

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

C. W. CLIFTON, EDITOR.

IROQUOIS POULTRY YARDS,
(One-half mile east of Rensselaer, Ind.)

C. W. CLIFTON, Proprietor.

Breeder of Buff and White Cochins, White and Black Leghorns, Light and Dark Brahmans, Plymouth Rocks, Houdans and B. B. H. Game Banians. Eggs in season. A few Buff cockerels for sale.

Poultry Shows to Occur.

Indiana State Poultry Association, Indianapolis, H. G. C. Bals, Sec., Jan. 8, to 16, 1879.

Northern Indiana Poultry Association, Fort Wayne, J. B. Welch, Sec., Jan 27 to 30, 1879.

I. P. A.

As per call, the Iroquois Poultry Association convened at the court house in Rensselaer, at 1 o'clock p.m., December 3d, 1879. President I. B. Washburn, in the chair. Members present: C. W. Clifton, Secretary; W. H. Nowels and H. W. Wood, directors; Dr. M. B. Alter, C. J. Brown, D. H. Yeoman and Jas. W. McEwen. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, which will be published next week. The society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulting as follows: President, I. B. Washburn, Rensselaer; vice president, S. C. Maxwell, Remington; secretary, C. W. Clifton, Rensselaer; treasurer, W. H. Nowels, Rensselaer; directors, W. H. Nowels, Rensselaer; W. R. Love, Remington; C. J. Brown and D. H. Yeoman, Rensselaer. Membership dues were fixed at 25 cents per annum, payable in advance to the secretary, most of which was handed in at once. Informal discussion was sprung on several topics. Much amusement and instruction resulted, and a general good time was had. Subject of discussion for next meeting: "Best method of building poultry houses."

Resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be published in all three of our county papers, (editors consenting).

I. B. WASHBURN, President.

C. W. CLIFTON, Secretary.

Early Market Fowls:

The question has been asked, "What is the best fowl to raise for early market?" We must answer that there seems to be no one breed that possesses the desired qualities; large size and early maturity. The Plymouth Rock most nearly approaches it, but by repeated experiments it has been found, and it is now in common practice, that an Asiatic-Leghorn fowl will be the best fowl to raise for early market, making a hardy chick that feathers out at once, develops rapidly, and attains a large size in the shortest time. Nearly all parties who are breeding exclusively for market, use this cross, having abandoned all others as unsatisfactory. The fowl is made by crossing a cockerel on Brahma or Cochinchina hens, or a Leghorn cock on Brahma or Cochinchina hens. The cross cannot be made successfully by using Asiatic males with Leghorn females. We will say to those who do not care specially for pure breeds, that Asiatic hens will lay a greater number of eggs, and be less inclined to set, when a Leghorn male is mated with them.

Varieties of Fowls.

BLACK COCHINS.

The characteristics of the Cochinchina family are alike, whatever their color or name, but by careful breeding, differences have been established. The Black Cochins, for those whose choice is a black colored fowl, is as useful as the other types of Cochinchina fowls. Their black plumage is very rich and glossy. They are extremely hardy, are less inclined to sit, and are better layers than any of the Cochinchina family, but are not so large. They are good rangers, and are therefore an excellent fowl for the farm, and a town. When first hatched, the chicks show more or less white, but eventually become black, and remain so. And now we must leave the Asiatics (Cochins and Brahmans). They are all breeds of great size; they sell, when matured, better than any other fowl you can put on the market; can be fenced in as easily as a pig, and bear confinement almost as well; are not inclined to roost; and being very hardy and quiet, they cost no more to feed them than common fowls. As winter comes, they excel all others, but if you want them to lay in summer, you must stint them so they become fat, and cease to lay. They are excellent sitters and mothers. In truth, to sum up, there is no more profitable breed for all purposes than one of the Asiatic breeds.

When Shall I Begin?

The shortest answer would be, when you are ready; and this is by all means the truth. Under no consideration should you buy a pair or trio of fine fowls until you are ready to care for them.

First get a separate house built for them and pale in so that such mongrels as are on the place can have no access to them. However, if you keep but a very few fowls and have a good house, you may kill every cock and cockerel on the place and then bring your fowls home, allowing them to range with the common hens. This is best if you keep no more than a dozen common hens. You can tell the eggs of your pure fowls from the others in a few days and they can be saved and set under the first common hen that wants to set. By this course, by next fall, you will have a large pure flock of fine fowls. But we think the questioner meant, shall I begin now or next spring? If you have a place prepared, I would say now, for several reasons, chief of which are, a breeder will sell you a pair or trio now for but little, more than half what must charge in the spring, and you will also have the benefit of several months experience, and time in which to learn to love your fowls. There is something peculiar about this, for, just as sure as you buy a few fine fowls, you catch the "hen fever," and nothing but future neglect and carelessness will ever cure you.

