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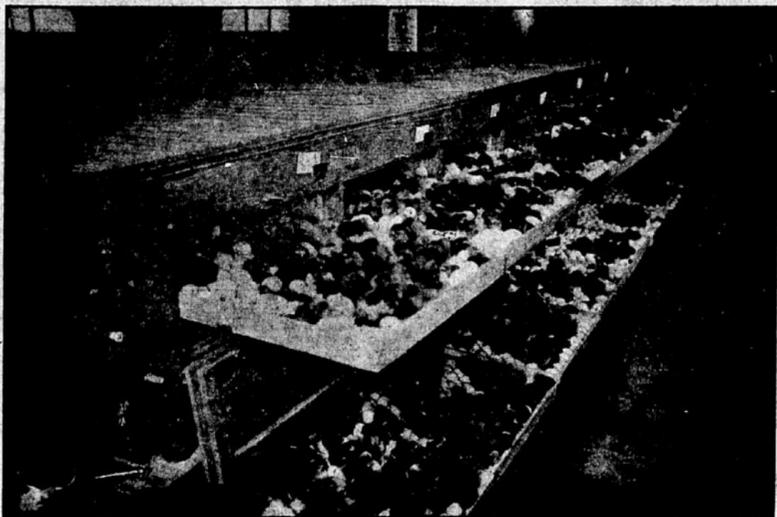


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# DEPARTMENT

THE NEWS OF THE FARMER AND BREEDER OF PURE BRED LIVESTOCK

## MRS. P. H. SHERIDAN'S CHICKEN HATCHERY



VIEW SHOWING A PART OF THE B.G. 5000-EGG INCUBATOR, WHERE 12,600 BARRED ROCK CHICKS WERE HATCHED THIS SEASON. THIS MACHINE WILL BE DOUBLED IN CAPACITY FOR NEXT SEASON.

A little story of the beaten track is sometimes relished by most readers, and as this story pertains to the farmer's wife it is fitting that it appear in the farm news pages of the Review. It is a story about a woman, perhaps a little small in stature, yet large in ambition and mind, strong in body, with a healthy complexion and a desire to succeed in her line of work; a woman whose first thought is of home and loved ones, and whose spare moments are taken up in an endeavor to improve her mind, and further prepare herself in her chosen work.

Mrs. P. H. Sheridan is her name, and she lives with her husband and two lovely children on the farm north of Vail, and hatching and selling day-old chicks is her business and profession, and she is actually making a great success of the business. And while Mrs. Sheridan is all of the above mentioned type of woman she is a typical American—wide-awake, just as much interested in tating and fishing as she is in her business. She is interested in good books, in good housekeeping, in Chester White pigs—the kind her husband keeps—in good farming methods and in good living, and above all she can tell what breed of hen laid any particular egg simply by looking at the shell.

We had a most interesting visit with Mrs. Sheridan last week, when we stopped at her place, and we were told many important things about the day-old chick business.

"I've just taken off the last of the big hatch for this time," said Mrs. Sheridan, and she asked her husband if he would not remove the trays that had been used.

"I've had a good business this year, and have hatched just 12,600 Barred Rocks, and sold 12,300 of them for \$20 per hundred. The 300 I have kept for myself, and do you know, I've placed an order for another machine, that will just double the capacity next year. I will then have a ten thousand egg machine, and I will raise the price of my chicks from \$20 to \$25 per hundred. You see the extra \$5 will pay for my new machine.

"The salesman was out here the other day, and I've placed an order and Pat—(that's her husband)—will do the excavating for an addition to the incubator house, and we'll build on, and then when the new machine arrives and we get it set up, and filled with ten thousand eggs, why just come out and see me turn them over with a little Ford crank."

"With the new machine I have ordered a new heater, a heater that burns hard coal, and is a hot water system. This heater is made necessary because I will have doubled the size of the incubator."

"What is the farthest distance you have shipped chicks this season, Mrs. Sheridan?"

"Nine hundred miles, away up in northern Minnesota, where it is cool all summer, and I've shipped to all parts of Iowa, down in Missouri and over in Illinois, and out in Dakota and Nebraska."

"How do you let people know you have chicks for sale?"

"Why, by advertising. You've just got to advertise, and let people know what you have for sale, because if you didn't, who would know anything about your business, or that I had day-old chicks for sale. I use farm papers and poultry journals and carry an ad for quite a length of time. It isn't very expensive, considering the returns. O my, I could not run the business if I did not advertise."

