

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY
(By United Press.)
Xenia, Ohio, April 15.—L. F. Cleveger, a farmer near here, it became known today, has succeeded in breeding ring-necked pheasant with Silver Hamburg chickens. He has eight of the hybrids on his farm. This is believed to be the first time that domestic fowls and pheasants have been successfully crossed.

THE MARKETS

The following prices for fruits and vegetables are those asked by the wholesaler of the retailer, and not what is paid to the producer. All other prices are those paid the producer. Corrections are made daily.

It is the same old, old story from day to day. The market simply refuses to move up or down. As there are no special conditions or things happening to cause any radical change, the change just does not happen.

Grains.

Hay, timothy, per ton	\$17.00
Oats, vetch	\$15.00
Chest	\$15.00
Clover hay	\$13.00
Wheat	78@80c
Oats	36@38c
Roller barley	\$35.00
Corn	\$35.50
Cracked corn	\$37.00
Bran	\$26.00
Shorts, per ton	\$28.00

Butter.

Butterfat	33c
Creamery butter, per pound	34c
Country butter	30c@35c

Eggs and Poultry.

Eggs, case count, cash	17c
Eggs, trade	18c
Hens, pound	14@15c
Roosters, old, per pound	9c
Broilers, under 2 pounds	22@25c

Pork, Veal and Mutton.

Veal, dressed	9@9 1/2c
Pork, dressed	10 1/2@11c
Pork, on foot	8@8 1/2c
Spring lambs, 1916	6@7c
Cows	4@5 1/2c
Bulls	3@3 1/2c
Ewes	5c
Wethers	6 1/2c
Lambs, grain fed, yearlings	7 1/2c

Vegetables.

Cabbage	\$2.50@3.00
Tomatoes, Florida and Cuban	\$4.00
String garlie	15c
Potatoes, cwt.	\$1.25@1.75
Beets	\$1.00
Asparagus	10c
Broccoli	75c
Carrots	40c
Green onions	30c
Green peppers	20c
Corn, per bushel	7c
Egg plant	15c
Onions	\$1.00
Apples, Hood River	\$1.00@1.50
Rhubarb, box	\$2.00

Fruits.

Oranges, Navela	\$2.25@3.50
Lemons, per box	\$4.00@4.50
Bananas, pound	5c
California grape fruit	\$3.50
Florida grape fruit	\$5.00@6.00
Pineapples	\$3.50
Honey	\$1.75@2.25
Strawberries	\$1.75@2.25

Portland Market

Portland, Ore., April 15.—Wheat—Club 91@92c; Bluestem \$1.03@1.05; Fortysfold 92@97c; Red Russian 90@95c.

Oats—No. 1 White Feed \$24.75@26.

Barley, feed \$20.

Hops, best live \$9.

Prime steers \$9.

Fancy cows \$7.75.

Calves \$8.

Spring lambs \$10@10.50.

Butter City Creamery 34c.

Country butter 30@31c.

Eggs—Selected Local Ex. 20 1/2@21c.

Hens 16 1/2@17c.

Broilers 16 1/2@17c.

Geese 10@11c.

Robbers Have It In for Albert Gautier

Portland, Ore., April 15.—Albert Gautier believes today that a gang of robbers has him marked as a select victim.

Two weeks ago two highwaymen held up Gautier and relieved him of \$24. "We'll be back when you've got more money," they told him.

Believing in preparedness, Gautier purchased a revolver. While he was down town a few days later, robbers backed a dray up to his front door and stole most of his furniture.

Still believing in preparedness, Gautier hired Fritz Sauermann as a special watchman. Sauermann was stationed at Gautier's home.

Late last night two burglars entered the house. Sauermann was prepared to fire his revolver, and treated one of the robbers with the butt of revolver. The burglars opened fire. A dozen shots were exchanged. One bullet took effect in Sauermann's thigh. The robbers fled.

General Review of Market Conditions

Portland, Ore., April 15.—The market for butter continues badly mixed. Reports indicate that while some of the city creameries are short of supplies and are fully maintaining their quotations, others are secretly cutting the price because of a growing surplus.

