SUCCESSFUL POULTRY FARM IN OPERATION AT ENTERPRISE

What Theodore Throop Has Done In Establishing a Great and Growing Industry.

FLOCKS OF WHITE LEGHORNS

Average Output Is Twelve Hundred Eggs a Day—Thousand Hens to the Acre.

By D. B. Sweat.

Chickens, chickens, and then some more chickens! That expressed the condition of things found by the press correspondent on a tour of investigation to Enterprise, which is becoming noted for the successful carrying forward of the poultry business. In a recent article the statement was made that there were something likes ten successful chicken farms in this immediate section, and this writer went to see.

Enterprise is a little station on the Sanford-Titusville branch of the Florida East Coast railroad, and is the first landing for the boats of the Clyde line sailing Sanford for Jacksonville. Away back yonder before the big freeze that swept Florida in 1894 and 1895, Enterprise was a station of considerable note, she was known as a popular tourist resort in winter, home of the finest orange groves in the state were located in this section, home of Jack Frost and the freezing ice king did well their work of destruction—and the groves of the famous orange belt of Florida had been pushed further down south, while many a man

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MR. THEODORE THROOP, The Pioneer Poultryman of Enterprise.

his saw and hammer and devote all his time to his farm.

The correspondent called first on this pioneer of the poultry business. He is a well-preserved man of 65 years, and attributes his accumulation of money to a long time. He reasons that he has had little to worry him, has regular habits, uses no sort of intoxicants, therefore why should he not live a long time?

Mr. Throop has a tract of five acres of land about half a mile from the route on a trunk patch, the truck farm being the principal one on station. The fertilizer for the truck comes from the poultry farm, and in addition to the amount needed for this purpose he sells five or six tons a month at $12 per ton.

Within the enclosure of the other two acres Mr. Throop has built a house, modeled by beautifully shaded grounds, cooling it as that spot is cool, and it was made the 19th thousand of dollars.

ALL WHITE CHICKENS

The chickens found at the Throop poultry farm are white, all white, the fully generally believing that the White Leghorns are good enough for him. They are the best layers, according to his lines, and the eggs are the thing he is after.

It is interesting to hear Mr. Throop tell his early experiences. Many an hour downs are recalled before he got started on a satisfactory basis, and he wonders he affirms the man who has not got into a state of mind to give a contending in the poultry business. Once years ago in Kansas he found the egg market glutted, and he on the ground with 20 boxes. The best price he was offered for the best fruit was 8 cents a dozen. A friend of the finally consented to take them in hand and ship them off, and in this way to get a little more than the offered sixteen a dozen. At another time he shipped twenty-five cases to Palm Beach. He was called on for a bill for storage charges, and finally had to pay a man to haul the entire lot of eggs.

LARGE EGG CONTRACTS.

For seven or years Mr. Throop has had large contracts for eggs and the average price now is 25 cents per dozen. The 3 more than half of the eggs from this farm, and the balance is disposed of to the best advantage. At times they sell as high as 40 cents per dozen to the wholesale for eggs especially selected for setting purposes sell at $1 a hundred. This only of the trade is comfortable. The broiler trade is also no little item. The little roasters and the imperfect pullets are not desired as layers are sold as broilers. These go at 35 cents a pound. After two seasons the hens are sold to those desiring choice stock for breeding purposes. The birds are fine for that purpose, but not valuable as layers. These sell at $1 a piece. On this domain, Mr. Throop paid $10 for a single rooster.

BETTER THAN CELERY OR ORANGES.

Mr. Throop is of the opinion that he has something better than celery growing or orange groves, and much less trouble attends. "I don't want anything better than this," he said. "I've got over my antipathy for orange growing and celery raising. All I have to hire is one cheap negro and I do all the rest myself. I'm not afraid to work a little, and I can do it with my own hands. I don't need to hire anybody to help me. I don't need to pay anybody for my labor. I don't need to pay anybody for my land. I don't need to pay anybody for my fertilizer. I don't need to pay anybody for my seed. I don't need to pay anybody for my water. I don't need to pay anybody for my stock. I don't need to pay anybody for my feed. I don't need to pay anybody for my shade. I don't need to pay anybody for my protection. I have made it pay people to come to me. I have made it pay people to come to me that there was a crowd do it. I have made it pay people to come to me to give advice relative to my business. I have made it pay people to come to me that a man has not a lot of gab to would do well to stay out of the poultry business.

THOUSAND HENS ON AN ACRE.

Mr. Throop says that an acre of ground is ample space for 1,000 hens. His yards are both 100 feet, with a house in each 12 feet long, large enough to accommodate 500 hens. The houses are three a year in shape, the yards and houses having same the exact space which they were moved.

MOSQUITOES, TOMCATS AND OWLS.

It is not enough to know how to do some about this stock, for the rule of chanceous is constantly changing, and the conditions are used rather than remedies. At the first sign of disease some action is taken, and in that way the fowls are all a fine body in a healthy condition. The mosquitoes is charged with much of the disease of chickens, and a constant fight is made on this troublesome pest. Rats are also a great cause of disease by the fowls taking root. Mr. Throop says he knows that the rats are killing a chicken sick with roup and then eat it for a well fowl and in this way the poison, producing sickness. That is the reason why he advises the purchaser of chickens never to buy roup.

