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With Medford Stop-Over

THE LAY OF THE KANSAS HEN

(By F. D. Coburn.)

We have read of Maud on a summer day, Who raked, barefooted, the new-mown hay; We have read of the maid in the early morn, Who milked the cow with the crumpled horn; And we've read the lays that the poets sing Of the rustling corn and the flowers of spring; But of all the lays of tongue or pen There's naught like the lay of the Kansas hen. Long, long before Maud rakes her hay The Kansas hen has begun to lay, And ere the milkmaid stirs a peg The hen is up and has dropped her egg; The corn must rustle and flowers spring If they hold their own with the barnyard ring. If Maud is needing a hat and gown She doesn't hustle her hay to town, But goes to the store and obtains her suit With a basketful of her fresh hen fruit. If the milkmaid's beau makes a Sunday call She doesn't feed him on milk at all, But works up eggs in a custard pie And stuffs him full of chicken fry; And when the old man wants a horn, Does she take the druggist a load of corn? Not much! He simply robs a nest And to town he goes—you know the rest. He hangs around with the cliques and rings And talks of politics and things, While his poor wife stays at home and scowls, But is saved from want by those self-same fowls: For, while her husband lingers there, She watches the cackling hens with care, And gathers eggs, and the eggs she'll hide Till she saves enough to stem the tide. Then hail, all hail, to the Kansas hen, The greatest blessing of all to men. Throw up your hats and emit a howl For the persevering barnyard fowl. Corn may be king, but it's plainly seen. The Kansas hen is the Kansas queen.

Newspaper Duns

(Ashland Record.)

We presume some people think newspaper men are persistent duns. Let a farmer place himself in a similar position and see if he would not do the same thing. Suppose that he raises 1500 bushels of wheat and his neighbor comes and buys a bushel. Suppose the price is only one dollar and the neighbor says, "I will pay you in a few days." As the farmer does not want to be small about the matter, he says all right. Another comes the same way and another and another and so on, till the whole 1500 bushels of wheat are trusted out to 1500 different persons, and not one of the purchasers concerns himself about it—thinking it is a small amount to the farmer, and would not help him any. Don't you see what a hardship it would work upon the farmer if all the purchasers failed to realize that he had frittered away his large crop of wheat and that its value was due in 1500 dribbles and that he was seriously embarrassed in business because his debtors treated it as a little matter? If all would pay him promptly, which they all could do as well as not, it would be a very large amount to the farmer and enable him to carry on his business without difficulty. The above comparison fits all too truly the difficulties that the newspaper man has to contend with. Union cigarmakers issued more than 30,000,000 of labels in the year 1913.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS AHEAD, STATES DUN'S

A ROSY view of the future is taken for Oregon by R. G. Dun & Co. in their semi-annual trade review of conditions in the northwest. Indications are that a renewal of activity has set in throughout the country and prosperity is at hand. The following are conclusions of the report:

"The prospects for 1914 in the Pacific northwest are shown to be favorable by the tenor of reports received from correspondents representative of the entire territory. Conservative buying for the past two years has reduced stocks of merchandise. Selling associations have already in some lines solved the difficulty of finding markets and in others progress is being made in opening up new fields or regulating output. The increasing outward movement of products is strengthening the demand for merchandise and the incoming year opens with the promise of gradual improvement."

Conditions in Jackson county are summarized as follows:

Ashland—Apples, pears, peaches, show increase of 15 per cent to 40 per cent. Hay and grain have increased about 10 per cent. The small amount of fall-sown grain is in excellent condition. During the year a cement plant at Gold Hill and an additional cannery have been established. The general condition of farmers is good, except in case of those who bought small tracts at high prices and are now very hard up. There is not much change in amounts of money loaned on mortgages. Farmers are rapidly turning their attention to diversified farming. Merchants are about in the usual condition financially, sound, but not prosperous. There is some slight reduction in the amount of book debts carried and stocks are light, as merchants generally are buying cautiously. The outlook for 1914 shows some signs of improvement, and local improvement projects may help some.

Butte Falls—This district is entirely devoted to cattle and timber. Farmers are in good condition and merchants are carrying heavier stocks on account of more business and have less on their books. Prospects for 1914 are very good.

