

# Poultry

Returning again to the subject of poultry house construction—a previous article discussed the question of location—emphasizing the importance of raising poultry on land that is well drained. High dry ground is the best, sandy soil being preferable.

One can realize how important the right selection of location is from the fact that the poultry-house does not exist that can be free from dampness if it is built on low, damp ground.

Dampness is a great menace to the health of the flock and damp poultry houses will sooner or later cause practically all the diseases to which fowls are susceptible.

It is suicidal to attempt to build a poultry house for hens without knowledge of the essentials in poultry house construction. That is why I have suggested that beginners purchase ready-built portables. Unless you are prepared to study this subject carefully and secure the required instruction before erecting a home-made structure I believe this is the only safe procedure.

Don't make the mistake of thinking you can construct a house that is better than the various types in use. Many beginners have this failing. They do not realize that the best brains of the industry have devoted years of study to this important subject and as a result have developed types of houses that represent the last word in poultry house construction.

Prof. T. E. Quisenberry, dean of the American Poultry school, is one of those to whom the poultry industry owes much for the development of advanced housing methods. It is very doubtful if there is an authority on poultry subjects who is the equal of Professor Quisenberry. This is not my view alone, but that of many of the big people of the industry as well as thousands who have become successful through following his advice. He is the originator of the Quisenberry Fool-Proof Poultry House—a house which has become quite general in use and which gives excellent results. It is simple, inexpensive to build, convenient and satisfactory.

How to Build.

Following are the plants as outlined by the writer by Professor Quisenberry: "This house is 28 feet long, 14 feet wide, 8 feet high in front and 6 feet high in the rear. Will comfortably house about 100 to 125 hens. Foundation and floor are of concrete, floor being about one foot above the level of outside ground. Distance between end and center windows is 9 feet. Center windows are 2 feet apart. Windows are placed as high up as possible in order that sun may shine clear to back of house in winter. Upper sash is hinged at top, swinging outward. Each ventilator is about 2 1/2 feet high and in length fills the space between the two windows. Slats in ventilators are about 1/2 inch set at an angle of about 45 degrees.

"Distance between slats is about 1 1/2 inches. Exits for chickens beneath end windows are 12x12 inches, with doors hinged at side, opening outward. Doors in each end are 3 1/2 feet wide and 4 feet high, hinged at top and swinging outward. Never use boards and battens on a poultry house if you can secure drop siding, ship-lap or car siding at a reasonable price.

"There is a long, narrow ventilator 6 inches wide and 8 feet long just beneath the eaves on the rear side, hinged at the top and swinging outward. It is for ventilating purposes in hot weather and is kept open only in summer. Windows should be hinged at the top and swing outward. In winter, windows must be closed and made air-tight and muslin or canvas tacked over them on the interior of the house. Each sash measures 24x26 inches; the panes measuring 10x12 inches.

"Roof is sheathed and covered with two-ply prepared roofing, all joints being rendered air-tight with waterproof tar paint. The building is divided into two equal parts by solid hoard partition running clear from floor to roof and coming within four feet of the front, thus preventing drafts.

"Droppings platform is 4 feet wide and 3 1/2 feet above the floor. Boards in droppings platform can run crosswise to facilitate cleaning. Roosts are 2x2s, rounded off at the top and nailed to 2x6s. The 2x6s merely set on droppings platform and are easily removed. Nests are set on a shelf supported by brackets just beneath the droppings platform. Water pan and feed hopper are both set on tables two feet above the floor, so that litter cannot be scratched into them and so that the entire floor is left free for scratching purposes. At least four to six inches of straw should be kept on the floor at all times.

"Where the house is intended for a small flock on a city lot, I would recommend that it be built in a single section 10, 12 or 14 feet square. For farm use build it only in sections 14 feet square, and build one or as many sections as you need to accommodate your flock."

Other Types of Houses. There are, of course, many different types of houses in use, and there are many different types from which equally good results are being obtained. Many state colleges and experimental stations have their own style of houses. I have gone into detail in regard to the Quisenberry Foolproof House because I believe it fulfills simply and effectively every requirement in the housing of fowls, and is particularly adaptable to this section of the country. It is easy to build when you understand the principle of it, and experience has proven that it is well worth building.