"What percentage of loss do you have in sending the chicks?"

"Why, you see I don't have any; you see the money comes with each order and my responsibility ceases when I place the chicks in a shipping carton and deliver them to the express office, but the percentage of loss is less than one and one-half per cent. I have hundreds of letters from customers who tell me that out of the hundred chicks received, in nearly every case, 99 of them lived. I use good eggs and am sure of the chicks."

"For the 5,000 egg machine it takes about 1,000 hens to furnish the eggs, and as I only keep about 300 hens myself, I have to buy the eggs. I pay good prices for the eggs, and many of my neighbors, knowing my wishes

and demands, have purchased large flocks in order to sell me the eggs. I only use the Barred Rocks, and I find a ready market for the chicks."

"How do you manage, Mrs. Sheridan, to do your housework, care for your two children, and look after the incubator?" we asked.

"O, that's easy, I like the work, and never worry at all, and do you know that aside from the time required when filling the trays I don't spend over twenty minutes a day at the incubator? I have an electric alarm in my bedroom, I can hear the alarm all over the house, and when the temperature raises or lowers the alarm sounds, and I know I must look at the machine."

"I really believe the work keeps me healthy and strong. I certainly feel well. I am out in the open quite a bit after all, and get plenty of sunshine. And worry, why do you believe it, I think many women folks are sick and feel poorly just because they permit themselves to worry. Why, if something goes wrong, don't worry about it, forget it, crying over spilled milk or a bad egg don't help matters, rather laugh and you'll grow fat. You know I contracted the flu last spring, just at the time when I should have been devoting my thoughts and time to the incubator. I was on my back for 30 days, but Pat will tell you I didn't worry, I just took it easy, knowing that quiet and rest was what I wanted mostly, and I got well, and here I am with 12,600 little chicks to my credit. And if I get tired of the music furnished by the chicks I go into the living room, wind up the Victor, place a lively record on the disc, and there you are. What more? Why worry?"

"And see here, I have a photograph of some of the hatch, just coming off. Want it for your readers? You see it's pretty hard to keep so many little chicks from moving when having their

pictures taken, but they're there.

"And if you say anything in the paper about me, you may say that I think woman's biggest chance is on the farm, and with chickens. Of course if she isn't interested in the chicken business that's different."

And then Mrs. Sheridan went into the house and soon returned, bringing with her the brightest, chubbiest baby imaginable, and he was all smiles, good natured and favored his father.

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Wm. Lweck, of Washington township, was in Denison Saturday. William has some of the best corn in his community, and if it will just rain a little within the next few days, he will have a bumper crop. He reports his oats as turning out well. Threshers will be in his neighborhood this week.

Press reports tell of one of the biggest yields of wheat known this season down in Page county, on the farm of W. A. Johnston, of College Springs. Mr. Johnston had an eighty-acre field of the golden grain which produced thirty-eight bushels of wheat to the acre. This wheat tested sixty-four pounds to the bushel at the car where it was loaded at a price of \$2.50 per bushel. Ninety-five dollars per acre is no mean return from land even if it is valued at from \$300 to \$400 per acre. The A. J. Berry Seed company of Clarinda, Iowa, is the lucky purchaser of this wheat. In addition to this fine wheat crop Mr. Johnston has 140 acres of good old Page county corn which promises well for a big yield. Mr. Johnston is a progressive tractor farmer.

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The C. H. Whites are seriously thinking of making an auto trip over into North Dakota this summer (providing Mrs. White's health will permit). She has not been enjoying the best of health this spring. The Whites like their new home very much, and are thoroughly contented.

While out in Milford township, we met James Hill, of Section 13, and we learned that he is farming 160 acres this year. He has in considerable acreage of corn and small grain and has 150 spring shoats. He expects to sort out the brood sows and sell them in the near future and will have two loads for sale. He has recently erected a 14x40 hard brick silo and has also built a cement block cattle shed 24x40. Another improvement on the place to be noticed was an addition to the already large hog house. Mr. Hill has been on this place for the past 25 years.