One city creamery reported during the morning that it was compelled to bring its stock from California to fill current demands. Others reported sufficient for their requirements, while still others asserted that a surplus was in sight. On the other hand, some of the country creameries are making a desperate effort to unload, and are openly cutting prices.

Much amusement was shown in the local trade during the day when a Portland paper reported that it had been selected as "official organ" of the city creameries. This was absolutely denied by the leading interests, who say that not only have they no official organ, but have not even read the announcement in the supposed official representative.

Mohair Price Higher.

Portland, Ore., April 15.—The Oregon mohair market is strongly on the upgrade at the present time. Yesterday, 40 cents was being offered, which is all that mohair is worth laid down in Boston.

The Riddle and Stamp clips at Month-mouth, aggregating 6,000 pounds of fancy hair from registered goats, was bought by the H. F. Norton company, a few days ago, at 40 cents, and the same firm yesterday bid this price for ordinary mohair in all sections. Selling has not been free, heretofore, but it is thought that the raising of the market to the 40-cent level will promote more business.

Potatoes Are Quiet.

The potato market is extremely quiet. Purchases at Willamette valley country points have almost ceased, the buying being on a very limited scale.

The prices being asked by the country are above the basis that the stock can be sold at in the south.

The demand for seed stock is much smaller than normal; takings by the south being unusually limited, and there is no prospect for any material improvement in that line.

Pooling of Wool.

The Eugene Guard in a late editorial points out in a very graphic way many reasons for pooling Lane county wool.

The proposed pooling of Lane county wool is based upon sound economic principles and should be backed unreservedly and unconditionally by every wool grower in the county. The success of every co-operative enterprise depends solely upon the loyalty and support of the members. The grower who helps the pool helps himself and his neighbor.

This pool would secure a better price for Lane county wool. Why? Because it would eradicate one great evil that farmers all over the state are up against. Here is an exemplar:

A buyer's agent travels through the country. He stops at Farmer Smith's. Mr. Smith raises sheep. Mr. Agent looks over the farm, examines the wool and tells the farmer that wool is worth 15c a pound and that if Smith is ready to sell that his firm will arrange to provide immediate funds at the town bank. The groceryman and hardware dealer in town have been pressing Mr. Smith for payment of the year's bill. Farmer Smith reasons to himself: "I can't afford to gamble on the market; guess I'll sell and get my bills straightened up. He sells for 15c.

Farmer Smith acted upon good motives, but he innocently reduced the year's income of his more prosperous neighbor, Farmer Jones. When he sold for 15c, right then and there he set the mark for wool for some time. Rival buyers heard that wool could be bought for 15c and they offered 1c. The price of wool for some time to come remained stationary at 15c and more shepherds sold. Only the man with a bank account was able to hold for better prices and he was the man who least needed the added income.

Under a pooling system, Farmer Smith's wool would be taken charge of by a representative of all the wool men in the county and influence would be brought to bear upon the groceryman and the hardware dealer to hold off until the pooling organization was fit to sell—to sell at a price that would enable Farmer Smith to buy more groceries and hardware next year.

Value is the degree of desirability attaching to a commodity on account of its capacity to satisfy wants and on account of its capacity or limitation of its supply. The value of Lane county wool would be materially enhanced by this proposed pooling of the supply. Not only that, but the advantages of large scale handling and the consequent expense is quite an item.

It is to be hoped, looking always toward raising the level of economic independence of Lane county citizens, that the wool growers go through with their pool.

Temperance lecturers should note the fact that after being on the water wagon a year King George is able to turn \$500,000 over to the government.

FINE SPRING SUNSHINE BRINGS SOCIETY FOLKS WITHIN RANGE OF THE CAMERA



Spring brings the birds north, also the society folks who dodge winter cold by migrating to warmer climes. Also, Easter, with its revival of social gaiety, is not far off, and its advent means the carrying into effect of society's plans for spring and summer. In the meantime the fine spring days are tempting into the open the folks whose names appear in the society columns, especially those who prefer walking to motoring. Snapped on a recent fine Sunday on Fifth avenue, New York, were the following, seen in the accompanying pictures: No. 1, Mrs. C. P. Dugmore, with her daughter and son; No. 2, John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; No. 3, Finley J. Shepard, Jr., on right, the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, with his playmate, Lewis Seaton, and his nurse, Mrs. Shepard was formerly Miss Helen Miller Gould. It was reported recently that Mr. and Mrs. Shepard would add young Lewis Seaton to their family as a brother by adoption to young Finley, but no authoritative statement of such intention or denial of such intention could be obtained. In the meantime the two youngsters are seen together constantly.

