PLUCKING LIVE GEESE

An Operation Necessary to Procure Good Feathers.

LOCKING THE BIRDS' WINGS.

This Trick Performed and Their Legs Bandaged Together, the Helpless Geese Are Ready, if Not Willing, Victims For the Expert Pickers.

"Yes," said a manufacturer and dealer in bed furnishings, "it is necessary that goose feathers should be taken from the live goose if we are to study the health and comfort of people who think they must have feather beds and pillows. Dead goose feathers are not much better than husks to lie on and have not that great virtue of husks—wholesomeness.

"They say it doesn't hurt a goose to pluck it, but it seems to me that one might as well say that it wouldn't hurt a man to have his whiskers yanked out by the handful. The reason they give for believing a goose doesn't suffer when its feathers are being plucked out of it is that it never squawks or squeaks or makes a fuss while the plucking is going on.

"Now, I believe it hurts a goose like the mischief to have its feathers pulled out, coming as they do from the tenderest spots on its body, and the reason the fowl doesn't utter any protest prompted by pain is, according to the way I have sized geese up, because it is such a blame fool. A goose will squawk and clatter and cackle as if it were suffering more agony than a horse with the colic just at the mere sight of you, but if you corner it up and pelt it with stones it seems to forget that it has a voice and will take all the punishment you give it without a further word.

"The Pennsylvania Dutch farmers pluck geese today just the same as their forbears did time out of mind, and I don't know as there is any other way. It certainly couldn't be made any pleasanter for the goose unless the plucker held chloroform or something like that to its nose while the plucking was going on. The geese to be bereft of their feathers are first got together in an inclosure used for the purpose. The perspicacity of geese may be strikingly made known to you when they are being rounded up in such an inclosure if there should happen to be a knothole in one end of it, the door being at the other. That door may be six feet high and three broad, but goose after goose will ignore it and try its best to get through the knothole. Induced, though, to try the door, every goose will bob its head down as it passes through for fear of knocking it against the top of the door jamb, six feet above.

"There is a man or a boy in every neighborhood where geese are plucked who is an expert in getting the goose ready for the process. Not every one can do that. The wings of the goose have to be locked together by a peculiar arrangement of the two near the shoulder, and, while they are not tied or fastened in any other way, the lock is such that no goose can unlock it. The goose's feet are tied together with a broad band of soft muslin. Then it is ready for the plucker.

"The pluckers, who are almost always women, go among the geese with their heads and faces entirely covered with hoods fastened around the neck with a shirr string. There are holes in the hoods for the eyes and also at the nose to supply fresh air for breathing. From the neck down the pickers are covered with a glazed muslin garment to which no feather or down will cling. The pluckers will sit on low stools around a large and perfectly dry tub. Each takes in her lap a goose made helpless by its interlocked wings and bound legs and with rapid plying of her fingers separates the feathers from it. This is done with such skill, though, that the plucker rarely breaks the goose's skin or causes blood to follow the plucking out of a feather. The air is constantly filled with the light feathers during the plucking, but they settle into the tub at last.

"But there isn't as much call for the goose to undergo this raping of its feathers as there used to be. Not one pound of goose feathers is used today where there were fifty pounds twenty-five years ago. Odd as it may seem, asthma and hay fever long ago began to have a good deal to do with decreasing the demand for feather beds and pillows. It was discovered that asthma and hay fever had an affinity for such couches and head rests; that nothing would start an asthmatic off for a cheerful night's wheezing so quickly as a feather bed. This discovery spread, and the goose owes a great deal of its later day comfort to the asthma."—Detroit Free Press.

She Had Enough.

As Mrs. May of Birchdale Corners was leaving the exhibition hall of the county fair a man stepped out of a booth and accosted her.

"Won't you enter," said he, "and see the startling spenthariscopic scintillations of radium?"

Mrs. May shook her head—with a smile, however, for she is courteous if not scientific.

"I'm obliged to you," she said, "but my bag is chock full of samples now."—Youth's Companion.

Made Very Clear.

Tommy—Pop, which is correct, "I shall" or "I will?" Tommy's Pop—It depends on the sex, my son. A man says "I shall" and a woman says "I will."—Philadelphia Record.

Make your life your monument.—Ben Jonson.

School Notes.

Rev. Hammond made a pleasing talk to lower grades Tuesday morning.

The 6th, 7th, 8th grades and High school Literary Society will hold a joint session Friday afternoon.

The beautiful spring weather is greatly enjoyed by students and teachers.