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Oscar Yankee and family have been living over in Milford township since last March, and the family is occupying the Clem Hill farm of 160 acres. They formerly lived south of Vail on W. A. Macgure's farm. The Hill farm is more adapted to the wants of the Yankees and they like the place very much. The house is one of eight rooms, quite modern, and the other improvements are in keeping with the house. Mr. Yankee expects to stay on this place another year unless it has been sold within the week. The owner is asking \$400 per acre for the farm. Mr. Yankee has just sold 17 head of hogs that averaged 225 pounds and he has a number of head left. The hogs are of the Chester White breeding, and the foundation stock came from the P. H. Sheridan herd of Chesters. Mrs. Yankee is looking after the milk from 17 fine Jersey milk cows, and says the cream checks for the three weeks ending July 24th amounted to \$145.15 cents. She also has 400 pure Rhode Island Red chickens, 16 geese and 12 ducks. The Yankees are the parents of two children, a boy and a girl. Lloyd is nine years of age, owns a Jersey cow and does the milking, cares for the pigs, and during the hay-making season drives the hay rake. Marie is seven years old and is a great help to her mother in doing the housework.

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Tom Bennett, of Section 12, Milford township, shipped 43 head of sheep to Omaha last week, and received a fair price for them. He sold the clip through the wool association. The Bennetts have a very comfortable home, well improved. There are 320 acres in the farm, and last fall a new barn was built. The building is 34x36—12, and is of sufficient size to house a number of head of horses, with the hay stored above. Mr. Bennett keeps the Chester White breed of hogs, but does not have very many on the farm at this time. The son is a member of the boys' and girls' pig club, but did not have good luck with the litter of Durocs, and has but one pig left. Mrs. Bennett keeps the Brown Leghorn chickens and has quite a few of them. The Bennetts have been entertaining relatives the past week, Mr. and Mrs. Shove, of Louisiana, being visitors.

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Harlow Chapman, of Section 11, Milford township, keeps right on improving his farm, and has recently erected a cement block hog house and a new machine house. He has one of the finest little farms in the township, and it is highly improved. The house is of the bungalow type, all screened, the front and rear porches being of ample size; the front porch is furnished with easy chairs, hammocks and the like. We were unfortunate in that the folks were away from home the day we called, but we took occasion to look at some of the stock in the yards. Four big mules, that would weigh better than 1,400 pounds each, were content to enjoy the shade of the yards. In hogs Mr. Chapman keeps the Duroc breed, and he has some very large brood sows on hand. The spring pigs were looking well, and of good size.

Jacob Kropf, Jr., is occupying the W. Marshall place in Section 10, Milford Township, having moved to the farm last March. He, like a good many of his neighbors, keeps the Duroc breed of hogs and has 75 young pigs. The brood sows he sold to Vail dealers, and they averaged 375 pounds each. Mr. Kropf keeps six milk cows and they have quite a large amount of cream for sale. Mrs. Kropf is a daughter of J. A. Van Vliet, and she is the mother of one daughter, Viola. Mrs. Kropf raised 100 mixed chickens this last spring.

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For 40 years Clark Dillivan has been living on the one place in Section 9, Milford township, and he is therefore one of the old settlers of the county. He was born on the place about a mile west of where he now lives just 41 years ago. The Dillivans have completed a new porch to their home, and this porch is eight feet wide and extends across the south and around the east part of the house. A new foundation has also been placed under the building, and Mr. Dillivan expects to treat the entire house to a new coat of paint soon. He has in 30 acres of corn and 25 acres of oats this season, and the threshers are expected at his place this Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansohn, of Section 6, Milford township, have been enjoying a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holtz, of Chicago, during the past week. The Hansohns have a very comfortable home, and to visit at their place is a pleasure. Mrs. Hansohn did not raise the usual number of chickens this year. Ordinarily she has a good many hundred on the place; but for some reason this was an off year with her. She has 15 fine ducks that will be ready for the table about Thanksgiving time, however. Mr. Hansohn did not have very good luck with his hogs, either, this last spring, and he only has 50 shoats and 15 brood sows. He has in 70 acres of corn, 50 acres of small grain, and some wheat. He keeps 8 head of work horses and is milking 8 milk cows.