Chief Engineer Garris, accompanied by his brother Don, left last evening to locate the line between Rensselaer and Chicago. The balance of the corps will be made up at Rensselaer.—[Delphi Journal.]

THE STANDARD.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1879.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

GRAND

Masquerade Ball,

at the

NEW OPERA HOUSE,

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 25, 1879

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

The Committee will spare no pains to make it the grandest ball ever given in Rensselaer. Invitations can be had on application to the Committee. Tickets can be procured at the Narrow Gauge Clothing Store, and at the drugstores of W. J. Jones and Emmet Kannal. Costumes may be found at the Narrow Gauge Clothing Store at reasonable rates.

G. B. COWELL,
L. B. WALTER, } Com.
C. H. PRICE.

—Those nice mace pies at R. E. Spencer & Co.'s are simply immense. Try them.

—W. J. Jones now occupies his handsome new residence at the foot of Front street.

—Fresh bread, oysters, candies, pies and cakes every day at R. E. Spencer & Co.'s.

—A grand Christmas ball is on the boards for this place. See announcement elsewhere.

—OYSTERS! OYSTERS!—Go to R. E. Spencer & Co.'s for oysters by the can, quart or dish.

—An elegant card chromo given with every bill of stationery sold at the post-office.

—A marriage license was issued, Saturday, to Albert E. Summers and Julia A. Record.

—Justices' blanks and all kinds of writing materials and stationery for sale at the post-office.

—R. E. Spencer & Co. have just received a fresh lot of nice tub oysters. Only 35 cents per quart.

—County Clerk Price, returned from Lafayette, Thursday, and reports having had a good time.

—A number of our citizens are talking of attending the Grant reception at Indianapolis, next Tuesday.

—Another one of Rensselaer's brightest jewels will shine at Hymen's altar ere long. Says Madison Rumor.

—"Ida Dodge" is on hands this week with a whole column of interesting and spicy local. Read them.

—Extra copies of the supplement accompanying the STANDARD this week, may be had on application to this office.

—Ed., at R. E. Spencer & Co.'s, is the boss cook. If you don't believe it, just give him a trial and you will be convinced.

—An exchange cruelly remarks that a good looking girl will always be found in close proximity to a good looking glass.

—Just received, at R. E. Spencer & Co.'s, 5,000 "Caron" and 5,000 "May" cigars—the best in the market—only 5 cents.

—Town Marshal Powers has just completed quite an extensive addition to his dwelling, on the south side of the river.

—Having purchased a nice candy marble we will again make fresh taffy and butter scotch every day. R. E. SPENCER & CO.

—Quarterly meeting services were held in the M. E. Church last Saturday and Sunday, conducted by Presiding Elder Godfrey.

—Our canned goods are fresh and of the new crop, and we have a full line. Give us a call and see for yourselves.

R. E. SPENCER & CO.

—Carter's superior inks, in various shades, genuine imported Arnold's writing fluid, mucilage, etc., for sale at the post-office.

—Wonder if the Irving Literary Association could persuade Hon. Schuyler Colfax to come here and deliver his lecture on "Abraham Lincoln"?

—The morning train has again been put on the L. & C. railway, and proves a great convenience to the traveling public. It leaves here at 5 a.m.

—The STANDARD office has enjoyed another good run of job work this week. The people know where to get their work done with neatness and despatch.

—Dr. F. P. Bitters, of Claypool, Indiana, visited the family of his Uncle, Major Bitters, this week. The Doctor will probably locate in Rensselaer.

—The L. & C. R.R. will carry persons desiring to attend the Grant reception at Logansport and Indianapolis on the 8th and 9th instants, at half fare rates.

—A good lantern worth \$1.75, now offered for \$1.00 at Emmet Kannal's drug store. Must be closed out regardless of cost before December 25th, 1879.

—Messrs. F. J. Sears and Son are this week, receiving their magnificent stock of furniture, etc., and are busy arranging things in order. Call and see them.

—Mr. Riley Nowels has been chosen a delegate from this county to the State Grange, which meets at Indianapolis on the 8th instant and remains in session until the 15th.

—Wonder if we can't get the immortal "J. N." to "lift the veil" in Rensselaer, this winter? The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, is what we want. Let us unveil!

