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When some married men hear another man say that his wife is an angel they imagine the other man must be a widower.

The Maxim silencer for guns seems to have been a bloomer, but the Married Men's Protective association will make it worth Maxim's while if he will revamp the silencer so it can be used by a woman.

When you are feasting your eyes on a pretty girl it is hard to believe that her batting average in the snoring league is about .500.

Some men look forward to payday with joyful anticipation—and other men are married.

Before they are married she is so dainty that she pecks at ice cream and cake like a humming bird, but

EXPECTS REVIVAL IN LUMBER BUSINESS

GRAY'S HARBOR MILL MAN NOTES IMPROVEMENT NOW PREDICTS MORE.

HOQUIAM, Feb. 5.—After close scrutiny of the lumber market and an examination of it as a mill man preparatory to submitting bids, C. G. Blagen of the Gray's Harbor Lumber company of this city beholds a decided improvement over two months ago as to volume of business and declares that despite the many demoralizing influences now at work, the lumber market will, during the next three months, experience a stiffening not alone in volume of trade, but in prices as well.

"There will shortly be a heavy demand for lumber from the Middle West," said Mr. Blagen. "The farmer, with a harvest of gold from the wheat crop, is about ready to invest in lumber. Cities and towns, also flush as a result of the farmers' big earnings, are coming through with good orders. There is a rift in the Eastern business clouds, too, with a looking up along the east coast and off shore. Government regulation of freight rates would in connection with the otherwise favorable outlook guarantee a period of fair business which would at least take the tremble out of the knees of the lumber business of the Northwest.

Freight Rates Important.

"I wish to emphasize the fact that freight rates are playing an important part in perpetuating the crimp placed in the sawmill industry. We figured on an order for Siberia which was no small one. I was astonished to learn that freight rates in foreign bottoms had soared to the 46-cent mark. Before the European war rates had been as low as 10 cents. To make matters worse there is an uncertainty about securing vessels even. With much of the German merchant marine inactive the Britishers have lifted rates to suit the occasion and in view of conditions to be met at destination it makes practically prohibitive bidding for offshore business. Rates to Australia and that trade zone formerly 7 and 8 cents, are now in the neighborhood of 23 cents.

"The Southerner, blocked from the European market by the war and the exorbitant freight rates and a slump in South America, has invaded the market the coast lumbermen have heretofore largely monopolized. But in line with these demoralizing influences unquestionably the closest to a knockout punch came from the small concerns which passed into receivers' hands. This made possible marketing lumber at 50 cents on the dollar and it has staggered every millman in the Northwest.

Optimism Has Returned.

"But optimism has returned. There is now enough business to go around. This will make it possible for all mills that care to resume operations at the prices offered, to get machinery in motion. The prices are ridiculously low, but an improvement on two months ago, when it was difficult to sell at any price."

The Taylor bill, now before the senate, upon which there is a hard fight, empowers the public service commission to issue "certificates of necessity and convenience" in cases where it is proposed to construct and operate a new "public utility" in territory already having a utility of similar character. No such utility could be constructed under the Taylor bill until the commission had investigated the entire matter and issued a certificate stipulating the proposed new utility was a necessity and would promote the public convenience.

Dr. Eugene R. Kelley, who has been state commissioner of health during the past four years, has resigned his position and accepted an appointment as doctor of communicable diseases on the Massachusetts state board of health, at a very substantial increase in salary. Dr. Kelley had only just begun a seven-year term as commissioner of this state when he resigned. His work for the improvement of health conditions in Washington has for several years attracted the notice of the authorities of Eastern states and his appointment to the Massachusetts board comes as a well-earned recognition of his unusual ability.

Fruit growers representing four states, at a meeting held last week in Seattle, have agreed to the formation of a great Northwest union for the purpose of maintaining the apple-growing industry on a stable basis and to lay the foundation for future expansion of the industry. The growers were in favor of a Northwest co-operative association, a strong union whose purpose will be to do away with ruinous and cut-throat competition and haphazard marketing.

Poultry and Pet Stock
Conducted by Thomas P. Horn.

All notes for publication, or questions to be answered in this department, should be addressed to The Washington Standard, or to Thomas P. Horn.

Material for publication each week should be in the hands of the editor of this department by Monday.

HOW TO SECURE A STANDARD-BRED FARM FLOCK.

