

I.H. Dills, county game warden has received reports from various sections of the county about the Chinese pheasants liberated by the game officials which are very gratifying.

The reports say the birds are thriving. In many places they are kept together in coveys and in other instances they have paired off and separated from the coveys.

Ranchers and sheepherders say the birds have scattered over considerable territory, have made their nests and broods. It is estimated that each pair will raise three broods this year--The Yakima Herald, April 19, 1905.

I.H. Dills, the newly appointed game warden is bearing his newly acquired honors modestly. The salary dosen't seem to be worrying him either. To a Herald reporter Mr. Dills expressed himself thusly:

"Since my friends have seen fit to have me appointed game warden, the only office in the county without a salary. However should I catch any of them or anyone else for that matter hunting without a license or transgressing the game laws I shall endeavor to see that they hget the "limit."

"I am negotiating for another hundred ring necked Mongolian pheasants which will be turned loose in this county. The ones given their liberty about a year ago are doing nicely, in fact much better than we had looked for. I am anxious that all lovers of game birds give these birds all the protection possible and assist me in bringing to justice all violators of the game laws. If we can guard these pheasants until 1908 as the state laws specifies we shall then have a county well stocked with birds.

"I am authorized to pay a reward of \$25 to any person or persons giving information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of anyone found guilty of killing or capturing and keeping in captivity any of these pheasants. Any one desiring any of these birds and will write me I will inform him where they can hbe had for \$6 per pair." The Yakima Herald, January 11, 1905.

Pheasants

J.B. Sheller informs the Sun that a covey of Chinese pheasants have taken up their abode in a corner of his orchard. They have become so tame that he has been enabled to count forty-two young pheasants. There are, he says, five Chinese pheasant hatches yet to hear from. If all of the birds released by the county two years ago have done as well as those that are making their home in Mr. Sheller's field there will be plenty of sport for the hunters when the five year period is up in which it is unlawful to shoot the birds--Sunnyside Sun, July, 1906.

Sports

The Thurston county, Wash. commissioners, acting in conjunction with the society for the ^{protection} ~~preservation~~ and propagation of birds, has secured funds from the county game budget for the purpose of establishing a pheasant farm in that county.

F.A. Harmon, a chicken grower and fancier of Chambers Prairie, six miles from Olympia has been secured to conduct the farm and it will soon be in running order.

Six hundred eggs of the Chinese pheasant and 70 of Reeves pheasant have been purchased of a Tacoma firm at a cost of \$165. The rest of the plant will cost \$285 and it is expected that within a few years so prolific are pheasants as a race the returns from the sale of eggs from the farm will reimburse the money expended and other varieties of birds can be introduced.

While the Chinese or Mongolian pheasant has been known for some time in the Northwest and is known to be a splendid game bird, the Reeves pheasant is declared by no less an authority than Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, the surpass even the Mongolian.

Mr. Harmon has been appointed a deputy sheriff and deputy game warden for the fullest protection of the birds and he will attend to their distribution on the farms of ranchers who will promise their special attention to the birds and their protection. Many other counties have become interested in the Thurston county project and it will probably not be long before the whole northwest will be well stocked with the gamest of birds--Yakima Republic, April 29 1910.

if was still in the hands of the holders.

"C'rrell was arrested and tried before my father, J.W. Beck, who was justice of the peace. The evidence showed he shot in self-defense and was released. This occurred in the seventies when we had no court for most of the year except the justice court. A judge came from Walla Walla each fall and held court. If he had been found guilty he would have been held over until the fall term."

Billy Splawn was the leader of the company that took Chief Moses prisoner on Crab creek--The 1900 Undated clipping (about 1930) in scrapbook of Edna Mae Beck Pierce.

Sports..Horse
races. Fair

Dates for the two big running races of the Washington state fair--the Washington Derby and the Spokane Handicap--were announced Friday by Secretary John W. Pace.

The Washington Derby will be run Tuesday, September 27, over a mile and one-eighth course for a purse of \$1,000. The entries on this race are limited to three year olds or over and will be closed September 1, the horse having to be named by the 15th of the month.