—Go to Emmet Kannal's drug store for holiday books, albums, toilet sets, choice perfumery, toilet soap, &c. All such goods offered at fifty cents on the dollar, to close out before December 25th, 1879.

—New brick sidewalks have been laid in front of the buildings owned by Uncle George Kannal and Mr. A. Leopold, on west side of Washington street. This is a move in the right direction and their example should be followed by others.

—According to the first three days of December, we are to have a mild, open winter.

—Call at R. E. Spencer & Co.'s and see their fine lot of confectionery. Fresh every week.

—Wednesday was one of those dark dismal days calculated to give a person the "blues."

—The holidays are almost here and we are prepared to furnish parties with fresh oysters by the can, quart or gallon.

R. E. SPENCER & CO.

—New subscribers continue to come in. Let the good work go on until the GRANDARD is read by every tongue in Jasper county.

—The following names were added to our list of subscribers, this week: Wilborn Day, Rensselaer; George Parkison, Pleasant Ridge; Miss Sallie Downing, Goodland.

—A meeting for the organization of the Iroquois Poultry Association was held at the court house, Wednesday afternoon. Read the minutes of the proceedings in poultry column.

—Dr. Samuel Godfrey, presiding elder of this district, preached an excellent sermon in the M. E. Church last Sunday morning. The Doctor is undoubtedly one of the ablest divines in the M. E. Conference.

—Hon. I. D. Dunn honored the STANDARD office with a call Wednesday morning. Mr. Dunn is one of our stanchest republicans, and thinks the outlook exceedingly bright for an overwhelming republican victory next year.

—Postmaster James is suffering from an attack of rheumatism. He is, however, able to hobble about with the aid of a crutch. His official duties are satisfactorily performed by his worthy and efficient deputy, Arthur W. Cole.

—Hiser, the liveryman, shook the Rensselaer mud from his No. 10 brougham, Wednesday morning, and returned to his old haunts in Valparaiso, taking with him his livery outfit and Tobe Minor. The latter intends to remain in the "Vale" awhile.

—By section 4 of an act creating the statistical bureau, it is made the official duty of town trustees to collect statistics and return the same to the chief of the department. The following is the agricultural report of Marion township, Jasper county, for the year 1879, as returned by Mr. Wm. S. Coen, township trustee:

—President W. F. Lytle, of the Indianapolis and Delphi Railway, was at the former city a day or so last week looking after the interests of his enterprise. He speaks enthusiastically of the prospects for the early completion of the line. Arrangements were perfected whereby the subsidies will be raised and guaranteed in a very short time so that work may be commenced and energetically pushed when the spring opens.

—Delphi Journal.

—The honorable board of town trustees were in regular session Monday night, and in their deliberations they thought best to order the marshal to notify the parties owning property along Cullen street that unless they construct a sidewalk along their premises or said street within ten days, that he, the said marshal, do the work at said property owners' expense. The following bills were allowed: W. G. Smoot, \$25.50; Norman Warner, \$4.91; F. W. Bedford, \$8.86; Silas Scott, \$8.81.

—Homer D. Cope's rendition of the great drama, "Damon and Pythias," at Starr's Hall, last Saturday evening, was attentively listened to and highly appreciated by a large and intelligent audience. His wonderful eloquent powers captivated every auditor, and his ability to read from memory the entire five-act tragedy, and to impersonate each character in it, called forth the wonder and admiration of all his hearers. Time and space forbids a complete review of the different scenes so successfully presented by the great reader. Suffice to say, the entertainment was a rare treat to our citizens, and if repeated at some future time, Mr. Cope would undoubtedly be greeted by a much larger audience. "Uncle Daniel's Pra's" made an appropriate after-piece, and served to dry the tears that were called forth by the pathetic features of the drama.

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—We furnish our readers, this week, a twelve-column supplement containing the full text of the President's message and Secretary Sherman's report, both very valuable documents to file away for future reference. Every voter should give them a careful perusal.

—The temperance meeting announced to be held in the court house, Saturday evening last, was a failure. The absence of the president of the society, the entertainment in Starr's Hall, and quarterly meeting services with the M. E. Church, all combined to bring about the failure.

—Monday will be remembered as a remarkable day in the history of our country. Besides the convening of commissioners met in regular session, and in the evening the board of town trustees were in solemn concourse.

—Monday will probably pass through Rensselaer, on his way from Chicago to Indianapolis, were the Indianapolis and Chicago railway completed. As it is, he will go by the way of Logansport, and our citizens will not have the privilege of paying their respects to the distinguished gentleman.

—Elsewhere in these columns is a call for a meeting of the greenbackers of Jasper