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## TO WAGE WAR ON RODENTS

### United States Government Tries to Exterminate Gophers, Rats and Mice.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—Those small but excessively active animals, the rats, the mice, the gophers, the rabbits, the ground squirrels and the like are giving "your Uncle Sam" an amount of worry and expense out of all proportion to their size.

So enormous is the amount of the devastation by these animals that Secretary Wilson is much impressed by it and is giving every possible encouragement to the destruction of the pests. It is probable that the rat is the leader of the whole tribe in the amount of the loss that he causes.

Within a year or so efforts have been made by the department of agriculture to ascertain the approximate damage done by rats in the cities of Washington and Baltimore. Many business men were interviewed, including dealers in all kinds of merchandise, feeders of horses, managers of hotels and restaurants, and manufacturers. Data were obtained from about 600 firms and individuals, from which it was estimated that the annual loss from rats in Washington amounted to \$400,000, and in Baltimore to about \$700,000. Assuming, as is probable, that similar conditions obtain in all cities of over 100,000 inhabitants, the damage by rats in these centers of population entails a direct loss of \$20,000,000 annually. This does not begin to reach the total loss inflicted throughout the entire country.

### Extermination Planned.

Thus far the efforts to exterminate the rat have not proved successful. The attempts to find the bacterial cultures of some disease that will destroy the rate in wholesale quantities have not proven successful. The disease produced by the various cultures that have been developed has not proven sufficiently contagious. The rat continues to excite grave apprehension because of its agency in distributing the plague and other diseases. The public health and marine hospital service has prosecuted an active war against these rodents and large sums have been expended. No one method has proven adequate and only by concerted, systematic and persistent efforts has it been possible to keep the numbers of the rats down. The rat-proof construction of buildings, the constant use of traps and the use of poisons have done the most good thus far.

Mice are not far behind rats in their capacity for destruction of property. Losses by field mice have proven a steady drain on the resources of American farmers and nurserymen and occasionally, over limited areas, the damage has been so great as to attract attention. The remarkable invasions of mice in the Humboldt Valley in Nevada the past year have excited wide notice, 15,000 acres were a total loss. On some ranches, the number of field mice reached the astonishing number of 12,000 to the acre, through the efforts of experts of the biological survey, great numbers of the mice were destroyed by systematic poisoning by sulphate of strychnine on chopped green alfalfa. By means of the concerted efforts of the farmers of the valley, using methods devised by the biological survey, the number of mice was so greatly reduced that the hawks, owls, gulls, herons, ravens, crows, badgers, weasels, foxes and snakes, which yearly assembled and killed at least 45,000 mice a day, were able to take care of the remainder and prevent them from doing serious damage.

### Gophers Are Pests.

According to Secretary Wilson, the matter of repressing field mice assumes more than local importance in view of the magnitude of the irrigation projects now under way in the west, all of which are inhabited by field mice and await only a favorable season to begin their work.

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## SEND MEN TO BURNS MEETING

### Chambers of Commerce to Select Delegates to Booster Convention.

Meetings of the Marshfield and North Bend Chambers of Commerce or a joint meeting of the two will probably be called within a week in order to arrange to send a delegation to the Oregon-Idaho Development congress at Burns, July 1 and 2. It is highly important that Coos Bay be represented at this meeting as under the schedule of meetings arranged last winter, the August meeting of the body is to be held on Coos Bay. Under these circumstances, local boosters believe that a delegation should be sent to Burns to present Coos Bay's invitation for the meeting.

The Oregon-Idaho Development Congress was really fathered by the Coos Bay Chambers of Commerce and two of its principal objects are the development of Coos Bay harbor and the construction of a railroad eastward from Coos Bay. With the survey for the railway well under way and a possibility that the line through Central Oregon from here will be a state-aided project, the Oregon-Idaho Development congress can accomplish much towards securing the aid of the voters of the state in carrying out such a project which would be highly beneficial to Coos Bay as well as to the territory it would tap.

If possible, one delegate from Marshfield and one from North Bend will be sent to the Burns meeting.

## LUMBERMEN HAVE A DAY

### Loggers and Mill Men Arrange for Special Program at Seattle Fair.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 14.—Lumbermen and loggers day at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition has been set for July 3. Mill owners throughout Washington, Montana, Idaho, California and British Columbia will close the mills for a week so their employes may have an opportunity to visit the fair.

Besides the special features planned by the management of the exposition the loggers will provide one of the most interesting programmes of the month. There will be log rolling contests, foot races, tugs of war, log-sawing contests and other events of an interesting character both to loggers and visitors to the exposition.

The huge Forestry building with its wonderful exhibits of the game, fish and timbers of Washington will be of special interest to the lumbermen and loggers, as will the timber plant and other features.

