

POULTRY EXPERTS SAY BETTER BREEDING IS BIG HELP TO LAYING Exhibitors at the Show Discuss Methods of Obtaining More Eggs From Fowls

HENS AVERAGE 70 A YEAR Possible to Raise Number to 200, Says H. D. Riley, President of Association

The yearly egg product of the United States is \$3,000,000. "Better breeding will double the output." A sign with these words on it hangs in front of the coop in which Lady Eglantine, world's champion egg layer, is being exhibited at the Poultry Show in the Metropolitan Building, Broad and Wallace streets. In the opinion of the chicken experts it tells a great fundamental truth of interest to every poultry raiser.

Better breeding, the experts say, is the way to success. And from the figures that some of them give it appears that a large proportion of farmers are not making money from their eggs, despite the high prices that they bring in the market. If raisers of poultry would give more attention to breeding, it is pointed out, there would be a tremendous reduction in the number of cold storage eggs which Mrs. Housekeeper is now forced to buy. They assert, however, that the increase in production would not lower the price to the consumer because of the great demand for fresh eggs.

Government figures show that the average hen lays 70 eggs a year. According to Henry D. Riley, president of the Philadelphia Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, under the auspices of which the show is being held, a man loses money unless his hens average 150 eggs a year. Mr. Riley thinks it possible to raise the average production of hens to more than 200 a year. For that reason he regards the work which has been carried on at Eglantine Farm so important.

"Lady Eglantine is the product of heart-breaking efforts to establish a strain of birds that would make our egg farms profitable and that would acquire themselves creditably in contests with other layers," asserts the Eglantine Farms circular being distributed at the show. The experts all agree that it is a hard, arduous task, requiring great patience and effort, to raise layers of this type. Lady Eglantine is the product of an effort stretched over many years of careful mating of the best breeders year after year.

The Eglantine circular says: "First. The 200-egg hen is almost standardized. "Second. The 250-egg hen can be produced in increasing numbers and held in necessary vigor as the years go by. "Third. The 300-egg hen is a rare avian, about whose frequent development we have yet to learn. But she can be produced—because she has been." Lady Eglantine's record is 314 eggs in 92 days. "It is possible to raise the average number of eggs," said Mr. Riley. "It is not possible to raise hens that lay 314 eggs a year now, because that's phenomenal. But it is possible to raise hens that will average 150 eggs, for without that production egg raising does not pay. It is possible to do this on any farm, if you go to the trouble of developing pure breeds and trapping." Trapping means to arrange the coops so that when the hen mounts the nest it is not released until it lays an egg. If this is done a record of the hen hatched from the egg is kept by punching holes in the foot of the bird as a means of identification and mating the best layers. "It will be a big thing to the raiser of eggs if he can increase his product, but eggs will never get cheaper, because the demand will never lessen. But it will be possible for more people to get fresh eggs then, and it will mean more money to the farmer."

There is some egg laying going on at the poultry show now. Each day about 100 eggs are collected from the hens entered in the show. Lady Eglantine, however, is not laying. She is moulting just now, and will not lay for several weeks, it is thought. The possibility of increasing the egg output is one of the pet topics of conversation. It was discussed again last night at the meeting of the Order of the Fleas. The Fleas is an association of poultry men, and gets its name from the first letters of the words, friendship, love, economy and assistance. Following are the awards made today:

FIGGONS. Blue Dragon, 1915 Cock—First, W. E. Braemer.

Mills; second, E. J. Mercer; third, William G. Braemer. Blue Dragon, 1915 Hen—First, W. E. Mills; second, Adrian Bateman; third, Reuben Gibbs. Silver Dragon, 1915—First, R. C. James; second and third, William J. Spian. Silver Dragon, 1915—First, second and third, William J. Spian. Silver Dragon, 1915—First, second and third, R. C. James. Silver Dragon, 1915—First, second and third, William J. Spian. Silver Dragon, 1915—First, second and third, R. C. James. Silver Dragon, 1915—First, second and third, William J. Spian. Silver Dragon, 1915—First, second and third, R. C. James. Silver Dragon, 1915—First, second and third, William J. Spian.

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COMPENSATION LAW REFEREES ASSIGNED W. B. Scott and C. G. Klauder to Have Headquarters in Philadelphia

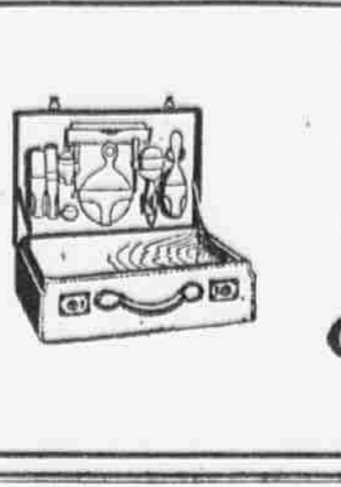
The ten referees recently appointed to administer the workmen's compensation law were assigned to their districts yesterday. William B. Scott, of Philadelphia, and C. G. Klauder, of Bala, will have their headquarters in Philadelphia. The Workmen's Compensation Board also announced in Harrisburg that 24 corporations were exempted from the necessity of taking out insurance to cover their compensation liabilities. These corporations include the United States Steel Corporation, which informed the board that it has 100,000 employees, or one-fifth of the working population of Pennsylvania; the Bell Telephone Company and the Baldwin Locomotive Company.

The following assignments of referees were made: No. 1, W. B. Scott and C. G. Klauder, Bala, headquarters in Philadelphia. No. 2, Paul Houck, headquarters in Pottsville. No. 3, G. W. Reamer, headquarters in Scranton. No. 4, E. K. Saylor, headquarters in Lancaster. No. 5, W. W. Champion, headquarters in Williamsport. No. 6, Jacob Snyder, headquarters in Altoona. No. 7, Charles H. Young, headquarters in Erie. No. 8, L. E. Christler and Thomas J. Dunn, headquarters in Pittsburgh. Corporations granted self-insurance are: United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh; Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Chester County, Conestoga, William Strick & Sons Company, Philadelphia; W. J. Rainey, Conestoga; Conestoga Alum Rock Co. Company, Oil City; A. B. Parvihar Company, Ltd., York; Ingersoll-Rand Company, Philadelphia; White-Barre Steel Store Company, Ltd., Steelton; Standard Steel Works Company, Philadelphia; Mine-Hill Banking Company, Wilkes-Barre; H. J. Hens Company, Pittsburgh; American Can Company, Philadelphia.

and New Castle; American Engineering Company, Philadelphia; Hammermill Paper Company, Philadelphia; Washington Shipbuilding Company, Philadelphia; Westinghouse Air Brake Company, Wilkes-Barre; Pittsburgh Steel Company, Pittsburgh; Provident Life and Trust Company, Philadelphia; Baldwin Locomotive Company, Philadelphia; Manor Gas Coal Company, Philadelphia; Manayunk Philadelphia; Westmoreland Coal Company, Philadelphia; Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, Wilkes-Barre.

CHICAGO STRIKE SETTLED Terms Agreed Upon After All-Night Conference CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A hundred locomotives puffed out of the Great East yards at Clearing, Ill., today in an effort to extricate Chicago from a freight jam caused by a three-day strike of the Belt Line employees. The strike was settled early today. Settlement of the strike was reached after an all-night conference. The Belt Line Company agreed to operate a service train for transportation of the employees to the Clearing yards until January 1, 1917.

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