Central Point—Slight increase in wheat crop; 10 per cent increase in corn and wool and 20 per cent in apples and pears. Fall sown grain is in fair condition. Farmers are in moderately good financial condition and reducing their indebtedness. The condition of merchants is good and their stocks and book account are about normal.

Jacksonville—Grain shows an increase of 10 per cent; hay 20 per cent and fruit 60 per cent. About 2000 acres of fall sown grain is in fine condition. A grape juice and canning factory started at Jacksonville this year. The good crops and good prices of the past year have enabled farmers to decrease their mortgages and they are giving more attention to diversified farming than ever before. Merchants are well off financially, with usual stocks and fewer accounts on their books than before. The prospects for 1914 are good.

Medford—Nearly 1000 cars of fruit were shipped from this point, which is a gain over 25 per cent over 1912. The gross value of the output this year is approximately \$1,000,000, compared with \$500,000 for 1912. Not much attention is paid to grain growing. There is some lumber and cement production. Farmers are reducing their indebtedness and are improving their methods. Over thirty carloads of hogs were shipped from the county during the year. Within the past five years farmers bought their bacon, eggs, butter, etc., which they now produce at home. The conditions of merchants is much improved over that of one year ago, owing to the better return for the fruit crop. They are buying more conservatively and have lighter stocks, and are carrying fewer unpaid accounts on their books. The improvement in the methods of farming make the outlook for 1914 brighter.

Rogue River Too Fine to Leave Even for a Visit

H. B. Patterson, the Quaker Nursery man has set residents of the valley a good example by writing a boosting letter to the newspaper of his former home, the Times-Record of Aledo, Ill. Medford, Ore., Jan. 8, 1914. The Times Record: As my mind reverts back to the first fifty-five years of my life I am strongly reminded that I was molded into the public sentiment due to the environment of old Aledo, Mercer county, Ill., and naturally my thought goes out in very warm affection for the old place at home, and its many dear memories. But the time has changed old man Paterson some and, having been five years away from the old home, I now feel like I am better able to pass an unbiased judgment than when I left there. I guess the world is pretty big but not so large as I fancied in my boyhood days, and also that after all there is some place else than your birthplace. I have no reason whatever to change my mind from my first conclusions on seeing this country. It is making good in every way and the more I see of it the better I like it. Much of our hopes have been realized and we are sure looking for big things yet to come. The permanent developments due to the opening of the canal and the immediate effects of the big exposition at San Francisco in 1915 makes us mighty hopeful. The more we develop out here the more we find we have to develop and the better we like it. Our records for fruit, grain and vegetables are sure putting us on the map to stay, and we are beginning to feel like we are the hub and all the rest revolves around us. One trip to the valley is sure to inoculate you; after two trips you simply can't help it, and after

a year's residence you don't want to help it. Why should you? A short residence here is simply a post graduate course which prepares one for a fuller appreciation of the next world. Our weather this fall and winter so far has been great. The coldest weather yet was 27 above and fall and winter work is coming on fine. Our apple and pear crop were the best ever and prices splendid. This has been a great year for Oregon productions. Hops, prunes, cherries, grains, vegetables, stock, apples and pears have all been top notchers, and at good prices. We are expecting lots of people through here from the east in the next year or so and if any of the friends from Aledo ever go through here without stopping to see Pat and the country they may get an infernal machine by parcel post. The latch string is out. Enclosed you will find remittance for subscription to the Times Record. Don't let that stop whatever else you do. It is appreciated, believe me. I should like to visit old Aledo again but it is too fine here to leave. Yours truly, H. B. PATTERSON. New Telephone Directory. The next issue of the telephone directory will go to press February 5. Any changes or corrections should be reported prior to that date. Call phone No. 2. 269* THE HOME TEL. & TEL. CO. John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-J2 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

Appearing at the Star



Adams & Gilbert appearing at the Star theater, in a classy singing novelty act. Miss Gilbert wears some stunning gowns and the act closes with a few steps of the popular tango dance.

