POULTRY NOTES

Items That Will Interest Our Readers From Here And There

Begin to "round them up." September means that winter is approaching. The youngsters are rapidly reaching the adult size. But keep them on the range as much as possible. At night be sure they are safely housed where you will wish to keep them sleeping the next twelve months.

Are you sure about the lice? They will defeat you in spite of everything if you let them fork. They are the very impersonation of the devil himself. They are seeking whom they may devour in your hen yards day and night. They live to drink the red blood of your birds and they propose to live by eating and drinking it. What will you do about it? Two months yet you must face this problem.

Ever have a fine hen surrender to the deadly louse? If neglected the time comes when she simply stops trying to kill the pests that are sapping her vitality. She quits struggling and lets them eat her to death literally. If you don't believe it try one out, but for mercy sake don't try her clear out.

Set a stunt for yourself with your chickens. See how much you can really make per hen during the next twelve months. Get your record book ready. Keep books daily. Know at the end of twelve months and at the end of each month how much your feed is costing and how much your feed it costing and how much your egg production is worth. That's the way every business man does who is really going forward with a good degree of financial huccess. Why not poultrymen?

This is a good time to clean everything up for fall and winter drive. Make every house as clean as the house you yourself live in. Then cover the pullet house floor with nice sand. They will surely enjoy that. In addition put in a good thick covering of straw, bright from the threshing. There will be a few kernels of grain in it and they will be in paradise when they begin to scratch and roll in it. Remove the nests and put new sraw in them. Put the houses in such fine form throughout that you can hardly keep away from them yourself, and the birds will enjoy them more than you do. Clean the yards up now and mow the weeds wherever found. In other words get everything in ship-shape for the most delightful and most profitable year you ever saw in the poultry house. You'll get your pay in the pleasure that comes to you as a result whether you make a cent or not.

Do not close the pullet and hens in too suddenly. They are sometimes greatly shocked by the contrast between the open range and close quarters in an air tight building. "Chickens come home to roost" is a suggestive saying. If you can get them well fixed in their habits of roosting the big problem is solved.

Chickens, fowl or any other kind of poultry that have had to pick up the greater part of their living, are not in shape to sell without fattening. You may think your chickens are big, husky heavy birds, which may be true, but size or weight and proper fattening or finish are two entirely different things. A 5-lb. chicken properly fattened is worth 4 or 5 cents a pound more than a 5-lb., chicken not fattened. The former has a layer of fat right under the skin, over the back and along the sides, whereas the unfattened chicken has the framework but there is no fat whatever on the carcass; it is hard, dry and bony.

The Honorable Edward Brown, England's foremost authority on market poultry, once said, on the occasion of an inspection of table poultry he made in the United States, that our stock fell far short of what table poultry should be. He said the truth. We place too much dependence on the roundness of the breast, and not enough on other points that are vital when mating our pens for the production of meat. While a round breast is a great qualification, there are others of equal if not more merit. The mere roundness of breast is not a sure indication of abundance of meat. For example, no fowl dresses so plump and round as a duck, and yet a duck has very little meat upon its breast.

The Apple Crop

A news letter bearing information and advice for fruit growers has been issued by the Maryland State Horticultural Society, of which S. B. Shaw is secretary.

"According to the latest report of the United States Department of Agriculture," the letter says, "propects for fruit have changed but little since last month and are still rather below the usual average. Apples have suffered from drought in all States south of Maryland and Kentucky, and the forecasts have also been reduced for the Pacific Coast States, but these reductions have been offset by moderate increases in the North Central States. The total crop is estimated at 162,000,000 bushels, or about ten per cent less than the quantity produced last year, but a large part of the crop is in the commercial sections and the quality is unusually good, so that the total quantity available for market is about up to the average of the last few years. About the usual quantities of peaches, pears and grapes are being picked this year.

SPORTS OF WEEK

Washington To meet Maryland University Today—Other Notes Of Interest

Washington College will open the season at College Park today, when they will meet the Maryland University eleven. Washington's team has not rounded into shape, by any means, but a hard-fought game is looked for.

Coach Kibler is driving his Washington College team hard these days, and he has the best prospect for years. He has a veteran team and more weight than usually.

The center of the line with Keenan, Adkins and Kelley, averages 235 pounds. Conant and Smoot, tackles, are both six-footers and tip the scales at 185 pounds each. Reiger, left end, is a little stone wall at 140 pounds, while Carroll, right end, is over six feet and weighs 185 pounds.

The candidates for the backfield have not succeeded in landing their regular berths and a battle is going on for these coveted positions. The material for the backfield jobs is promising, being very fast and sufficient for a well-balanced and shifty combination.

