

Shortage of Eggs in Winter

The price of eggs went soaring after Thanksgiving and just at that time nearly all the hens quit laying. They didn't go on a strike, but just quit because they had to. I have received quite a number of letters from people in several States asking why the hens do not lay and how to make them lay. Two farmers wrote that they had about decided to sell their fowls but about half a dozen, because when the price of eggs were high they did not lay and when the price was down below the cost of feed they laid steadily.

I have found it very difficult to make people understand that a hen cannot make eggs and feathers at the same time. She can lay while she is shedding her feathers, because there is then no drain on her system for any other purpose. But when the new coat of feathers is started, she quits simply because she can not do double duty—make feathers and eggs at the same time. When people learn this fact they will not expect eggs from a hen that is growing a crop of feathers. And they may all learn how to manage their hatching and feeding so as to get eggs in the late fall and winter, when they want them badly. And when they learn that there will not be any market for egg making compounds, prepared stock foods, panaceas, and back-breaking bone cutters. Pullets that are hatched early in April will make layers of the Thanksgiving eggs if they are fed during the summer so that they will be matured by that time. As a rule people feed their chicks very well, but when they are pretty well feathered, the supply of food given them is not sufficient to push them rapidly to maturity. There is only one way to feed growing pullets satisfactorily, and that is to keep an abundance.—Farm and Fireside.

Roosevelt Can't Win if Nominated Lexington Dispatch.

Ex-Governor Glenn, who has just returned from a long trip through the state of India, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas, was asked what he thought of the political situation in those states.

"The West" said Governor Glenn "is overwhelmingly for Roosevelt and if he intimates that he will accept the nomination, most of the states above named will send a majority of their delegates to the convention in his behalf."

"While this is true, however the substantial conservative element of the republican party are absolutely opposed to his nomination, saying that even if he is nominated his election is impossible and they give three reasons for their faith.

"The first reason assigned is the third term idea, which is repulsive to all true Americans. The second reason assigned is his absolutely positive statement heretofore made to the effect that under no circumstances will he have the nomination. The third and principal reason assigned is that he induced President Taft to accept the nomination in 1908 against his will and promised him his fidelity and support in case he was elected and wanted a second term, and it would be base ingratitude were he to try and defeat the man whom he created as a presidential possibility.

One night last week, a thief entered the home of Isaac Taylor who lives a few miles west of town and stole \$450, a sum representing the savings of a life time. The money was left in his pants pocket and at a late hour of the night money and pants had disappeared.—Lenoir News.

Our Language.

The Arkansas lawyer was summing up for his client whose cow had been killed by the defendant railroad corporation's locomotive. "Gentlemen of the jury," began, "if the train had been running as slow as should have been ran, if the bell had been rung as it as it ort to have been rang, or the whistle had been blown when it should have been blew, none of which was did, the cow would not have been injured when she was killed." The story reminds me of another Arkansan a long, lean hilly-billy who straggled into an Ozark village and questioned a native thugly. "I don't know nobody what don't want to hire nobody to do nothin' nowhere around here." The reply, equally intelligent, is reported to have been as follows: "No I don't reckon there aint no body got nothin' fur to pay nobody for nothin' so there aint no chance for nobody gettin' no job."—The Mirror.

The plain fact is that we love not what is admirable, but what is lovable. There are hosts of trustworthy people who keep the law but are never taken to the hearts of their fellows, because they lack the generosity of spirit, the warmth of nature, the capacity for companionship which draws us, not with bands of steel but by the compelling power of sun-light, right feeling and right-acting people keep the conscience and sanity of the world, but it's heart is in the hands of those ardent souls whose sympathy flows like a fountain, whose presence is cheer, and whose capacity for love covers a multitude of faults.—The Outlook

Judges Allowed Special Privileges. Lenoir Topic;

Court is set to meet at a certain hour. All jurors and witnesses who are not present when their names are called are subject to a heavy fine. But the judge may come in late and the county may thereby suffer a heavy financial loss, but he pays no fine for being tardy and he makes no explanation to the people, for it is understood that he can do as he pleases. The Topic has known cases where jurors and witnesses summoned to be in court Monday morning at 10 o'clock had to leave their homes and families Sunday in order to get to court in time. And others living nearer had to leave before daylight Monday morning and drive through mud and slush under whip and lash only to find, after a strenuous drive that the judge would not arrive till the afternoon. In this country, the people are the real rulers and all office holders are their servants and if voters continue to put up with this condition of affairs they have nobody to blame but themselves.

The Catawba County News says:

"It appears that the dog law question is going to prove a live issue in the coming campaign in Iredell county. The farmers seem to be taking the matter up in earnest and sentiment for such legislation is gaining ground fast. It will be difficult to find a legislation who will champion the bill but the farmers will make it warm for the man who goes to Raleigh and fails to give them what they want."

Lenoir News: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coffey with their daughter, Miss Irene, left for Baltimore yesterday to have Miss Irene take treatment at Johns Hopkins hospital. They were accompanied by Mr. E. S. Coffey, of Boone, with his daughter Ruth, who will also be given treatment. Both the girls are suffering from infantile paralysis.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

For every lawyer who fights for the right there is one who fights for the wrong.