Tomcats are the animals used to give a great deal of trouble, and at one time Mr. Throop had as far as possible the tomcats from the premises. He was so stricken out from the top of the chicken house, and they would go in the varmints in and inside. One season midnight prowlers were caught at the farm. Owls also give trouble, but they have been caught in the yard in the traps. These are placed on poles about the premises, and as the owl sees first and a footing before it can pounce upon the chickens it is the most cowardly bird in the world for it is light in the trap. Eight or nine of these night birds have been trapped in a season.

FIVE THOUSAND ON THE YARD.

As the press representative ventured out upon the large flocks of white birds, he asked how many were in the lot, and Mr. Throop replied that at present his stock was not quite so large as had between 4,000 and 5,000, but ordinarily he had 5,000. He has now about 1,100 laying hens in the yard. These average 150 eggs per year apiece. Figure a little, if you care to, and you will find that these 1,100 hens yield an average of 165,000 eggs a year. This is 3,300 dozen. Calculate these at 25 cents per dozen, and the amount is a neat little sum, something like $825.00.

PLANTING RATHER THAN THE HOE.

"Hens cannot produce eggs unless they have plenty of shade with which to make the egg shell," said the chicken man. "Fortunately I have a shell mound on my place, and am therefore able to give my hens an unlimited supply of shell at no expense.

"Then, the hens should have a well-balanced ration, continued Mr. Throop, and I can do no better than to give you one days program in the feeding of my flock. In the morning they get a little green, followed by pounded (spread) oats or grass stuff about 8 o'clock. The last meal for the day is heavy feed, consisting of a mash made of ground corn, oats, bran, shorts and granulated meat or beef scraps, ground meat, crushed bone, alfalfa meal, charcoal dust and cut green feed. This nourishing food is designed and called eligible, although care must be taken not to put in too much salt. After distributing this I then give the hens a second course, which is of oats, wheat and corn, as much as they will eat, about one-fourth of the feed is corn. This daily feeding program is the result of years of patient experimenting, and I am convinced that I have found the best combination to force egg production. The cuttings must be in abundance of clean, fresh water to drink whenever they wish it, and everything must be kept clean and healthy."

OTHER SUCCESSFUL CHICKEN RAISERS.

Other parties are engaging in the poultry business on a smaller scale at Enterprise, and, following in the footsteps of the pioneer, they are having fair success. John Tuttle has 60 on the head; Harry Tuttle 50 or 60; E. A. Cartwright 60 or 65; Fred Gordon, 40; Burns, C. F. Hawk and some others have in the neighborhood of 50 head each. The Methodist Orphanage has in the neighborhood of 100, and the Epworth Training school people expect to engage in poultry raising on the one feature of their industrial work.

With over 4,000 head of chickens about the little place called Enterprise, no wonder the people are more or less bound their prosperity, and all are ready to proclaim the poultry industry.

As an evidence of his signal success and growing fame as a poultry raiser, Mr. Throop is selling among other varieties a new Ford automobile, just added to his equipment.

RUNNING FOR MAYOR.

Waycross, Ga., Sept. 16.—Allen S. Mobley, a former resident of the Fifth ward, and well known in this section, is the fifth entry in the race for mayor of Waycross, the announcement being made today that he will run. Besides

VIEW OF THROOP'S POULTRY FARM, SHOWING SOME OF HIS HOUSES.

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WARRANTY DEEDS

Maxville Farm and Development Company to B. K. Buck, lots 1 2 and 3 in block 37, Maxville.

Grand Boulevard Investment Company to J. A. J. and Clyde Strickland, lot 4 in block 1, Grand Boulevard.

Jacksonville Development Company to J. H. Black, lot 13 in block 12, Grand Park.

Jacksonville Development Company to J. F. Allen Furniture Company, lots 17 and 18 in block 34, Murray Hill Heights.

G. B. Williams and wife, Lucy A. Williams, to W. H. Thompson, part of lot 14, West Greenpoint.

Sarah E. Arnson to Mary M. Heath, lot 12 in block 146, Willowbrook division, Springfield.

Indian River Association, Ltd., to Guinnee E. Skinner, part of lot 2 in block 40, Riverside.

George W. Barber and wife, Keziah Barber, to Walter C. Worrington, lot 12 in block 2, Barber's addition.

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German-American Doctors, 118 W. Adams, Jacksonville, Fla. Second floor from C. H.

After talking over her case for a time with the Chief Specialists and answering numerous questions as to her condition, she was assured that her's was not a serious trouble, and was given some medicine and instructions as to its use. A few days later the mother and daughter appeared again and exhibited an enormous tapeworm which had been removed from the young lady. Put yourself in her place for a moment. On the verge of the operating table, when she was rescued to find that the knife would not have cured her. She was cured easily and with no inconvenience.

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