Lumbermen throughout Washington are making big preparations for their day at the exposition and it is expected that thousands of loggers and mill employes generally will be attracted to Seattle Saturday, July 3. Sunday, July 4 will be another day in the exposition period full of interest and excitement.

### NO TELEGRAPH TODAY.

### Western Union Wires Down Between Here and Roseburg.

Coos Bay has been without telegraph service for the past twenty-four hours, the Western Union line having gone down between here and Roseburg early today. Manager Schetter says that the crippled service is due to workmen along the Coos Bay wagon road felling trees on it while improving the highway.

In consequence of this, The Times was unable to secure its regular Associated Press report today.

A first class Sewing Machine for \$20 at MILNER'S.

## B STREET LOT CASE UP AGAIN

### CITY WARRANT FOR PAYMENT OF PART OF COST IS RETURNED BY CLERK OF FEDERAL COURT—HEARING NEXT MONDAY.

City Recorder Butler has received the warrant for \$7,500 which the city council ordered drawn for the payment of the city's portion of the price of the 'B' street lot to open up Commercial Avenue to the waterfront. It was returned to him by the clerk of the federal court at Portland.

## SHOOTING AT NORTH BEND

### BARTENDER RHODES OF THE SHERMAN SALOON, WOUNDS MONTGOMERY IN FRACAS AT FORMER'S HOME.

North Bend is agog today over a shooting scrape last night, the particulars of which are being kept as secret as possible. Bartender Rhodes of the Sherman saloon went home last evening and is alleged to have found another North Bend man by the name of Montgomery calling on his wife. Trouble followed, a bullet landing in Montgomery's arm.

A couple of arrests were made and Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist of Coquille, called over. Neither Mr. Liljeqvist or Chief Caffray of North Bend, could be reached this afternoon.

Montgomery's wound is slight.

## CLAIM WOMEN LIKE FRIGHT

### Scores of Femininity Take In the Thrilling Stunts of the Exposition.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 15.—Does the average American woman like to be frightened?

The concessionaires who are making the most money on the Seattle pay streak maintain that she does. The daily crowds of femininity that crowd the "scarey" attractions of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition's amusement highway seem to bear them out. The sudden dips, the sharp corners that take the breath away, the cars that travel at break-neck speed, the floors that shake and hump under the victim's feet, the perilous-seeming swings that suspend occupants dizzily in the air, and like sensations are proving more popular with the fair sex than with their escorts. The women scream and say "it was horrid," but are easily induced to go a second time and often a third.

There is much that has the necessary thrill at the Seattle fair. L. A. Thompson's long scenic railway—the largest he has ever constructed—whips its passengers at a terrific pace around corners and down into great dips that yawn fearfully as they are approached. There are brakes on the cars, however, and regular inspection makes the ride absolutely safe.

The Ticker whirls its occupants about in a tub, and many a woman has lost a puff or the Greek effect from her carefully prepared head-dress; but still the sex flocks to ride here. The Human Laundry makes one think he is about to be mangled and pressed into the flatness of a newly laundered collar, and the Foolish House jars every fibre besides removing one's dignity. The Vacuum Tube shoots subway cars at a rate of two miles a minute and is accompanied by an unearthly din. The Haunted Swing is breath-taking and a good imitation of the proper way to get sea-sick, but how the fair ones like it.

land. The latter deposited it with a Portland bank who forwarded it here for collection. It was returned marked "Not paid for lack of funds," there being no cash in the general fund on which it was drawn. Judge Wolverton has set a hearing for next Monday in Portland to finally dispose of the case. Judge Goss will represent the C. A. Smith Company and J. W. Snover the city at this hearing.

The city council will probably take the matter up this evening and decide what shall be done in the matter.

## POWERS' NEW LAUNCH HERE

### General II With Speed of Twenty-Six Miles Per Hour Given Tryout.

A. H. Powers' new speed boat, the General II, was given its first tryout in Coos Bay waters last evening and attracted a large crowd. The new boat was by far the speediest ever seen here and even then was not going at anywhere near full speed, running between eighteen and twenty miles per hour. She did not have her speed crank on with which she can maintain a speed of over twenty-six miles per hour in good water. A. H. Powers, G. A. Brown, J. D. Goss and A. Meehan enjoyed the first trips in her last evening.

The General II is only about thirty feet long with a four-foot eight-inch beam. She is equipped with thirty-five horse power engines.

With the exception of the Konocti, Prentis N. Gray's speed boat, the General II, is by far the fastest craft on the Pacific coast. It is a stand off between the Konocti and General II, each having one victory to its credit. Mr. Gray's boat is about forty-eight feet long and has about seventy-five horse power engines.

