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"Down to Date" Strain

D. Duncan

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of

234 Seventh East Street

Fancy Exhibition Birds

Barred Plymouth Rocks

Prolific in Egg Production

Stock and Eggs for Sale

Fourteen Hullets and one hen having a record of 214 eggs each in one year

Salt Lake City, ..... 190.....

Prof. W. J. Kerr,

President Agricultural College, Logan

Dear Sir -

If the vacancy in the Poultry Department of the Experiment Station, caused by the absence of Prof. Dyden, has not been filled, I kindly ask you to consider my name as an applicant for that position.

As to my likely ability to fill the same I would refer you to Prof. J. H. Paul President of the S. D. & U. at Salt Lake City or J. E. Talmage, Cashier Utah National Bank, Salt Lake City. As to my integrity and knowledge of business in detail I would refer to Mr. T. G. Walker Supt. G. L. M. S. Salt Lake City. or Mr. A. H. Woolley B. Dept. G. L. M. S. Salt Lake City. (Where I am at present employed) I might also refer you to the Editor of Farm Poultry, 232 Summer St. Boston, Mass. With the exception of Prof. Paul none of these parties have been consulted with in regards to this matter.



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I have never made any pretense as a writer for publication; but inclose Two of a number of articles I wrote to the Deseret-News and which was published without change. Should you consider this application favorably and desire any further information I will gladly furnish it if it is possible for me to do so.

Yours truly  
Dariusmore Duncan,

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## UTAH POULTRY BUSINESS

### Special Correspondence.

In my last letter I asked three ques-  
tions: Of what use is thoroughbred  
poultry to the general public? Where  
does it come from? and, Who gets the  
benefit of it? The two last questions re-  
mained entirely unanswered. And I  
will attempt to point out a few main  
features in them. As like "unto the  
making of books there is no end," so is  
the making of the different breeds of  
poultry. Like all the thoroughbred  
stock, poultry, with all its different va-  
rieties, has been brought up through a  
long series of crossing and recrossing  
of such fowls as have been taken notice  
of by persons desiring to improve upon  
desirable qualities, some of which have  
had little or nothing to recommend  
them but beauty of feather, and even  
this not to a very marked degree, but  
through selection and choice of the  
nearest to the ideal a certain degree of  
perfection has been reached. Other per-  
sons become interested in this variety,  
or breed, and after years of this care-  
ful, select breeding, the birds attain to  
a certain degree of uniformity in their  
product and the breed is given a name  
and a standard of its supposed perfec-  
tion is established for its perpetuation  
and future guide for breeding. I say  
supposed perfection, because as years  
pass special characteristics become  
very pronounced, and it becomes nec-  
essary to change or modify the stand-  
ard. Here it is interesting to note that  
it is the shape of the fowls that makes  
the breed, while the color designates  
the variety. Thus we find quite a num-  
ber of varieties of one breed, as the  
white, buff, barred, and a new variety  
called partridge Plymouth Rocks. This  
last named variety conforming in shape  
to the Rocks, but having the markings  
of the Partridge Cochins, and being  
minus the feathers on the legs, and  
while this ever increasing of varieties  
goes on, those interested in poultry,  
who make a careful study of the sub-  
ject can go through a poultry show and  
pick out all the different breeds and  
varieties, and point out to the unob-  
serving the differences in their make-  
up, and it is surprising to see with  
what accuracy a good judge can take a  
fowl and score card in his hands and  
going over it section by section, mark-  
ing the number of points the bird is de-  
ficient in each section, he gives the ex-  
hibitor a scored card, which shows how  
nearly the bird is to the standard  
adopted as the perfect bird, and if call-  
ed upon to score the bird again will do  
the scoring exactly as he did in the  
first instance. Thus in the show room  
the winners are determined, and the  
prizes awarded accordingly. Now as to  
who gets the benefits of all this work.  
First the originator of a breed, be-  
cause from his poultry yards there goes  
out to those who are attracted to this  
variety of fowls the originator's first  
sales; and according to the merits of  
the breed whether for fancy or utility  
the prices are generally low or high.  
Another thing that regulates the price  
is the nearness with which the fowls  
approach to the standard of their ideal  
perfection. Now the contest begins for  
ideal fowls, and the breeder who comes  
nearest to the ideal gets the run of the  
business. He is able to get higher prices  
for stock or eggs for hatching. But this  
does not always follow. Some people  
build their reputation as breeders upon  
the ability of some one else. They  
either buy their fowls for exhibiting  
at the poultry shows or buy eggs and  
raise them, thus the real breeder gets  
no credit, while the person holding the  
prize winners gets the trade or at least  
the best of it. This is as it should be.  
Any one who will keep the best whether  
able to breed the stock to that degree,  
or whether he is able to buy it, he has  
it for the benefit of himself first, and  
other people secondly. If he has in  
his possession and maintains the best  
goods he certainly is entitled to the  
best trade, and if I go to that party for  
some of his stock, I will display very  
bad judgment if I offer to exchange  
some of my poor ones for a like num-  
ber of his good ones. Now if the breed-  
er does not understand his stock, and  
makes such mating as proves unsatis-  
factory to his customers he will soon  
gain a reputation for unfair dealing,  
and lose his hold upon his trade, or at  
least the trade he might have practi-  
cally controlled.