Orchard Experiment Station

Asheville, March 5.—Of vast importance to the fruit growing industry of this section is the establishing by the state and federal departments of agriculture of several "orchard experiment stations" throughout the western part of the state in an effort to determine whether there is a thermal belt in the mountains and if so at what altitude it is in various sections. This has been a mooted point for several years and its settlement will be very valuable.

A station has already been established on the apple farm of Charles A. Webb of Beaverdam and Saturday these gentlemen went to Wanesville and established another on the farm of Biling Hall, Stations will also be established at Tryon and Brevard and a number of other places.

On Mr. Webb's farm, which is on the side of the Elk Mountain, they have installed a thermograph and self registering thermometers at three altitudes, one at the foot of the mountain, one halfway up, the third at the top. The readings will be observed by Mr. Webb at stated times and the changes noted. The thermal belt is supposed to be at a certain altitude where there are few if any frosts. If it is found it certainly exists in the mountain section, Western North Carolina will receive a great impetus in fruit growing industry.

What is Lent?

The name Lent is derived from the old English word Lencen, meaning Spring, and so may be called the Spring fast, and is kept in commemoration of the forty days spent by the dear Lord in the wilderness.

The Lenten fast has been observed and kept by the Church from a very early date. Traces of its observance are found in the writings of the Anti-Nicene Writers Irenaeus and Origen. So it runs all through the Christian Centuries back through Jewish history to the days when Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage.

Lent is the special season for drawing near to God, for special acts of charity and devotion, for giving up certain things that might tend to draw the heart away from God, for the deepening of the religious life, for placing the heart in a purifying process to cleanse it from sin, for the uniting us with and drawing us nearer to the Christ.—Ex change.

You judge a man not by what he promises to do, but by what he has done. That is the only true test. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judged by this standard has no superior. People everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. For sale by all dealers.

Lenoir News:—Mr. George E. Love has moved his family to Blowing Rock for the present, as he is now working a force of surveyors in the vicinity of Cook's Gap. They will probably be in Watauga county several months.

Backache Almost Unbearable Is an almost certain result of kidney trouble. D. Toomey, 303, E. Olive St., Bloomington, Ill., says: "I suffered with backache and pains in my kidneys which were almost unbearable. I gave Foley's Kidney Pills a good trial, and they done wonders for me. Today I can do a hard day's work and not feel the effects." For sale by all dealers.

"Doctor, did my brother kick about giving up smoking?" Yes; but he wasn't any to enthusiastic about giving up \$5.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

R. G. Collins, Postmaster, Barnegat, N. J., was troubled with a severe lagrippe cough. He says: "I would be completely exhausted after each fit of violent coughing. I bought a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and before I had taken it all the coughing spells had entirely ceased. It can't be beat." For sale by all dealers.

The Lenten Season

Go ye tonight, and walk the streets where want waits and soreliness lingers. Where hunger starne stark from sunken windows and the piteous wails of the starving disturb the night.

Go ye along the dens of squalor where rags cover as a necessity and the pinch of cold is unrelenting in its grasp.

Go ye along the busy mart and seek out the lonely way farer who walks alone—surrounded by thousands—hilt hearted and weary of spirit.

Go ye into the houses of detention and look to the wayward Seek ye the fallen in the prisons and jails.

Hark ye! These are to be fed, clothed, housed, visited. "Verily I say unto you inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Greensboro News.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

A Joyous Occasion.—Father (to Fritz, who had on an excursion with his class)—Well, did you have a jolly day? Fritz—Rather. Coming home our teacher fell into the brook.—Ex.

A Cold, Lagrippe, then Pneumonia is too often the fatal sequence, and coughs that hang on weaken the system and lower the vital resistance. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a reliable medicine that stops the cough promptly by healing the cause; soothes the inflamed air passages, and checks the cold. Keep always on hand. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all dealers.

How Colds Cause Kidney Disease

Partly by driving blood from the surface and congesting the kidneys, and partly by throwing too much work upon them. Foley's Kidney Pills strengthen the kidneys, give tone to the urinary organs and restore the normal action of the bladder. They are tonic in action, quick a result. For sale by all dealers.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed by D. M. Eaves, to Henkel Live Stock Company, dated Aug. 24, 1910, probated and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Watauga county, in book number M, page 290, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at public sale, at the court house door in Boone, Watauga county, North Carolina, on Monday, April 29, 1912, at 12 o'clock, M., the following lot of land situated in Blowing Rock, said county and state and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone in H. W. Weeden's line and near a rhododendron bush on the south side of an alley 25 feet wide and running with said alley to McDowell corner, thence with McDowell's line, thence with McDowell's line 150 feet to a stone, thence a south course 50 feet to A. Weeden's corner, thence with Weeden's line, thence with Weeden's line to the beginning, containing one-fourth acre more or less. This Feb. 23, 1912.

THE HENKEL LIVE STOCK CO. By DAVID J. CRAIG Secretary and Treasurer.

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Natural Liking.—"You know," said the minister, "that money is man's worst enemy." "Well," replied the man thoughtfully, "I suppose that is why some people like him for the enemies he has made." Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Foley Kidney Pills What They Will Do for You They will cure your backache, strengthen your kidneys, correct urinary irregularities, build up the worn out tissues, and eliminate the excess uric acid that causes rheumatism. Prevent Bright's Disease and Diabates, and restore health and strength. Refuse substitutes. AT ALL DEALERS

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