The veterans from last year, Negri, Dumschott, Galvin, have shown to date that they are right at home and already appear to be in midseason form. Cavanaugh, Washington's big gun in the backfield, is out for practice and will probably be in an advisory capacity for several weeks, at least. An operation upon is head makes his playing this season problematical.

The hunting of Norris is improving and the burden of this work may fall upon him this year. He is heavy and fast and will probably make some one hustle for a position.

Smoot, the 180-pound tackle, was shifted from fullback last year to his present position. He gets off some beautiful spiral kicks with height and distance. He can be called upon to come from his position in the line anytime to boot the ball out of dangerous territory.

Galvin is showing all kinds of drive and grit and will be a valuable man in the backfield, as will also the speedy and aggressive Dumschott and the powerful Negri.

Football and the World Series again overlap, but not even a World Series can check football interest. Two years at the Polo Grounds, Notre Dame and the Army not only packed Ebbets Field the same afternoon, but over 20,000 were turned away. A big football game will outdraw any two World Series yet placed upon the menu. A big football game would draw 150,000 if the space was there to accommodate the human frame in a standing or sitting position, and this is more than any other sport except possibly a heavy weight championship could draw.

Washington is a favorite over Pittsburg in the coming world's series, according to the "dope." That does not however hold that the features will win.

Walker retained his welterweight crown against Shade Monday night but the fight was so close that the men will be rematched in the near future.

Washington College will play the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester on October 3. This is always a most interesting game, as the teams are close rivals on the gridiron.

GOVERNMENT OWNED SYSTEM RESULTS IN POOR PHONE SERVICE

"More 'False' Calls Than 'Correct' Ones" Says Correspondent.

"The worst enemy to the daily practice of the Christian religion in this Christian land is the telephone. Here in the Sun Bureau as many false calls are received in a day as correct ones," says John W. Owens, London correspondent of the Baltimore Sun Bureau, in his letter "From A Window In Fleet Street," appearing in the Baltimore Sun recently.

And often to effect a call is a triumph of enforced patience and skill—and one's triumphs in that area are as few as in others. Later at night it seems worse than ever and at midday it seems worse than late at night. The one comfort is in the inner promise to fight any human being, high or low, who undertakes to put the American telephone system under the Government. The British telephone is a part of the postal system.

And now comes the Telephone Development Association with some figures that show this industrial nation not only to have inconceivably poor telephone service, but to have the scantiest.

A diagram shows the United States to have about 145 telephones for each 1,000 inhabitants. Great Britain has about 25 for each 1,000 inhabitants. Between the United States and Great Britain are, in order from top to bottom, Canada, Denmark, New Zealand, Sweden, Norway, Australia, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Iceland Hawaii and Luxemberg.

The number of telephone conversations in the United States for each person in a year is nearly 170; the number in Great Britain is about 15. Below Great Britain are Czecho-Slovakia and Italy. Between the United States and Great Britain, in order from top to bottom, are Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, Australia, Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, Japan, France and Belgium.

Of course, there are people at home, swearing at the telephone at elbow, who will argue that Great Britain is a happy land. They are mooners. Anybody who thinks life is pleasanter when three letters must be written instead of three minutes devoted to a telephone is invited to come over here—not to play, but to make a living working. And anybody at home who thinks indifference in service a far healthier habit than our American speed is invited to come over here and bust a blood vessel trying to complete a call in ten minutes.

Incidentally, the measure of telephone development in Great Britain is an excellent illustration of the sluggishness of method that Baldwin and everybody else responsible for Great Britain's future is preaching against. There is many a piece of work done by two men over here that one lively man—or woman—is handling at home. And a country bearing the burdens that this country is bearing, and facing the competition that this country is facing, cannot afford to have two men doing one man's work very long. It will not make much difference whether the "sound capitalistic brain" or the "vague, Socialistic brain" is at the helm.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE TO BROADCAST ADDRESSES



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TELEPHONE WIRE AND ROADS

There are now over 45,000,000 miles of telephone wire in service in the United States, according to the Bell Telephone News. This is fifteen times the mileage of rural public roads in this country. If all this wire were strung along these roads, there would be fifteen telephone wires alongside every rural public road in the United States.

WE CRAVE APPRECIATION

What we all crave, even though we may not know it, is the appreciation, the good will, the esteem, the gratitude of our fellow-beings. Happily, the universe is so ordered that a life of honest, honorable, unselfish effort usually brings its meed of appreciation and reward.—B. C. Forbes, in Forbes Magazine.

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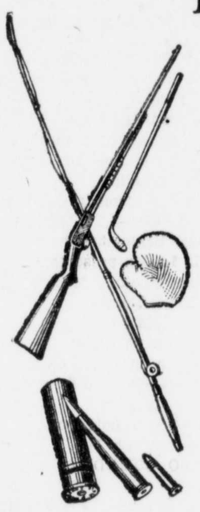


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