The Spokane day handicap for a purse of \$500 will be run Friday September 30 over a mile course. The race has been placed on Spokane day because of the special train of Spokane businessmen which will be here on that day.

Entry conditions are the same as the Washington Derby race.

Throughout the entire week ~~there~~ three running races and two harness races will be pulled off each day at the fair except Monday. No purse for less than \$200 will be put up by the officials.

In the harness races entries from nine states and British Columbia are represented. In the four races each purse will be for \$1000. Seventy seven horses were entered before the books closed July 1.--Yakima Republic, July 29, 1910.

Sportss

J.A. Stone has four magnificent fight cocks which he recently brought over from Sumner.

One of them is a white pile, another a duck wing and the other two brown breasted reds.

Mr. Stone has eighty cocks all told and he is of the opinion that the birds will be quicker if not stronger, in this dry climate. Two of the cocks now here were winners at the recent tournament held in Seattle for Oregon, Washington and Idaho birds. Washington birds whipped the California bred cocks which 1. Joe Taylor of Portland smuggled in--Yakima Herald, March 10, 1892.

Recreation

Mr. Frank Olmstead, having leased Chappell's hall for three months, will have the skating rink open every night for the pleasure of lovers of recreation on rollers.

A supply of new skates have arrived and it is the intention to have music in abundance and to do everything necessary to add to the comfort of customers--The Washington Farmer, Dec. 6, 1884.

Sports

Tennis has only recently been introduced in Yakima, but we have a small club who have laid off grounds on Natcheez avenue.

There are only half a dozen rackets here, consequently the members are limited to that number and they are W.A. Steadman, F.T. Wilson, George Vance, F.S. Woodward, Henry Teal and L.F. Sperry.

Messrs Steadman and Wilson are expert players with the odds a little in favor of the former while between Messrs Sperry and Teal it is a toss up which is the words.

There are now over twenty horses in training for the races which will be held the third, fourth and sixth of july. The management consists of John Bartholet, president; Theodore Stone, secretary; Matt Bartholet, treasurer and S.J. Lowe, general managers.

The first day's race will consist of a quarter mile dash, a half mile dash for saddle horses and a half mile free for all; second day, trotting, mile heats, best three in five, free for all and a half mile race for Indian saddle horses; third day, trotting, mile, heats, best three in five for three minute class, running race, half mile and repeat; trotting, mile heats, best three in five, for gentlemen's buggy horses.

On the Fourth there will be a race of 100 yards that promises to be very interesting. A purse of \$50 has been hung and Ellensburgh and Roslyn promise to send over speedy men.

Yakima has several boys who can get down to 17 or 11 1-4 seconds only a second behind the best recorded time, and as they are in training diligently, the brush gives much promise.

George Guillard and Jimmy Simmons are reported the fleetest while Nye Taggart and Kinney McLeod will press them closely--

Bob Bennett is classed among those of Yakima who are most handy with their dukes and between fishing in the summer, hunting in the winter, he has allowed himself to grow somewhat rusty in boxing.

Theodore Stone is one of the best of the local jumpers and he makes it very interesting for those who compete with him, either with or without weights.

T.M. Vance's forte is a whip and he is just now cutting quite a dash with his new cart and tandem team. He is also quite proficient in handling the ribbons over four horses.

The Nestor of all snorting matters here is Marshal Ben McMurty. He can put man or beast through a course of training, can tell you history of various sporting contests, give you good advice in running, walking, wrestling and boxing or put on the gloves with the best of amateurs.

Those who have the reputation of being the best fishermen hereabouts are A.C. Walker, Will Shearer, Col. Cock, H.A. Griffin, Bob Bennett, Frank Shardlow, Will Chapman and Harry Hampton. Any of them can land a trout from a stream where there are none--to hear them tell it--Yakima Herald, June 25, 1891.

