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COOPERATION OF EFFORT GREAT NEED OF SMALL TOWN

The small town has many problems—and unlike the greater cities, it has few people who are willing to expend their time and energy to back up the enterprises that might tend to build a greater community. This being the case it is doubly difficult to induce industries to center their activities in small fields. It is likewise more difficult for the small town to get its share of the public improvements for the stronger neighbors have better political machinery. They have more influential men. They have more civic or public spirited people and organizations.

For this reason it behooves the persons interested in the welfare of the smaller communities to cooperate—to labor more strenuously for their cities' betterment and the betterment of the communities contiguous thereto, for after all, a town is just as big as its surrounding territory will permit it to be. All taxpayers, all wage earners or at least should be, equally interested in civic affairs and civic improvement as are the business people although it is a fact the business and professional people are looked upon as the leaders in their community.

Here is how it works—The business man wants to increase his possible list of patrons. In doing this he naturally makes jobs for more wage earners, more home builders, more people in the city. When more people come into the community it means better schools, better churches, more amusements, more possibilities for the young people. Therefore everyone, teachers, preachers, working men and farmers should all be interested in the endeavors to bring into the town or city new industries, better roads and other civic ventures. Our great need is more cooperation of effort for the betterment of all.

Just to show what people will do for a small amount of money it was interesting to read that in New York when the executioner at the state penitentiary was reported to be contemplating his resignation, 200 persons filed applications for the position. The salary of the executioner is \$150 per month.

Just Wait

Mandy, a colored woman, was eating her lunch, when a neighbor came in with bad news.

Mandy, the visitor warned her, prepare yo'sef fo' some powerful bad news. Yo' husban' has been in de worst accident.

Lan' sakes! exclaimed Mandy, ef Rastus am dead yo' shore am gwine to heah some awful wailin' soon as I finish dis meal.

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THE PRIMARY ELECTION DRAWS NEAR

Only a few short weeks are left for the voter to make up his mind as to how he is going to vote upon the candidates who aspire to the several offices in the county and state. There are several good men on both tickets asking for the nominations and it will require some thought to judge wisely between them. Too many voters are inclined to pass lightly upon the men who are to perform the duties incumbent upon the public servants but yet there are few who have not many harsh words for the way the public's work is conducted. It behooves every public spirited citizen to look over their voters pamphlets and judge for themselves which man is the best suited to represent his party in the Fall election.

The right to vote is a privilege for which many have died to obtain. Yet there are many others who are willing to pass up that privilege altogether or, at best, to give it little thought or attention.

How to Raise Poultry

By Dr. L. D. LeGear, V. S., St. Louis, Mo.

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Let's Talk Turkey

Popular Opinion Vastly Overestimates the Difficulties of Turkey Raising. A Great Opportunity for Profits Being Overlooked by Farmers and Poultry Raisers Nobody knows who started that

figure of speech, "talking turkey," to indicate getting down to essentials, or "down to brass tacks" as many people say. Whoever started it, it is certainly an appropriate phrase to use in discussing the exceptionally profitable but relatively neglected industry of turkey raising. Here is a business in which the demand has always exceeded the supply and yet, ever since 1890 the supply has been steadily dwindling. Prices have not dwindled however. On the contrary, they have consistently increased from year to year.

What a wonderful opening for wide awake farmers to step in and make some real money! Yet, with but few exceptions, they turn deaf ears to the loud knocks of opportunity. Why?

Unquestionably the one great drawback has been the old belief that turkeys could not be raised unless given the run of unlimited range. They have always been considered wild things that would not live in confinement. So, as changing conditions in various localities made greater and greater restric-

tions of range necessary, the raising of turkeys was automatically curtailed or abandoned. Not until very recently did it ever occur to anyone to question the old theory that turkeys needed all outdoors for their feeding and exercising grounds. Now we know that the old policy of unrestricted range has been one of the most serious factors in the high death rate among turkeys.

This method caused chickens and turkeys to be brought together on the same grounds. In this way the deadly blackhead disease was transmitted to the young poults through the cecum worm (pin worm) of chickens, now recognized as a host for blackhead germs. Blackhead is truly the turkey raisers' most dreaded enemy, for unless precautions are taken to keep the disease from getting started among the growing poults, a heavy loss is sure to be had. It is easy to see, therefore, why the plan recently adopted by raising turkeys in confinement has proved so highly successful. It is quite definitely established now that turkeys can be raised in much the same manner as chickens and with far better results than were obtained by the old-fashioned methods once held all but sacred.

Another old-time theory that has lately been pretty thoroughly exploded is the belief that only natural hatching and brooding methods were practicable in turkey raising. It has been clearly established that poults hatched in incubators and

reared in brooders are much less likely to succumb to the scourge of blackhead and other diseases which prey on their kind, than those hatched and brooded under hens. The reason for this is that naturally hatched poults acquire the germs of blackhead from older fowls just as they do from chickens were permitted to run with them. Confine them so they cannot get out to run with chickens or with old turkeys, or to run on ground where chickens have been for at least one year.

Three other essential planks in the turkey raiser's platform must be: sound feed, clean water and clean range. For those who still adhere to the old ideas about turkeys, this must sound like rank heresy. Yet the truth of such simple doctrines is vouched for by the foremost authorities on turkey raising in the country.

If you can raise chickens successfully, you can raise turkeys with equal success, only don't mix them. The methods of incubation, brooding and feeding will with but slight adaptation enable you to gain equally as good results with turkeys, and with a greater reward for your efforts. The profits so fondly imagined by those who would like to try turkey raising are there for you if you follow right methods.

National custom calls for three great festivals every year when nothing but turkey will suffice as the principal item on the menu and it would not be impossible to educate the public into a still wider use of this delicious meat if it were always possible to supply the present demand.

All readers of this article are welcome to any further help I can give them. I shall be glad to hear from those who are truly interested and who really want to "Talk Turkey" to a purpose. Address any inquiries or comments to me in care of the editor of this paper.

THE JOKERS CORNER

Knows His Chuck

A lady was entertaining the small son of a married friend.

"Are you quite sure you can cut your meat, Willy?" she asked, watching him a moment.

"Oh yessum, he replied without looking up. We often have it as tough as this at home."

With Kind Words From the Editor
Scribbler: Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

Scratcher: Yes, that's the way it's been with every poem I've written so far.

The saddest story of the month was about the absent minded professor who jumped from an aeroplane and didn't open the parachute because it wasn't raining.

Give Me My Due
The Judge: Mrs. Maloney, t' e evidence shows that you threw a stone at Officer Waddell.
It shows more than that, yer honor, interrupted Mrs. Maloney. It shows Oi hit him.

She Would Say That
Sweet Thing: I didn't accept Jack the first time he proposed.
Catty thing: No, dear; you weren't there.

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