Mrs. H. I. Watts presented the School library with a complete set of "The World's Most Famous Orations," by W. J. Bryan. The books are well adapted to our school work along the line of rhetoric and literature.

The Athletic Association elected the following officers to serve until their successors are chosen: President, Herbert Parker; vice-president, Luvois McEwen; secretary, Floyd Pinkerton; treasurer, Clarence Brotherton. Our school will probably have a baseball nine.

Athena school is getting ready for the Track Meet, May 13. Remember the date.

The various classes are making satisfactory progress.

It is worthy of public mention that our worthy and esteemed public spirited townsman and ex-principal of schools, Marville Watts, declined to accept any pay for electric lights furnished the basket ball teams at the opera house.

The basket ball teams desire to thank the public for patronage of the past season. A full financial report will be published soon.

The school board has kindly granted a vacation day to the teachers of Athena schools that they may visit and observe the work in other schools. The teachers will go two at a time each week until all the teachers have had a day off. School will continue uninterruptedly under plans mapped out by Prof. Case.

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the month:

Primary.

Enid Cartano, Everett Knight, Areta Littlejohn, Thelma McEwen, Mildred Winship, Howard Grove, Sylva Banister, Helen Downing, Clara Henley, Henry Knight, Frank Miller, Bill Parker, Pearle Ramsay.

Second and Third Grades.

Sylvester Crabill, Ray Jones, Willie Russell, Kendal Smith, Harry Taitinger, Charley Sawyer, Martha Hutt, Helen Russell, Hazel Sanders, Vernita Watts, Mamie Weaver, Mae Forest, Marjorie Case, Claude Coomans, Verne Dudley, Henry Koepke, Lucile Taylor, Donald Weaver, George Backman.

Fourth and Fifth Grades.

Rex Payne, Vergie Russell, Lawrence Tharp, Alice Gaines, Dollie White, Oscar Backman, Zola Keene, Willie Montgomery Eddie Montgomery, Sidney Crabill, Lawson Booher, Kathren Froome, Lighta Grant, Marvin Kilgore, Evelyn Rugh, Harold McIntyre, Lloyd McPherrin, Pauline Myrick.

Sixth and Seventh Grades.

Claude Sanders, Wesley Tompkins, Vera Gross, Edna Harden, Agnes McEachern Estelle Smith, Lester Vaughn, Gertrude Rugh, Hazel Parker, Gladys Smith, Lillian Tompkins, Vivian Ehrhart, Victor Ehrhart, Jeanette Jack.

Eight Grade.

Edna Jones, Nina Jack, Edmund Walker, Archie McIntyre.

High School.

Harry Coomans, Clyde Brotherton, George Winship, Emery Worthington, Kittie Gholson, Floyd Payne, Glenn Dudley.

	Per cent Attendance	No days Absence	No Tardy	Neither late nor tardy	Rank room for Month
Mrs. Watts	96.00	..	5	16	1st
Mrs. Mulkey	95.21	..	13	4	2nd
Miss Wilkinson	95.19	..	6	19	3rd
High School	94.56	..	35	7	4th
Miss Blanche Orswell	93.43	..	45	12	5th
Miss Beverley	89.55	..	16	13	6th

The New Magazine.

The initial number of the Pacific Homeseeker, will be issued in March and will contain the most complete authentic description of Pacific Coast conditions in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and other Pacific Coast states, ever published in any magazine. If you want to know all about this wonderful country, send 25 cents in silver for this special issue, or better still, send $1.50 for a full years subscription, to the California Homeseekers Ass'n., 225 Exchange bldg., Los Angeles, California.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dr. G. S. Newsom has opened offices in the DePeatt building. Diseases of women and children a specialty. Residence first door South of the bank.

CHOICE PROPERTY FOR SALE

Bargains Which are Offered by the Athena Land Company.

Farm Lands.

705—An estate of 480 acres of the finest land in Umatilla county. Abundant water supply—hot and cold water—ten room house modern and well appointed. About 40 acres of good alfalfa land. The farms adjacent to this are all selling for $100 per acre. This place can be had for $85 per acre if taken at once. If you want a home let us show you this immediately.

700—560 acres of fine wheat land—good water—eight room house—good barn and out houses—place highly improved—on the railroad and only one mile from the station. $65 per acre.

City Property.

505—$1100 for a nine room house in Athena—two blocks from Main street and half block from the school building. You can not buy the material in the house for what we ask for the entire place.

If you have something to sell or trade tell us about it. It will not hurt either of us and it may be an advantage to both of us.

ATHENA LAND CO.
Box 274. Phone 355.