Sports

The Races on the Fourth--The races on the Fourth attracted a large crowd to the track. The first race was a trot, mile heats, three in five for a purse of \$200--\$150 to the first horse and \$50 to the second. There were three entries. Frank Young's Yakima came in ahead in the first heat but wasn't given a place on account of running. Coudell's Roan Billy won the first and fourth heats and Peirsoll's pacer, Sleepy Tom, the other three heats. Arthur Stone's Belle captured the harness hung for the winner on the gentlemen's driving race, beating the horses of G.W. Cary, J.A. Stone, H. Taylor, Dan Simmons and Mose Adams. John Stone's Maude won the second heat and took the fifteen dollar robe and whip offered to the winner of the second place.

Wrestling matches, foot races and a running race completed the list of sports--Herald, July 11, 1889.

Sports

The ways of race horses are certainly mysterious. The latest instance of this is the performance of the celebrated three year old Spokane. After winning the Kentucky and American derbys in style, he lowers his colors twice in rapid succession, once to his old opponent Proctor Knott and to the speedy California colt, Joe Courtney.

These races place the western three year-old championship in a very undecided state. As his defeats were at a mile and a mile and a quarter, while his victories were at a longer distance, it is quite probable that Spokane's forte is over a distance of ground.

Proctor Knott, on the contrary, led all the way for the first mile and a quarter in his races, and then tired and fell back.

The next meeting of the contending thoroughbreds will be in the finality states next Saturday. It will be the vehicle of immense speculation and will undoubtedly go far toward settling the vexed question of superiority--Yakima Herald, July 1st, 1980.

Sports

California will show the effects east during the season of 1890 what she can produce in the way of horseflesh, and no doubt the eastern admirers of trotters will be greatly surprised.

Charles Marvin, the famous driver, will bring a most formidable stable of trotters from California to the eastern circuit of 1890. In it will be Sunol and Palo Alto and a half dozen wonderful colts, one an Electioneer filly as fast as Sunol and, if possible, a yearling able to beat 2:30 on an eastern track.

Orrin Hickok, too, is going east with a strong stable in which will be Adonia (2:14) the wonderful racing gelding out of old Gray Lucy and a trio of trotters. John Goldsmith will be likely to come with Margaret S, Direct, "Old Leaf and Stamboul--Yakima Herald, Feb. 20, 1890.

Sports

October 9 was a great day in racing annals.

On the Terre Haute track the three fastest harness records in the world were lowered.

The Stallion, Nelson, beat Axtell's time of 2:12 with 2:11 $1-\frac{3}{4}$ and the pacer, Hal Pointer, made the fastest mile of any horse in harness and the fastest three heats. Time : 2:09 $3-\frac{4}{5}$, 2:12 $1-\frac{4}{5}$ and 2:13.--Yakima Herald, October 16., 1890.

Sports

Horses

An effort is to be made to form a racing association for central Washington and with that in view a meeting has been called for Tuesday at the city hall at which all horsemen are requested to be present.

There will be parties here from Ellensburg and Goldendale and an attempt will be made to form a stock company and purchase or lease grounds for a track.

Horsemen claim that they can make no satisfactory arrangements with S.A. Gilson and that unless grounds are secured and a new track built further efforts to make this a headquarters for racing interests must be abandoned--Yakima Herald, March 19, 1891.

A meeting of horsemen and others held Tuesday night resulted in the temporary organization effected of the "Yakima Agricultural and Blood Horse Association.

A proposition was received from S.A. Gilson for lease of his track for a period of five years and favorably considered.

A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the stock association. But a small amount of canvassing has so far been done, though the result is satisfactory, the following names to the subscription paper being a guarantee that the enterprise will be a success: J.M. Baxter, Al Whitson, Wm. Ker, Capt.

J.H. Thomas, Dr. B.M. Savage, T.C. Stone, Daniel Sinclair, W.L. Steinweg, M.G. Wills, S.J. Lowe, H.D. Cock, Dr. W.F. Morrison, R.K. Nichols, George Borfell, H.B. Scudder, Alex R. Sinclair, Matt Bartholet, Shardlow & McDaniel and W.F. Jones--Yakima Herald, March 26, 1891.