Plan Commission Form of Government for Oregon

The East Side Business Men's club of Portland has issued the following call for a meeting. The question is repeatedly being asked by citizens all over Oregon, why a state legislature? Take the last legislature, with its political machines; with the corporation and other big business lobbies, blocking really needful and meritorious legislation; yet prompting and causing other big business and special interest and special privilege legislation to be passed, which is really a detriment to the farmers, laborers and people-at-large. We should have less legislation. We should have far less freak legislation. Under present system great floods of unnecessary measures clog and cloud every session of our state legislature, and the question "Why a State Legislature?" will not down. What's the answer? Many well informed citizens say, the answer is, "Commission Form of Government for the State." Many citizens who believe in progress in government, advocate the abolishment of the state senate as a first step. Others advocate going to a complete commission form for the state, abolishing both houses of the state legislature, and substituting instead a commission of body of nine state commissioners, elected from and representing the various state districts to be formed, besides the governor, secretary of state, and the state treasurer; thus making a legislative body of twelve, and abolishing all boards and commissions. The commission sitting permanently, with stated legislative meetings. Such a plan, it has been suggested, would give more time and study for carefully working out proper legislation. It would lessen freak and special legislation which is rushed through under present system, of "you tickle me and I'll tickle you" or "trading system," and place our state

WHAT IS OLD AGE?

Some Younger at 63 Than Others Are at 40 Years Old age is not marked by years, but by the stiffened frame, the hardened tissues and arteries. So many people whom you meet about the time they reach 40 begin by saying "I can't do this, and I can't do that, because I'm getting old now," they begin to act old, feel old and they are older in appearance than many who are much more advanced in years. When you begin to feel old, when your energy begins to fall build yourself up with our delicious cod liver and iron tonic, Vinol. It is a wonderful blood-maker and strengthener. H. C. Klyce of Corinth, Miss., says: "I am 75 years old and my blood was very poor. I was in a run-down condition and felt that I must have a tonic. Vinol was recommended and it built up my strength until I felt as strong and well as ever." Thousands of old people have found in Vinol just the medicine they need to build up the feeble, weakened system and create strength. If it fails, we return your money. Medford Pharmacy, Medford, Ore. P. S. Stop scratching, our Sazo Salve stops itching. We guarantee it.

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Too Many Agents Spoil the Sale

To the Editor: I am a strong admirer of the fearless way you handle your editorials and city business, but there are still some things I can't yet understand. We all want our city to increase both in population, wealth and building. As manager of the largest light-housekeeping apartment house in town (I believe)—"The Colonial Flats"—It has been a pleasure to me to house many homeseekers, both for town and ranch life in this valley, but also a great disappointment when, after earnestly for a week, two weeks and many of them a month or so, to see them pack up and leave for California or back east. Now all these people had money, I know, and all came determined to stay, but— The commercial club spends hundreds of dollars advertising our beautiful city and valley, and no doubt you yourself furnish a lot of valuable space in your paper to the same cause, and it does not seem right that it should go for naught. I know of over twenty people since September who went back, sorry, because they could not stay, land too high, or no factories to employ labor. Most of them said, if land was put at its proper value, with a fair profit to the owner and less to the real estate dealer, things would be different. Now California can't begin to give the land values to be had here, consequently those who drift there eventually go back, and everyone doing so is another knock to our Rogue river valley. Why are such things so. I am only one apartment-house keeper, and I know there are several others who would be able to present the same facts. I write this as an undercurrent, because on the surface everything seems prosperous, lots of people coming everybody knows they are here, but they slip quietly away and nobody but their landlords know they are gone. Your advertising is paying, of that there is no doubt, but after the people get here, for some reason, you (I mean the power back of the advertising) cannot hold them. It seems a crime that after you have done so much, gone to so much expense, and better than all, got the people here, they should be allowed to slip through your fingers and unwillingly go back. Is it not a case of "too many cooks (real estate agents) spoil the broth?" Your for a city, to be waked in the morning by factory whistles, clang of street car bells, and importantly strong enough to force the Southern Pacific to recognize us and come to our terms on rates that Medford may soon be a western Minneapolis, Chicago, etc. Sincerely yours, GEORGE HERBERT. Good wood. If you want good wood, get it from Frank H. Ray. IF THEY'RE KLEIN MADE THEY'RE TAILOR MADE Medford Tailors

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