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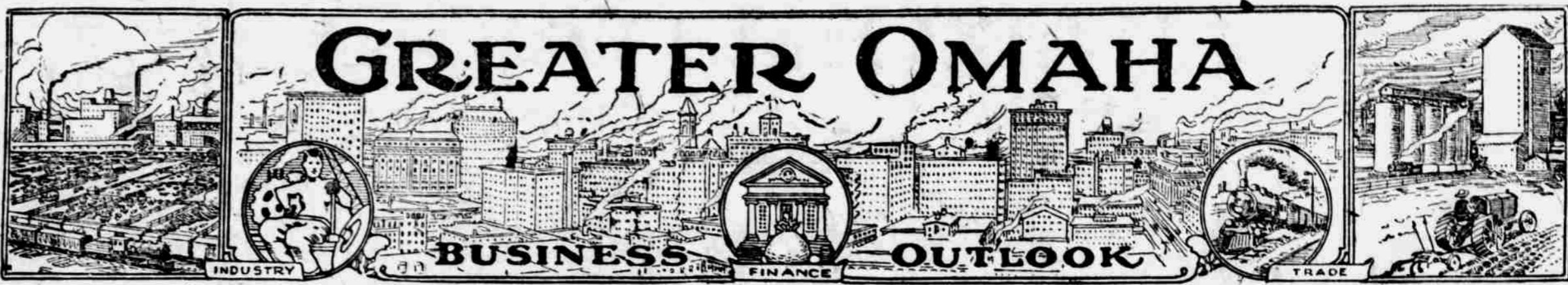
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## Why They Like Omaha

By PAUL GREER.

"I like Omaha better than the city we came from," said a woman who recently moved here. Her husband, who knew many towns, expressed a similar satisfaction with his new home.

Ask the reasons for the preference of one city over another and you cannot, nine times out of ten, find adequate answer. There are so many elements entering into the advantages and disadvantages of a city that it is hard for most of us to attempt to enumerate them.

Thinking in terms of the whole community is difficult, yet the same things that appeal to one of us most probably are the same ones that appeal to all the rest. Thus, all parents appreciate the good schools of Omaha. Everyone is attracted by the fine stores, the large stocks of goods from which to choose, and the sales. Most of us find enjoyment in the beautiful parks, and many others, in the boulevard drives and the good streets.

Enough has been said to suggest that it is not for any one thing that a city is liked or disliked, but for the sum of them all. L. N. Flint, head of the department of journalism at the University of Kansas, has designed 10 tests of a town, basing them on questions that people may ask before they decide to make it their home. Taking an inventory along the lines marked out by Mr. Flint might be a useful employment. Here are the tests as he has set them down:

- ATTRACTIVENESS.** Shall I like the town—its "atmosphere"? Does it have the beauty of shaded streets and other beautiful features? Is it a quiet, roomy, airy, well lighted town? Does it have attractive public buildings and homes? Is it well paved? Is it clean in every sense?
- HEALTHFULNESS.** Will my family and I have a reasonable chance to keep well in that town? How about its water supply? Its sanitary system? Its methods of milk inspection? Its health department? Its hospitals? Is it without any congested district?
- EDUCATION.** Can I educate my family and myself in that town? How about its public schools—present and future? Its institutions of higher education or of business training? Its libraries? Its lecture and concert courses? Its newspapers? Its postal facilities?
- PEOPLE.** Shall I like the people of the town? Are they "home folks" without false exclusiveness? Are they neighborly and friendly? Is the town free from factionalism? Does it have strong religious, fraternal, and social organizations?
- RECREATION.** Can I have a good time in that town—I and my family? How about the theaters, museums, gymnasiums, parks, etc.? Are there active agencies for providing good entertainments, athletic contests, etc.? Are inviting opportunities for pleasure drives afforded by well paved streets?
- LIVING.** Can we live reasonably and well in that town? Are the best of modern conveniences available for its residents—electricity, gas, telephones, etc.? Are the housing and shopping conditions favorable? Rents, taxes, and prices fair? Hotels good? Home and truck gardens and dairy products plentiful?
- ACCESSIBILITY.** Can we go and come easily? Does the town have adequate railroad connections and train service? Street car lines? Interurban lines? Well marked automobile routes and hard surfaced roads?
- BUSINESS.** Can I make good use of capital in that town? Are there good banking facilities? Manufacturing interests? Up-to-date stores? Good shipping facilities? Favorable labor conditions? A prosperous farming territory? Fair real estate values? Reasonably cheap power? Active co-operation among business interests?
- EMPLOYMENT.** Can I get a job in town at fair pay and with good prospects for the future? Can I count on co-operation from organizations making it their business to help introduce and establish new commercial interests and to welcome citizens?
- PROGRESSIVENESS.** Shall I find that I am in a live town having a progressive city government, active civic organizations, modern fire protection, and a pull-together spirit in everything—a town with a future? Many of these desirable qualities Omaha has, and none of them is beyond its reach. It has truly been said that a city cannot control the climate, natural scenery or historic associations, but Omaha is well enough off in all of three of these as they are. In these other matters, where Omaha falls short the civic spirit is such that the lack will not be left permanent. To claim that we have no faults would not promise the progress that inevitably must result from the admission that there are points on which we do not measure up, and setting definitely to work to improve them.

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