Charles Campbell of Yakima City has purchased from Mr. Alexander the thoroughbred stallion, Glen Dudley, by imported Glenelg, first dam Madame Dudley oOO by Lexington .

Glen Dudley will arrive here on the 4th instant from Hillsborough, Oregon. Mr. Campbell feels greatly elated at securing this celebrated and valuable animal and stockmen of Yakima are to be congratulated over so great an addition to the sOOOO stud of the county--Yakima Herald, April 2, 1891.

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Horses

Bangem, the horse raised by Wesley Jones and sold to Al Lillie , is said to have won ~~ne~~early every race in which he has been entered in Dakota and Minesota and cleaned up a lot of money for his owner.

About the same experience was had several years ago with Thick Neck, another Yakima horse.

Bert Parton and Joe Bartholet bought him from Billy Splawn and taking him to Walla Walla and Pendleton went broke. The animal was then sold and taken to California wher he proved a big money winner and was resold for \$10,000--Yakima Herald, February 18, 1892.

Sports

Maud S. Is no longer queen of the trotting turf. The proud position which she held so long was wrested from her and Nancy Hanks reigns supreme.

At Washington park, Chicago, August 17 in the presence of 10,000 spectators, Bud Doble drove the beautiful mare to beat her record of 2:09. She not only beat her own record but lowered the world's trotting record from 2:08 $\frac{3}{4}$, Maud S's time to 2 :07 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The mare weighed 870 pounds at the time and pulled Doble, who weighed 150 pounds and a sulky of ~~600~~ 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

Nancy Hanks, queen of the trotting turf, is a bay mare, 6 years old, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ hands high and sired by Happy Medium out of a Dictator mare- -Yakima Herald, August 25, 1892.

Racing--Historical.

The first pneumatic sulky ~~0000~~ ever used in this state was brought onto the turf at Walla Walla last week when a Washington horse cut the record of that track down to 2:20

Records however are being smashed daily and it is difficult to keep up with the procession. On the 28th at Terra Haute, Ind. Nancy Hanks trotted a mile in ~~3:00~~ 2:04 on a circular track and on the following day Mascot on the same track, made the same record in a pacing contest against time while at Evansville, Ind. Budd Dobie broke another world's record by driving Martha Wilkes in a free for all trot in 2:08--The Yakima Herald, Oct. 1888.

Sports

Horses

Bangem, the horse Al Lillie bought from W.F. Jones ran a five eighths mile race at New Orleans last week and won against a good field of horses. The time was not expecially fast as the track was heavy; but the race was hotly contested as there was lots of money in the pool, estimated at various figures all the way up to \$80,000.

Bangem is a half brother of Red Dick, one of the best California horses and he was bred in Yakima, her dam being the property of a local horse raiser. Bangem early showed short distance speed and two yers ago Mr. Jones sold him to Lillie for \$450, who took him to Minnesota where he won twenty-two out of the twenty-three races in which he was entered, being beaten once by Top Gallant, a crack California runner, who won by half a neck--Yakima Herald, Feb. 9, 1903.

Horses

William Splawn's horse Parole has been making it interesting for the short distance horses at Spokane during the past week, and in the three-eighths of a mile race he broke the world's record--Yakima Herald, July 7, 1892.

The Stimson stable of trotting horses numbering 66 arrived here this morning.

Various cities of the northwest have been striving to secure these horses, but they were finally captured by Yakima. The advantages here were too great to be overlooked and resulted in the crack stable of Illinois being brought to this point.

Among the horses were a couple of stallions valued up in the tens of thousands. They have been taken to the magnificent farm of J.R. Patton on the Abnathum--Yakima Herald, August 18, 1892.

There is an effort being made to include North Yakima in the racing circuit. It is proposed to offer purses of \$3,000 and subscriptions are now being taken with this in view.

Yakima is a natural racing center, and if we can get into the circuit the resultant advantages will have a telling effect on the general prosperity--Yakima Herald, August 18, 1892.