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Office With Al Hermanson

The Oregon Emerald, a daily paper issued at the University of Oregon, carried quite an extensive editorial upon the Prohibition question, Tuesday.

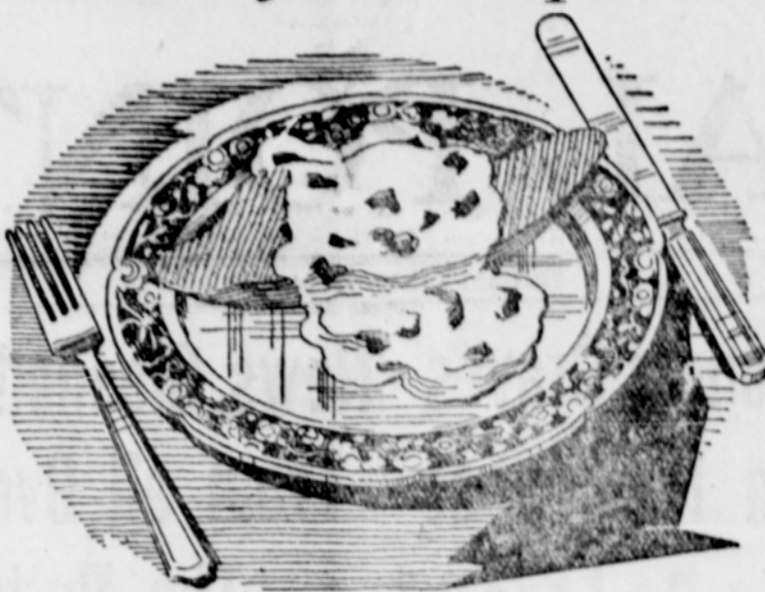
The editor seems to look upon the Volstead act as a complete failure. He says it takes no effort for a college student to get all the liquor he wants to celebrate any event. He states further that it is the spirit of braggadocio which causes the student to break the laws. He feels that the Volstead law has led to a breakdown in the respect for laws and finally winds up his theme with a plea for modification as a means for saving the wayward youth.

Ever since babyhood the average person has been face to face with prohibitions of various kinds. Thou shall not has always been heard by the human ear since time in memoriam. We never heard of a parent placing a chair or box in front of the jam or cookies so that junior could more easily attain his goal in quest of the forbidden articles, as a means of alleviating the desire in the child to have the cookies or jam. On the contrary the proverbial paddle was usually resorted to.

We believe that had this country been dried up more slowly the work would have been accomplished more easily. But now that the step has been taken and the bone dry laws are in effect a modification would only be a step closer to the old saloon.

It is true, perhaps, that the morals are more lax now than at other times but we wonder if it can all be traced to prohibition. There is nothing in prohibition which should cause the women's fashions at the beach or at the party to be such that there is little to guess about. And we would hesitate to say that prohibition is to blame for the sensuous thoughts and remarks which are caused by such an exhibition. Yet all those things are related to the lax morals, referred to. One reason, we believe, for the condition which flaunts itself before the college editor, is the fact that too many young men and women are enrolled in college who are there more for sport and amusement than for the desire to obtain the benefits of an education. Many are away from the parental restraint for the first time with access to the family exchequer and they "must" have their fling. But to one looking on we would think that one who rises to the station of a college man or woman would have attained the place where reason would dominate over childish rebellion to restraint and realize that if the body is being abused by the drinks imbibed, that it is time to desist and spare his or her body for the better things and accomplishments of life.

Variety Adds Spice



DAVID GARRICK said: "Our first great passion is to eat," but he knew—and you know—that nothing is so deadly as the same old meals served in the same unchanging way. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sprat's domestic arrangements were ideal—but are yours?

Just a Little Change

Do you change your menus with the seasons, adding heavier desserts in the fall as the children become more active and as the air becomes nipper? And do you take advantage of the colder weather to cook foods which are impossible in the summer because they overheat the kitchen? If so, there is no doubt that your family and your friends will not only have a passion to eat, but also a passion to eat at your home, of your food.

Just in case, however, your inventiveness has suffered a temporary relapse, here is a suggestion for a dish which will make anyone ask for an encore:

Creamed Corned Beef in Sweet Potato Cases: Boil four large sweet potatoes in their skins, then remove the skins, cut the potatoes in halves lengthwise and scoop out the centers to form cases. Brush with melted butter, and brown in a hot oven or under a broiler flame. Meanwhile, make a white sauce of four tablespoons of butter, four tablespoons of flour, two and one-half cups of milk, salt and pepper, and one-fourth cup of cream. Add the contents of a twelve-ounce can of corned beef cut into small pieces; heat again, and then pour into and cover the hot sweet potato cases.*

How to Raise Poultry

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THE IMPORTANT HALF OF YOUR FLOCK

"A good cock bird is half the flock," says an atrocious bit of doggerel in an archaic work on poultry raising that came to my attention recently. Poor verse certainly, but good logic, notwithstanding! It is undoubtedly true in my opinion that a good male is at least half the flock—probably much more than half. His characteristics are transmitted to so many chicks and are so distinctly stamped upon them that too great care cannot possibly be exercised in his selection.