The Athena Land company have a splendid bargain to offer in a handsome 7-room house, plastered throughout, wired for electric lights, desirable location in Athena, two lots, barn and outbuilding, for $1,200.

Saved From Awful Peril.

"I never felt so near my grave," writes Lewis Chamblin of Manchester Ohio, "as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 115 pounds in spite of many remedies and the best doctors. And I am alive today is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 160 pounds and can work hard. It also cured my four children of croup." Infallible for coughs and colds, its the most certain remedy for lagrippe asthma, desperate lung trouble and all bronchial affections, 50c and $1. A trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

Here's a Snap.

A 640 acres dry land ranch for sale cheap, if bought before March 1st. 1910. Have option and can sell cheap. Will guarantee 50 per cent a year on your money in raise in value, besides guarantee 10 per cent interest on crop. Write concerning this ranch and learn particulars. Midvale Real Estate and Loan Co., Midvale, Idaho.

President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the president of the Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for stomach, liver and kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates all vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion creates appetite. To strengthen and build up pale, thin, weak children or rundown people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c. at all druggists.

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When Editor J. P. Sossman, of Cornelius, N. C., bruised his leg badly, it started an ugly sore. Many salves and ointments proved worthless. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it thoroughly. Nothing is so prompt and sure for Ulcers, boils, burns, bruises, cuts corns, sores, pimples, eczema or piles. 25 cents at all druggists.

Notice to Farmers.

I will stand at my place, 3 miles northeast of Athena, an Oregon bred Mammoth Jack. This animal is a prize winner. He took first prize at both the Pendleton and Walla Walla fairs and took first in sweepstakes in 1909. He is a registered Jack, six years of age. Terms right. Address J. M. Swaggart, R. F. D. No. 2, Weston Oregon. 2mo.

Took All His Money.

Often all a man earns goes to doctors or for medicine, to cure a stomach, liver or kidney trouble that Dr. King's New Life Pills would quickly cure at slight cost. Best for dyspepsia, indigestion, billiousness, constipation, jaundice malaria and debility. 25c at all druggists.

For Sale.

Some articles still remain, which we wish to sell, and application may be made to R. C. Walker regarding same. A good reliable horse with buggy and harness. A fine family outfit. Water power washer at a bargain. Kitchen table, a snap. Also several empty economy fruit jars.

Ellis B. Harris.

For Sale.

402 acres of rich heavy soil plenty of moisture 7 miles from Condon county seat of Gilliam county and a railroad town. Horses, harness, machinery, blacksmith shop etc goes with the place. $38 per acre, one-third cash, good terms. Write Box 125 Condon, Oregon.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. A. O. Hammond, Pastor.

Sunday services: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching service 11, Epworth League devotional service 6:30, preaching service 7:30.

Ladies Aid Society every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of Adele St Dennis, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: that F. S. Le Grow, administrator of the estate of Adele St. Dennis, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of said estate with the clerk of the above entitled court, and that the the county Judge, by order duly made and entered has appointed Monday the 21st day of February A. D. 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the County Court house at Pendleton in said County and State, as the place, where any and all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made. This notice will appear in the Athena Press from Friday the 21st day of January A. D. 1910, until Friday the 18th day of February A. D. 1910, once each week for four successive weeks.

Dated this the 21st day of January, A. D. 1910. F. S. Le Grow, Administrator.

Peterson & Wilson, Att'ys.

EXECUTORS NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the Estate of Thomas J. Kirk, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that we have been appointed executors of the last will of Thomas J. Kirk, deceased, by order of the above entitled Court and have duly qualified; all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers, to us at the First National Bank of Athena, in Athena, Umatilla county, Oregon, within six months from this date.

Dated February 11, 1910.

Edward Koontz,
Marion Jack,
Executors.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of John McIntyre, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Hugh McIntyre, executor of the last will and testament of John McIntyre, deceased, has filed his final account with the Clerk of the above entitled court and that the county judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Monday the 21st day of March A. D. 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. as the time and the county courthouse at Pendleton as the place where all objections and exceptions to the said final account will be heard and the settlement there of made. This notice will appear in the Athena Press from Friday the 18th day of February A. D. 1910, to Friday the 18th day of March A. D. 1910.

Hugh McIntyre, executor.
Peterson & Wilson,
Attorneys for Executor.

Choice Wheat Farm For Sale.

800 acres, 2 miles from Helix; fair improvements; fine well. Price, $50,000. Leased to 1912. Easy terms. John A. Gross, 814 Boyer avenue, Walla Walla, Wash. 2mo

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