February, March, and April are the months to do your hatching in order to secure early hatched pullets.

Yearling and 2-year-old hens do not lay many eggs in the fall, as they are moulting at that time, and the feed they consume goes not only to keep up the energy and life of the birds but also to put on or grow a new coat of feathers.

In properly matured pullets all surplus energy beyond that needed to meet the requirements of the body is available for the production of eggs.

Write the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for free bulletins on poultry management.

Those who are interested in poultry keeping in any of its branches should write to the Agricultural Experiment Station of Washington, at Pullman, for popular bulletin No. 76, entitled, "Winter Egg Production," by Helen Dow Whittaker. Mrs. Whittaker is a practical poultry breeder and this article is plain and common sense.

A meeting of the poultrymen of the county has been called for Friday evening of this week at the Chamber of Commerce rooms over the Olympia bank. The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Olympia Poultry association and will be called to order at 7:30 p. m. Our earnest advice to all who are interested in poultry keeping is to attend this meeting. If anything is to be accomplished for the betterment of the industry in this county united effort is required.

TO MAKE BONDS LEGAL

New Plan Amending 1913 Act Is Proposed for Capitol Buildings.

Legal objections to the bond issue authorized by the 1913 legislature are met in bills introduced in the legislature during the last week, asking for the authorization of a bond issue against the capitol land grant of not more than \$4,000,000 nor less than \$2,500,000, outlining a plan endorsed by the state capitol commission.

The immediate completion of the Temple of Justice, the early construction of a new administration building and the acquisition of two more blocks of land on Capitol Hill, are authorized in the proposed bills. The new building plans call for the entrance to the capitol grounds from Main street through two parked blocks, the high school to be moved to the vacant block directly across Main street, and thence to a quadrangle around which the main buildings will be grouped.

The bill authorizes a special tax levy to meet bond interest charges and create a capitol building fund, the amounts to derived to be considered a loan from the general fund and to be paid back when the capitol commission is able to dispose of the land grant, by sale or lease.

NEYLON IS RE-APPOINTED

Commissioners This Week Complete Selection of Road Supervisors.

On motion of T. Ives Dodge, seconded by A. M. Rowe, Mike Neylon was Tuesday re-appointed supervisor of Road District No. 5 by the county commissioners, and T. C. Sleater named for District No. 1, this action completing the selection of road supervisors for the present year. By the same alignment of the commissioners, A. B. Smith was re-appointed in District No. 2 last week, George Sumption in District No. 3 and C. S. Cady in No. 4.

Several Yelm residents appeared before the board Monday and protested to Smith's appointment, alleging that he had manipulated the meeting of the Good Roads' association. They were asked to present affidavits to the irregularities charged and said they would.

The commissioners authorized the county engineer to repair a mile stretch of the Pacific highway between the end of Permanent Highway No. 2, just east of Lacey, east across Hawk's prairie to the junction of the Parson's road. In the final readjustment of salaries of courthouse deputies, a total reduction of \$60 a month was effected, Deputy Assessor J. G. Sams and Miss Ethel McKenzie and Russell Salter of that office, Frank Weir, deputy engineer and W. E. Britt, clerk in the treasurer's office, having their monthly checks reduced.

PREPARE NOW FOR DEAR EGGS NEXT FALL.

The following, under the above caption, is taken from the weekly news letter of the Department of Agriculture and is well worthy of careful consideration:

Prepare Now for Dear Eggs Next Fall

If the farmer wishes to benefit by the high prices that eggs are certain to bring next fall and winter, he should begin to get ready for them at once, say the poultry specialists in the department. The way to have eggs late in the year is to hatch pullets early. It is the early hatches from which the early pullets are derived that are the largest money makers for the poultry producer. The early hatched cockerels can be marketed in almost any market in America when they attain a weight of three-fourths of a pound to a pound and a half each, which they should reach at about 6 to 10 weeks of age, respectively, at a greater profit to the producer than at any other time of their lives. The early hatched pullets, if properly grown, should begin to lay in the fall at the time when eggs are scarce and high in price.

A Few Facts to Remember.

Pullets must be well matured before they will lay many eggs.

Pullets that start to lay in the fall before cold weather sets in will, as a rule, lay all winter.

It is the early hatched pullets that produce eggs in the fall and early winter, when prices are high.



Protection for the Home

The strongest desire of husband and wife is the welfare of their children.

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