But more about this breeding ques-  
tion and unfair dealing will come later.  
D. D.

### Four Hundred Babies.

St. Vincent's Infant Asylum, Chicago,  
shelters homeless waifs awaiting adop-  
tion, and there are nearly 400 babies there.  
Sister Julia writes: "I cannot say too  
much in praise of Foley's Honey and Tar  
for coughs, colds, croup and whooping  
cough." Contains no opiates and is safe  
and sure. Ask for Foley's Honey and  
Tar and insist upon having it, as it is a  
safe remedy and certain in results. Refuse  
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## CHURCH NO

The Priesthood of the  
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The High Council will  
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FRANK  
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The regular monthly m  
home missionaries of the  
will be held at the stake  
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1905, at

In addition to the home  
the Bishops and counselors  
Seventy and presidents of  
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quested to be present.

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The regular monthly mee  
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urday, Feb. 4, at 2 p. m.

ANNIE S. MUSSE

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The regular monthly meeti  
Priesthood of Pioneer stake  
held Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p. m.  
Seventh ward assembly roo  
members of the Priesthood a  
to be present.

WILLIAM McLACHL

SYLVESTER Q. CAN

CHARLES H. HYDE,

Stake Pres

The High Priests' quorum of  
stake will hold its regular  
meeting in Thomas' hall, Sund  
5, at 11:30 a. m. All members  
quorum are invited to attend th  
ing.

DAVID MCKENZIE,

HUGH WATSON,

JAMES LEATHAM,

Preside

A meeting of the home missi  
and local missionaries of the Sal  
stake will be held in the south  
room of the Sixteenth ward m  
house at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, 1  
1905.

NEPHI L. MORRIS,

GEORGE R. EMERY,

EDWARD T. ASHTON,

Stake President

### NOTICE.

Having purchased the entire s  
and business of the "Moore Shoe  
I will continue said business in  
own name.

GEORGE ROMNEY, J

## CHANGE OF TIME-CARD

On the Denver & Rio Grande.

Commencing Feb. 1st train No. 5 v  
arrive at Salt Lake at 10:25 a. m. a  
leave at 10:35 a. m. Train No. 12 v  
arrive from Ogden at 9:50 a. m.

### Facts for Catarrhal Sufferers.

The mucous membrane lines all p  
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Catarrh is an excessive secretion,  
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Hood's Sarsaparilla acts on the m  
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### PERSPIRING HUMAN HAND

Of old are replaced by modern mach  
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Everything clean and sanitary. C  
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## POULTRY MAN ON THE POULTRY TRADE

To the Editor:

To the Editor: Fresh eggs in winter and how to get them is one of the most important of the many interesting topics in poultry culture, and for the benefit of those who aim to get eggs when the prices are high I offer a few suggestion which I have learned partly from my own experience and partly from the experience of others. As this winter is nearly gone, it is too late to think of making last year's bad work good. But if you have not already begun, commence now for next winter, and make up your mind to get the eggs when they are worth the labor it costs to get them.

### SELECTING BREEDING STOCK.

Be sure that every individual in the pen is healthy, has a good appetite and is fully matured. Anyone can make this choice by noting the bright appearance and lively actions of the fowls. For females, select old hens, if possible, that last year were good layers; those whose visits to the nest was of almost a daily occurrence. But how am I to know? I have been asked. Well, it is a big chore to watch a flock of 50 or a hundred or more hens; but that is not necessary. Take a few, say a dozen of those that look the most promising, and put a band with a number on the leg of each; as they begin laying watch for them to visit the nest; see that no eggs are in the nest when the hen goes in, and while she is there take note of the number on her band; visit the nest when she leaves and notice carefully the eggs you find. See if it is white or brown or medium in color. Is it long, round, pointed at one end; or if both ends are the same shape. Do this with each one until you are satisfied that you can tell which hen is doing the best work in egg production. It is supposed here that you have done this and can make the choice for this year's matings without difficulty. But if this is not the case begin with this year's stock for next year's work, remembering that like produces like, to a certain degree, at least, and select always your best layers if it is eggs you want.