It seems to be a well established fact that the egg laying ability of a hen is often inherited from the father. That alone should establish the necessity for extreme care in the selection of male birds for breeding. Generally speaking egg capacity is the most important consideration of

all since eggs provide the quickest means of securing profits from the poultry flock.

Be sure, therefore, of the ancestry of any male bird used for breeding. Know that he comes from a strain bred for egg production, vigor and the standard requirements of his variety. While a poor male will not harm good females, he will transmit his poor traits to the offspring to an even greater degree than the hens will convey their good qualities. Thus, his poor blood will counteract the good blood of the hens resulting in lower vitality and reduced laying capacity for the following generations of chicks.

Having established the importance of having only the best males for breeding, the question naturally arises as to how the right kind shall be chosen. The first consideration is ancestry. A rooster that comes from a long line of known productivity and adheres to standard qualities, will be more likely to be able to transmit such qualities to succeeding generations. In any flock when proper culling or weeding out of unfit members is consistently practiced and where fairly accurate records are kept on egg production, it should be very easy to judge the ancestry of any particular male.

Good health is, of course, essential. No matter how fine a pedigree any bird may have, if he is not up to par or better in this respect, better not use him. His lowered vitality will almost surely result in inefficient fertilization of eggs from hens with which he is mated. That means a lower percentage of hatchability and, in all likelihood, lower vitality for the resulting chicks than if they had been sired by a more vigorous specimen of chickenhood.

The ideal rooster for mating is really more than just healthy. He should be overflowing with vitality. He should have an erect bearing, a cocky self-assured way of swaggering about as if he owned the place. He should have bright, alert eye, good plumage, good standard head, should have a good appetite, good flesh and should be quite free from defects or deformities.

He should crow with a loud, clear ringing note, the kind that sounds like a challenge to anything and everything that may question his right as ruler of the flock. He should be aggressive in his guardianship of hens entrusted to his care but need not necessarily be a pugnacious or vicious fighter. Insistence on such qualities may at first seem somewhat far-fetched. Nevertheless they are important indications of relative fitness for the important task entrusted to the male and should be taken into account.

The ideal rooster should be a late molter, as a rule. Early molting shows that his mother or the strain from which he came are early molters. That would indicate generally that the females of the line are poor

THE JOKERS CORNER

Weston—Why were you driving so fast this morning?

Hill—When the judge fined me \$5 for speeding yesterday, he couldn't change a \$10 bill, so he told me to go speed it out.

Aber—I didn't know MacGougal was lame. I see him going around on crutches.

Teller—He's not lame. When his father died he left Mac the crutches and now Mac is using them to save his shoes.

Hazel—Did you get me the orange stick for my manicuring set?

Knut—No; and I've tried every fruit stand in town.

Quizz—What do you think of the new long skirts?

Quip—There's nothing to do now but think.

So this is home-coming week in Padenville?

Yes, but the only man who ever put this town on the map won't be here.

Unavoidably detained?

Yes. He's in the penitentiary.

layers. Since as has already been pointed out, the laying quality is transmitted through the male even more than through the female, this is very important to consider. Naturally the male does not moult because he has stopped laying so his molting habits are undoubtedly inherited from mother, grandmother, or earlier female ancestor.

While ancestry is important, as stated above, the fitness of a rooster for use as a breeder should not be judged solely by the record of his mother or other female ancestors. It is also advisable to consider the records and characteristics of his sisters and half-sisters. It stands to reason that if they have not sufficiently inherited the desirable qualities of their immediate ancestors he will also be lacking in much the same extent as they are. This is not an infallible rule, but generally, the male from a good line that readily transmits its good qualities to succeeding generations, will himself be a good producer.

The question of body tests to ascertain good breeding males is more or less in dispute. I know definitely that body tests can establish the laying qualities of a hen, but it has not yet been fully established whether or similar tests can be safely relied upon to indicate a rooster's ability to pass on to his progeny a

certain degree of fitness as are explained above. Careful selection along the lines suggested is bound to be amply rewarded, particularly for those who have hitherto felt that a rooster is just a rooster and that any old rooster will do. That such is not the case, any successful poultry raiser will be glad to testify. Too much care cannot be used in choosing the fathers of your chicks-to-be.

FARM POINTERS

The campaign to eradicate the Mediterranean fruit fly has been more successful than scientists had even hoped. Although the fly is now found only in citrus fruits in this country, it prefers deciduous fruits in its native habitat. Oregon growers are backing the present campaign for complete eradication.

Of all ordinary farm products subject to spontaneous heating or combustion, hay has been found the most susceptible. Oats are also readily combustible. Burlap bags, especially if they have contained nitrate of soda and have been washed and stored in piles where ventilation is poor, are subject to danger. Conditions under which spontaneous heating may develop are generally those where farm products are put into storage too immature, poorly cured, or where they may get wet while in storage.

The potash content in the top 6-2x3 inches of an acre of typical horticultural soil of the Northwest carries from 10,000 to 20,000 or more pounds according to the Oregon State College Extension service.

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