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There is one clause of the present game law that should be perpetuated at the next session of the Oregon legislature. Reference is made to the protection of the quail. This beautiful and useful game bird is taking well to Oregon climate and as a consequence is multiplying. The quail is a semi-domestic bird that loves the cultivated field, the thick-growing bush, the growing grass that bespeaks the presence of man. It is preeminently the bird of civilization, and is benefitted by its advance, while all the forest loving birds are discouraged in proportion as trees are cut down and fields cleared for the harvest. Most varieties of our feathered friends decrease or disappear with the destruction of the primeval forest, but the quail follows the plow, the reaper and the mower, being at its best in the tall grass of June and the ripening wheat of July. The quail is semi-domestic and admirable in all the family relations. When they mate it is for keeps. No divorce goes in the world of quaildom, no infidelity, no human getting off with the old love before getting on with the new. Master Bob White is a model husband, father and provider. Ever faithful to his spouse, a strict monogamist, he assists both to hatch and rear the young and watches vigilantly over "mother" while she is attending to the nest, meantime consoling her with his sweet monotone or warning of the approach of enemies.

We have long been boasting of the output of our gold and silver mines, and many ill-informed people imagine this to be the principal source of our national wealth. Yet the egg crop exceeds in value all the gold and silver mined in the United States, being worth annually over \$45,000,000. According to government reports 60,000,000,000 went to market in 1902, at an average price of 11.15 cents per dozen. Iowa stands at the head of the egg states with an output of 101,000,000 dozen yearly. Ohio comes next with 92,000,000; Illinois, 87,000,000; and Missouri 86,000,000. The highest average price is 20 cents in Montana, and the lowest is 7 cents in Texas. The figures should be of sufficient interest to set the Oregon hen to cackling.

Junius G. Groves, a negro farmer of Kansas, seems to have answered in the affirmative the question as to whether his race is capable of conducting business on a large scale and becoming financial factors in their communities. Booker T. Washington likes to tell the story of this man and his wife, who began life without a dollar and now own farms in the best sections of Kansas. Last year Groves produced 172,000 bushels of the finest potatoes—more than any other one man is known to have raised on his own land. He is called the "potato" king of America, and his credit is good for \$100,000 at the banks any day. Evidently the solution of the race problem lies along the lines pointed out by Mr. Groves.

They have discovered that even the bark of the cotton plant can be used, and it is now selling at 20 cents a pound in the South. Thus the by-products of cotton, such as the seed, oil and bark, are collectively more valuable than the plant, just as those of the animal far exceed those of the main carcass.

It would seem, says the East Oregonian, that Homer Davenport, in changing his political base from democratic field to the republican, shows a tinge of ingratitude in making the change. Hearst made Davenport famous by persistently advertising the young cartoonist and his

work. The cartoons that made Davenport the greatest measure of popularity depicted the trusts in their process of throttling the people and were democratic in spirit. If his work was conscientious then, and his studied thrusts at republicans and trusts resulted from honest convictions, what will his change of base amount to and how can he explain his former winning strokes from his new standpoint. Davenport has won all the fame he wants. It's money he's after now.

The Japanese war does not seem to be benefitting the American mule and horse market as did the contest with the Boers. The Japs do not seem to have learned the virtue of the mule and do not use these animals in their transportation service. They are evidently short on horses, too, the kind they use being an inferior sort, much like our western bronchos. For this reason they are inferior to the Russians in the cavalry arm of their service, the only weak spot so far developed in the operations of these plucky and systematic fighters.

Those breeders who raise hogs for the market must learn that quality in meat is much more important than quantity. Consumers want meat that tastes well. If bacon, they like that which has been well cured and not the product put through hastily with the aid of creosote, sham smoking and other devices. The feeding, of course, has much to do with the flavor of any kind of meat.

The Japanese must be good farmers as well as good fighters. The 45,000,000 inhabitants live almost entirely on the productions of a cultivated area about one-third the size of Illinois.

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