Brooks Notes

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Brooks, Ore., April 14.—One of the most brilliant social affairs of the season occurred on Wednesday the 13th, when Mrs. John Dunlavy and Mrs. Jacob Naylor entertained the Ladies' Aid society at the spacious and convenient home of the former.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with sprays of bleeding hearts and cherry blossoms. Instrumental music was given by Mrs. J. W. Fruit and Mrs. Ben Hawkins. Mrs. Malcolm Ramp sang "Mother Machell" and Mrs. Clyde Harris sang "In the Land of Love." The program was much appreciated. The color scheme, pink and white, was carried out in the dainty refreshments.

Those who accepted Mrs. Dunlavy's and Mrs. Naylor's hospitality were: Mrs. Scott Hiecox, Mrs. Geo. Snyder, Miss Ellen Hockett, Mrs. Howard Ramp, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. M. L. Jones, Mrs. Walter Hunt, Mrs. Ben Hawkins, Mrs. A. E. Harris, Mrs. Harrison, Grautman Ferrell, Mrs. Geo. Ferrell, Mrs. J. D. Bennett, Mrs. Willis Jones, Mrs. J. W. Pruitt, Mrs. Ralph Sturgis, Mrs. Clyde Harris, Mrs. Joe, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Frank Sturgis, Mrs. Joe Lydon, Mrs. Mary Sturgis, Mrs. W. C. Gilbert, Mrs. Guy Stover, Mrs. Ellen Massey, Mrs. Winsor Hunt, Master Johnnie Dunlavy, Master Loren Hawkins, little Miss Marie Dunlavy, little Mary Sturgis, little

They Were Married But Did Not Know It

Seattle, Wash., April 15.—Judge W. H. Jackson, who aided in the trial of 82 divorce suits here yesterday, has under advisement today the application of Richard Tallifero, former United States army private, who testified that he had been married six years without knowing it.

He was stationed at Fort Wright, at Spokane, in 1909, he said. When his company was called to the Philippines, his captain called him to his office and told him to sign a paper. He did so without reading it.

It turned out later to be a marriage certificate, joining him to the maid of the captain's wife.

"I think it was done so the maid could accompany the family to the islands at the expense of the government," he explained.

Tallifero's wife, who did not contest the suit, declares that she also, was unaware that she was married, since no ceremony and ever been performed.

WEST STAYTON NOTES

Mrs. King visited in Salem on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. T. Y. McClellan visited in Aumsville the last of the week.

Judge Busby and some of the Linn county officials were looking over the ground the past week for the establishment of a ferry just west of the Railroad bridge across the Santiam river and the building of a bridge across Cold creek which will establish a means of communication between this section and Shelburn.

Mrs. Mary Eastman went to Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Van Ness spent Tuesday in Aumsville.

The West Stayton hall team went to Marion Sunday and defeated the Marion team 10 to 7, even after some very rank decisions.

The saw mill on the Follich place is all up except the engine and we expect to hear the whistle by the last of the week.—Stayton Standard.

Perhaps Villa has adopted Colonel Watterston's slogan, "On to the canal."

April Astronomy Notes

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Mercury will be too nearly in the direction of the sun to be visible during the early part of April. On April 14 it reaches conjunction with the sun, and by the end of the month it will be above the horizon for about an hour after sunset, close to the point where the sun sets.

Venus will be conspicuous as evening star during the month, setting from three to four hours after sunset. It will be easily identified as the highest star visible in the western sky, setting to the north of west. The shape of the disc is not discernible by the eye, but in the telescope the disc will be that of a half moon. During the early part of the month, Venus will pass close to the Pleiades, a little to the south.

Mars will be above the horizon until well past midnight during the entire month. It will be a few degrees west of the sickle in the constellation Leo, and will be much brighter than Regulus, the brightest star in Leo. In the early evening it will be high up in the sky, but south of the zenith, and will set late at night somewhat north of west.

