Hill and Harriman roads from Metolius to Bend, pulled in a few minutes before 10 o'clock, no effort being made to keep up to the announced schedule which will be maintained hereafter.

According to advices received here at the offices of the Deschutes Railroad and the Oregon Trunk, nearly every man, woman and child in Bend was out to give the iron horse a fitting reception.

The trains into Central Oregon will leave the mouth of the Deschutes Canyon, south bound, connecting with the regular morning trains on the O.-W. R. & N. and the North Bank, and will run as separate trains as far as Metolius, where they will be combined and run jointly to Redmond and Bend, arriving at the latter terminus at 8:35 P. M. North bound, the joint train will leave Bend at 6:30 A. M. and reach Portland about 6 P. M.

Both roads are making arrangements for stage connections with La Pine, Fort Rock, Silver Lake, Prineville, Burns and Klamath Falls and the smaller interior points. —Telegram.

VIRGINIA VALLEY NEWS.

BORN—October 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Grey Keaney a daughter, weight 8½ lbs. Mother and daughter doing well and father wearing a smile that don't come off.

Mrs. O. E. Thompson of Waverly visited friends in Virginia valley a few Sundays ago.

The contract for the new school house in district No. 26 was let on Oct. 7th to G. W. Urban of Princeton. In spite of delay caused by waiting at the mill for lumber Mr. Urban with the assistance of Elwood Kinney finished the building and turned it over to the directors Oct. 25. We are justly proud of it as it is neat and well built and on next Monday our happy teacher and pupils will move in. The people are already planning Sunday school, literary, and various social events made possible by

the new building which is quite centrally located. Mr. Urban made many friends by his genial manner and excellent work.

A sadness was cast over the neighborhood as the news passed swiftly from house to house on the morning of October 25, that our neighbor Wm. Dildine had been found dead at his home. Although his death was not unexpected yet it sent quite a shock over all. This is the first death in our valley since settlement. He had been suffering for several months from a peculiar form of heart trouble which his physician had told him was incurable. At the time of his death he was making preparations to go to relatives in Spokane who had been urging his coming. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to his faithful friend Mr. Cullen who has so carefully looked after him in his affliction. We shall miss his genial smile and neighborly kindness.

All the valley residents have been taking advantage of the fine weather to haul their hay for the winter.

D. A. Brakeman and O. E. Thompson having a disagreement about some freight they brought it before Justice Coleman on Oct. 14. The trial drew quite a crowd from the neighborhood and surrounding country.

D. A. Brakeman started for the railroad Thursday as did also B. F. Steel and Don Henderson and Daniel Quier and son Harley will start Saturday.

Gray Kenney is building a fine stone c-lar for Mr. J. A. Retherford.

David Williams the Princeton merchant came down to help put the finishing touches to the school house.

Prof. R. H. Harris visits his family quite frequently on Saturdays and Sundays he is getting to be quite an expert bicyclist.

Henry Reinarts sold his desert claim and left for outside points last week. Carl Walker and Gus Wilkie have filed on it and adjoining land. We are sorry to lose Mr. Reinarts from our community, but are glad to welcome the young strangers and hope they will stay with us and prosper.

The Youth's Companion is for Everybody.

Of course if you are too young to read, or so old you have forgotten how, you may not enjoy The Youth's Companion. That is rather a sweeping statement, however, for hosts of children love to have the stories and jingles of the children's page read to them. There is many a grandfather and grandmother whose eyes are dim who like nothing better than to sit and listen to The Companion stories and articles. Many a blind person, and even those who in addition can neither speak nor hear have been cheered by The Companion, its contents having been communicated to them through the fingertips of friends. The reading of The Youth's Companion is a pretty sure cure for all kinds of loneliness. Robinson Crusoe would have been a happier man if he could have had his Companion Thursday as well as his man Friday. Just send for the prospectus for 1912 and sample copies of the paper.

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