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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet of Liberty."

### The Community Builders

The Gorman school gave their Christmas program on Monday evening preceding Christmas day. The school building was entirely too small to hold the appreciative audience, but the teacher displayed her ability to overcome obstacles and the pupils rendered a splendid program. Gorman school has been closed for some time, with the exception of the last two years. The Teacher, Miss Holman of The Dalles, stated the evening of the entertainment on different occasions when in reply to the question "Where are you teaching?" she had replied "In the Gorman district." The next question invariably was "Where is Gorman." If she stated that it was the next one beyond Fairview, then every one knew where Gorman district was located. She stated that, for one, she was going to do her part to help put Gorman district back on the social and community map of Sherman county.

Miss Holman has made a brave start to do this. She has three of the required four standard pictures now properly hung in the school building and in addition she has purchased a Victrola for use at school entertainments and to be used generally at social affairs held by the community. And one of the directors told our reporter that they were looking forward to a new school house this year.

The school house should be a community center and it often falls upon the teacher to lead in providing social entertainment for their community. Miss Holman has shown ability to do this and has an open field and appreciative patrons in Gorman district to assist.

Fairview school gave an excellent Christmas entertainment the Saturday night preceding Christmas. The school house was filled even to the standing room, while the program rendered was a credit to the pupils and their teacher, Miss Edith Flemming, and was appreciated by all. Fairview is one of the country districts of the county which has a standard school house in every respect and is one of two school districts which provides a small house for the teacher on the ground.

### Which Breed for Eggs?

Too many are laying their failure to get eggs to the fact that they have the wrong breed of chickens. One man says he has tried the White Leghorn out and is going to get rid of them and get the old reliable Barred Plymouth Rock next year while the next man is going to make the opposite change. The main thing to remember is that there is "no one best breed of chickens." In the "All Northwest Egg Laying Contest" at Pullman the White Leghorn pen won first with an average production of 252 eggs per bird, second place was taken by a pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks from O.A.C. with a record of 251 eggs per bird, while the Rhode Island White captured third place with a 238 egg production. Other breeds followed close up. The best individual layer was a White Leghorn hen which laid 311 eggs in the 365 days. This beats any record in the country, the nearest competitor being a White Wyandotte at Stours with a 308 egg record.

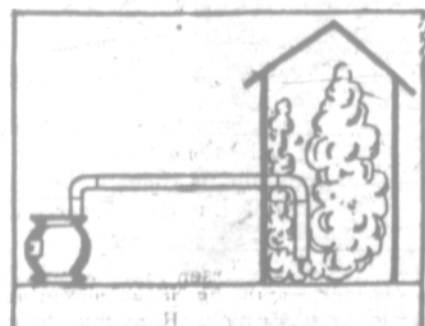
In the above contests we have four breeds all racking close to the top which should go to prove that there is no one best breed, but we can readily see that these are best individuals in a breed. The main thing is to choose a breed of chickens that suits your liking and then secure a stock that has been bred to lay and don't be satisfied unless they have a record behind them. It is not enough to know that they are pure bred for some of our breeders are breeding for show purposes and their hens may not be producing any more than our scrub hens. Get your start from stock that has been trap nested and buy from reliable parties. With a small investment you can purchase either the eggs or day old chicks coming from hens that have 200 to 250 egg records and thus take advantage of what our best poultry breeders have been able to accomplish for us.

Let us again emphasize the fact that the little farm flock can be made to lay right through the winter and with but little increase in size or added expense can easily pay the grocery bill. We forget that that is important as long as wheat is worth \$2.20 but the time is not far off with a good many at least when the little lift will be appreciated and needed. Get a few settings of eggs from breeders that have the best producers of the breed that you choose and use it as a foundation of your future flock. That is the first and a most important step toward increased future production, but it takes time to build up such a flock. In the meantime the stock from the present flock can be made more productive by early hatching and proper feeding. These will be touched on later.

As a result of the Christmas Red Cross membership drive 1706 Sherman county people are now enrolled as members of the organization for the year 1919. The teams all did splendid work without any exception. Those in charge of the different divisions of the county and the number of members secured by their teams were as follows: Wasco, Mrs. J. P. Yates, 660; Moro, Mrs. C. L. Foley, 550; Grass Valley, Mrs. I. N. Lemon, 312; Kent, Mrs. J. K. Irby, 188. All members from Wasco and Moro took \$1 memberships. Grass Valley has 39 junior members in addition to the number above mentioned. Kent has 163 dollar, 17 magazine, two \$5, and one \$10 membership. In addition to the foregoing, County Chairman C. C. Calkins reports that A. R. Chase, in charge of the Red Cross drive in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties, is highly pleased with the results of the drive in Sherman county. It represents a 45 per cent increase over last year and Sherman county will rank high in percentage of population enrolled.

### A Smokehouse Pointer

In the home smoking of meat I have learned something by experimenting that is a great saver of work and of



### NO HEAT, NO DANGER OF FIRE.

much more consequence—keeps the meat in better shape during the smoking process. I used a low smokehouse, and, handle the little necessary fire as best I could, it would sometimes heat the meat more than was good for it. I had the fire covered in a little pit in the center of the smokehouse. Then I tried a pit outside several feet from the building with an underground flue, but all the heat generated in that went into the smokehouse, so it was unsatisfactory.

I placed an old heating stove, with the legs taken off, on the ground about eight feet from the side of the smokehouse, put an elbow on the stove and ran a pipe in through the side of the smokehouse. Then I started a little fire in the stove, and as the smoke poured from the funnel it occurred to me to turn the smoke down, so I put on an elbow with mouth pointing down, and as that worked all right I put a length of pipe on that and watched to see what the smoke would do. In a moment it poured from the pipe right down near the ground. The end of the pipe is four or five inches from the ground and nearly on a level with the bottom of the stove. It works finely. The cooled smoke rising from the ground conveys no heat to the meat, though quite a little fire is kept in the stove. The fire needs but little attention, as the stove is kept about closed all the time. It is very satisfactory.

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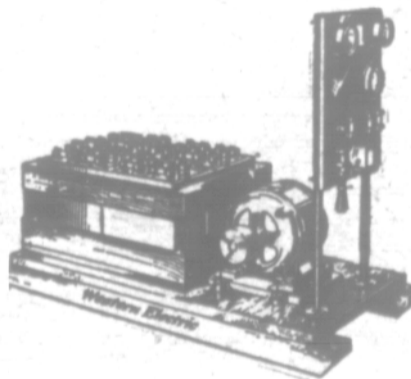
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