Jupiter reaches conjunction with the sun on April 1, and toward the end of the month will appear in the eastern sky as morning star, shortly before sunrise.

Saturn will be well placed for observation in the western sky, in the constellation Gemini, between Venus and Mars. The rings of Saturn are now in a favorable position for observation with a telescope.

One of the annual "showers of shooting stars" occurs during April, continuing usually for three nights, from April 20 to April 22. This display is not so brilliant as some others, and a half dozen meteors in an hour are all that may be expected. These meteors are, however, noted for their swiftness of flight; the earth meets them in its course around the sun, and consequently their apparent velocity is nearly the sum of their actual velocity and the earth's orbital velocity. This particular shower bears the name of Lyrids, because the meteors appear to radiate from the direction of the constellation Lyra, of which Vega is the principal star. On tracing the apparent paths of the meteors backward, they all appear to meet near Vega. On the dates mentioned, Vega will be the brightest star in the northeast, and about 9 p. m. will be a good time to begin watching for the meteors.

Moon's phases, Pacific standard time. New moon, April 2, 8 hrs. 21 min. a. m. First quarter, April 10, 6 hrs. 36 min. a. m. Full moon, April 17, 9 hrs. 8 min. p. m. Last quarter, April 24, 2 hrs. 38 min. p. m.



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COLLEGE PRESIDENT, IN HOT FIGHT WITH REGENTS; LOSES JOB

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STAYTON NEWS.

Dr. Beauchamp reports a girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks of Waldo Hills, yesterday, April 12.

Dr. Brewer reports a fine girl born to Mr. and Mrs. John Thoma Wednesday, April 12.

John Mielke, wife and two daughters, Isabella and Helen, visited their children Roy and Cecelia in Salem on Sunday.

The Rebekah lodge will give their third annual May party Friday, May 5. Watch for posters.

Wm. Parry spent the week end visiting relatives here. He returned home Sunday accompanied by his wife and son who spent the week visiting Mrs. Parry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Alexander.

S. H. Helzen and Grant Murphy, of Stayton, and Dave Eastman of Aumsville, visited Scotts Mills last Sunday to make arrangements for their next Marion county L. O. O. F. district convention to be held at that place, May 13. The program will be out soon.

Geo. Warford, who is well known to all Staytonites, and is at present in the employ of the Brown-Potter sawmill, narrowly escaped a watery grave in the log pond Tuesday morning. He was driving some logs to the entrance of the Stayton ditch, and did not have on a pair of spiked shoes. Making a misstep he went down between some logs, and although a good swimmer, was hampered by his clothing until in an exhausted condition. Fortunately, several other men were working near and George Brown finally succeeded in getting to him with a pike pole, pulling him out of the water. George says his fingers made heavy indentations in the pike pole when he grabbed it.

Last Monday night Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Schaefer entertained the Freshman class of the high school at their pretty cottage home on North Third street, in honor of the 17th birthday of Miss Margaret Schaefer. At eight o'clock p. m., the class, which met at the beachers quarters of Bonnie Shank and Marguerite and Will Ryan, walked in on Miss Schaefer and gave her the surprise of her life. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and a dainty lunch was served by the hostess at a late hour. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer were: Charles Schaefer, wife and son Lloyd and Miss Bertha Schaefer of Linn county and the Misses Selma Schuff, Corol Smuck, Ruth Roy, Marguerite Ryan, Lois Braeken, Leona Sandner, Bessie Shank and Messrs. Will Ryan, Roy Pollis, Charles Fehlen, Lynn Neal, Stanley Forrest and Cecil Schaefer.—Stayton Mail.

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Editor Curtis Is Ashamed of Wilson

Seattle, Wash., April 15.—"A break with Germany at this time would be just the thing to awaken us to our helplessness," said Cyrus H. K. Curtis, publisher of The Saturday Evening Post and other periodicals here today. Curtis is here with Mrs. Curtis, visiting her brother, A. B. Cutter.

"Better break now than after the war," he said, "while Germany is too busy with other interests to pay us much attention. This is no time for white paper and ink."

Assigning the Mexican trouble to the policies of President Wilson, Curtis said