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Driving east from Old Kiron one passes a number of highly-improved

and well-kept farms, and among these is the farm now occupied by Russell and Virgil Linman, sons of August Linman, one of the early settlers of Stockholm township. The father, August Linman, came to America when he was eleven years of age, or in 1863. He remained with his parents until he was 21 years of age, and then purchased 80 acres in Section 4, Stockholm. He immediately commenced to build the place up and today the farm consists of 200 acres, and is one of the best improved farms in that section of the county. The buildings are all substantial and surrounded with a fine grove of maple trees that the senior Linman planted. We believe Mr. Linman now owns something like 700 acres of land, and has been able to retire, and he and his excellent wife live in Omaha and the old home place is being managed by the two sons, Virgil and Russell. Russell married Miss Laura Moffitt, a daughter of Robert Moffitt, formerly of Dick Grove, and they are the parents of one child. They are a happy and contented couple and both take pleasure in having the brother, Virgil, with them. The Linman boys built a new machine house last fall, the building being 16x28 in size, and this is well filled with a good line of machinery. They keep the Poland China hogs and have on the place 140 spring shoats. They purchased the foundation stock from Harry West, two miles north of Boyer. They also have 60 head of Aberdeen Angus cattle, and among this number are 20 spring calves. These cattle are running in a fine pasture on the Linman farm near Boyer. In crops the Linmans have 100 acres of corn and 70 acres of oats. Russell likes to keep everything around the place in a tidy looking condition, and it was in this manner that we found the place last Thursday. One of the new improvements to the house added in recent years is a very satisfactory hot water heating system, and Russell informed us that if Kiron hatched up with Odebot for electric lights that he would install the lights on the place.

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Another substantial farmer and stock raiser of Section 4, Stockholm, is John Frahm. He owns 200 acres of

land and has it highly improved with buildings. Ordinarily Mr. Frahm keeps a large number of head of live stock on the place, but right at this time has cleaned up pretty well. He is a believer in pure-bred stock, and has during his residence in Stockholm handled much of the better kind of stock.

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By nature and training Mr. Harding is a reconciler, and the country needs sorely this kind of service just now. Mr. Harding will approach every problem from the point of view of a simple, honorable and practical Americanism.—Leslie's Weekly.

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Just to start the froak campaign bets: Here's a wager of a dollar to a doughnut that W. J. Bryan will not go to New York this year and exclaim: "Great is Tammany, and Murphy is its prophet."—Kansas City (Mo.) Times.

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Some one asks what has become of the old timer who used to come back to get the extra cent that should have been given him in change? Well, last seen he just pocketed the change without looking at it.

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These six or seven boars are good enough to go in any man's herd. We visited about twenty herds last fall in order to find this boar and have not seen any better yet. All those that have seen him said we sure done a good job of it. It took ten days to find this boar. These boars mentioned are without any faults. We have about thirty fall and spring boars besides those mentioned.

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Special effort is being made by the Fair Management for a large livestock exhibit at the fair. Liberal premiums being offered. Forty-eight head of Brown Swiss and Guernsey show cattle already entered.

One feature attraction of the fair this year will be a trotting race, pacing race and running race each day.

**FREE ATTRACTIONS:** The management is spending over \$2500 to entertain the people attending the fair, consisting of Four Free Acts:

**CAPT. CHAS. E. COLE**—Mr. Cole was an officer in the U. S. army, and is the only man in the business today that is actually diving from the top of a 110-foot ladder.

**FREDERICK DOEBEL**—The most daring high wire act in the world. At night you may witness a most remarkable electric pyrotechnic production, riding a bicycle on a wire charged with 110 volts of electricity, carrying on rider and wheel 96 incandescent bulbs, concluding the performance at night by riding back and forth through a forty foot tunnel of fire and flame, at times hardly visible from the ground below, owing to the thickness of the shower.

**EILER'S ANIMAL CIRCUS**—This is an aggregation consisting of two people, five goats, five monkeys, two dogs which furnishes an offering well worth seeing from opening to the closing number. It is a miniature reproduction of a three ring circus. Three big acts being blended into one. The goats are saddled and bridled and ridden by five equestrian monkeys who are dressed in cowboy uniforms. One feature is the dogs going through a regular routine of tricks worked by a monkey ringmaster.

**THE MARDI GRAS GIRLS**—Is the title of a comedy playlet with music produced and presented by a cast of fourteen people, ten ladies and four gentlemen. This troupe comes direct from the Orpheum circuit and will appear on a specially arranged stage, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, presenting an entirely different musical comedy each evening. Whirlwind dancing, comedy songs, quartet numbers and solos. Pretty girls, fancy comedians, snappy numbers, elaborate costumes and beautiful scenery make this a very entertaining and amusing feature to the outside show world in general.

Music furnished by Carroll band of 25 pieces. \$6,000 cash premiums offered. Baby Health Conference every day of the fair. H. T. Freed Exposition Shows at fair grounds all week. Don't miss big night shows. You can attend the fair this year at pre-war prices. The management has not raised price of tickets.