### HEALTH OF THE BREEDING PEN.

Last autumn you noticed, if you are observing, that some of the hens at moulting time lost their feathers nearly all at once, and that the new coat for winter was soon on; and you will be almost sure to find that these hens were among the poorest layers. Their vitality was not drawn upon in the production of eggs to the extent that some of the others were, consequently she has plenty of strength and vigor to sustain nature in putting off the old coat and growing another. The moulting season is one of the real tests of the vitality of the fowl, and indicates almost to a certainty the value of the bird as a breeder. Among your dozen or more females a few of the best layers may have their constitutions so strong that they have gone through they moult quickly, and are strong and full of vigor, ready to begin another year's work. These few are worth to you more than all the rest by far, if you did but know it.

### THE CARE OF THE BREEDING PEN.

Make up your mind that you will use only these few hens to obtain your stock from. Place them in their winter quarters with a good chance for exercise and don't try to see how many eggs you can get from them before you want their eggs for hatching. Preserve their vitality, as you would so much gold, until the time you want to begin hatching, for "you surely cannot eat your cake and have your cake." Keep the hens, and their chicks will be strong and grow rapidly and develop good, large, strong, healthy bodies, that when it comes winter you can feed heavily, and they will give you eggs. This is no secret, anyone can get the eggs if their stock is bred and raised for eggs.

### SELECTING THE MALE BIRDS.

I have already told how to select the females, and how to determine the best layers, having done this take a setting of eggs from each of the hens separately; set them under hens by themselves, keeping each hen's eggs by themselves; when they hatch mark the chicks so that you can tell them apart when they grow up. This is done generally by using a small punch, made expressly for the purpose, which can be had for not more than 50 cents, and will last a long time. Now you should have a knowledge of the standard requirements of the breed you keep; and select the best male you have, taking into the most careful consideration the points of excellence you wish to maintain. You will not find one that is perfect, but, after health and vigor, select the bird having the most good points from a color and shape standpoint. At the same time make sure that he is not a brother to the females you wish to keep. This you can determine by the punch mark in the foot.

Begin now, get the hens laying, so as to get your chicks hatched out by the latter part of April or May, according to the breed you are keeping. As the larger breeds require more time to reach maturity than the smaller ones, judgment must be used as to the time for hatching the chicks, making it a point to have them reach maturity before the cold weather of winter comes on. This is a very important matter, for once the cold weather is here, the

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### LOCAL BRANCH

young stock develops very slowly; but if they are matured, they withstand cold very well, and if properly cared for will respond to good treatment, and you will be rewarded for the extra care you have bestowed upon them.

Good judgment must also be used to not get them out too early, as they may reach maturity and commence moulting late in the autumn, like an old fowl. If that occurs, your chances for eggs from that pullet are practically at an end, for that winter. D. D.

### LATE LOCALS.

The sheepmen are smiling at this weather; Mr. John C. Sharp says it just suits them.

The Home Fire Insurance company was notified this morning that the home of Angus M. Nelson, near Sandy, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The loss was not stated, but the insurance carried was \$600.

W. G. Filer of the Twin Falls company leaves tonight for Idaho on a business trip to the great irrigation system. He has had several hundred photographs printed of the dam and its surroundings for publication in book form.

The reports in a morning paper of yesterday, that Col. Clayton is seriously ill in California, is stated by his business representatives in this city to be entirely unfounded. He is steadily improving in health, and will return home on the first of the month.

Cards are being received in this city announcing the marriage of Mrs. Charlotte Butterworth Loomis and Mr. Wm. Niles in Cincinnati on March 7. Mr. and Mrs. Niles will be at home at 313 Rose street, LaPort, Ind., after March 30. Mrs. Niles, formerly Mrs. Loomis, resided for a number of years in this city, where she has many friends.

Col. E. V. Smith returned Saturday evening from a month's absence in the far north handling lumber. He reports the northwestern mills as starting up in lively shape, and the market as getting to be decidedly stiff. There has been a 20 per cent advance in two weeks, and the chances are that there will be a further advance before the month has gone.

There is much complaint about the way Italians and Greeks stand around in the doorways and lobby of the post-office, blocking up the passages and getting in everybody's way. The postmaster does what he can to remedy the evil, but he cannot give all of his time to watching these foreigners, and he says the constant presence of a policeman will be necessary.

Six cases of measles and two of small-pox were reported to the board of health today. Those reported as having smallpox are: J. M. Barr, aged 23, residing in the rear of 337 east Fifth South street; Joseph Neve, aged 22, residing at 448 west Eighth South street. The entire Barr family, six in all, are now afflicted with the disease, while the one reported today is the second in the Neve family. Mr. Neve was removed to the quarantine hospital.

Utah people who have been out in northern California report that the winter rains there are something really oppressive. They say it rains, in fact, about nine months of the year, and people have to go clad in rubber from head to foot, and the streets are at the flood tide a good share of the season. The returned travelers advise that Salt Lake people who are dissatisfied with Utah climate might do well to spend a month, say in Mendocino or Humboldt counties. At the expiration of that time they will be only too happy to return to Salt Lake—and stay there.