Mr. Gray expects to take his boat to Seattle for some exhibition races during the exposition. The exhibition officials have been trying to get Mr. Powers to take the General II there and compete with her, but it is not likely that he will. However, it is possible that Mr. Gray will bring the Konocti here on the return trip from Seattle and if he does, it is likely that a race will be pulled off on Coos Bay. Motor boat admirers here are highly desirous of it and it will probably be arranged.

### CROW WAS THIEF.

### Bird Found Guilty of Crimes Charged Servants.

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 15.—A mystery which has for years baffled the family of Alexander Vanderson and the officials of the town of Rockport, Ky., was cleared up this week, and as a result several servants against whom the finger of suspicion had pointed have been completely exonerated of theft and a pet crow is known to be the guilty party.

For several years the Vanderson family had been missing articles of jewelry and other valuables, but no tangible clue could be obtained to warrant an arrest, and only the discharge of a servant was the outcome.

Saturday, however, Miss Margaret Vanderson, while sitting in her room, saw the crow fly in the open window and light on the dresser. Within a few minutes she saw him fly out again with something shining in his bill. This aroused her suspicions and she notified her father, who obtained a ladder and climbed to the nest of the crow in a near-by tree. The nest was found to be a depository for all of the missing articles of value, there being altogether thirty-eight different articles which had been taken from the Vanderson home and also the homes of some of the neighbors. Among them was a brooch, a \$20 gold piece, a \$10 bill, three rings and two watches.

The crow has been placed in a cage, where he will reside until death overtakes him.

## MANY LEAVE ON ALLIANCE

### Steamship Sails For Portland This Afternoon With Good Cargo.

The Alliance sailed for Portland this afternoon with a good cargo of miscellaneous freight and a good sized passenger list. Geo. D. Gray, principal owner of the Alliance who has been spending the past week on the Bay, will sail for San Francisco on the Nann Smith tomorrow, probably. Mr. Gray is very highly pleased with the prospects for Coos Bay's rapid development and says that so far as he and his company are concerned, they will keep abreast of any development that may come.

Among those who sailed on the Alliance this morning were:

P. J. Raabe, Mrs. Maggie Brown, W. E. Beers, J. T. Davis, W. Anderson, W. S. Hamilton, G. M. Paulson and wife, C. F. Wagner, W. A. Newman, Mrs. Josephson, Miss Josephson, Tom Mipot, Chas. Merchand, G. G. Reddick, Geo. Ross, M. Dunn, J. T. Harrigan, J. H. Somers, O. O. Schetto, O. D. Spielde.

Among those who sailed from North Bend on the Alliance were:

J. A. Kranick, Gladys Kranick, Nellie Kranick, H. G. Imhoff, Mrs. Hacker, Mrs. M. Rhodes, Allen Laminski, C. C. Kendig, Emma Kendig, Violet Kendig, Robert Kendig, George Kendig, Mrs. Emery, J. N. Nye, Joe Postell.

The M. F. Plant arrived in late last evening after a rather rough trip up the coast, having encountered heavy winds during the early part of the voyage. She had a fair passenger list and a good cargo of miscellaneous freight.

The M. F. Plant will sail at 6 o'clock this evening for San Francisco.

Among those who arrived on her were the following:

L. J. Simpson, E. J. Hermada, Mrs. Brainard, Blain Brainard, Mrs. Jno. S. Hume, Jno. E. Boquet, D. W. McLaughlin, Jno. Hodge, Mrs. Hodge, Miss F. R. Radehoff, A. E. Kruse, Jean Casson, J. A. Bernstein, M. A. Simpson, W. J. Gibson, C. E. Ellingson, Theo. Bradley, Miss Bradley, L. Bridges, H. A. Sully, E. Casson, Mrs. Casson, Pete Casson, E. Barney and eighteen steerage.

## RODE BICYCLES TO COOS BAY

### G. M. Paulson and Wife Arrive Here From Spokane, Wash.

After an auto trip of several hundred miles from Spokane, Wash., to Coos Bay, G. M. Paulson and wife of Spokane, decided that they had sufficient wheeling and today left for home on the steamer Alliance. They arrived here yesterday, having ridden in from Roseburg over the Coos Bay wagon road.

According to the story they told Agent H. W. Skinner, they had started out with the expectancy of making the trip through Washington, Oregon on their bicycles for a summer outing. They had heard much of the scenery along the road to Coos Bay and at Roseburg they started this way. They were pretty tired; their bicycles pretty well worn and in fact they were almost ready to give up the trip. After the hard ride over the mountain road to Coos Bay, they decided they had sufficient outing for this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paulson are a young couple and both are very fond of outdoor sports and life.

FURNITURE FOR SALE—Nearly new, must be sold at once. Apply cottage across from Presbyterian church.

Wind Mills, Pumps, Rams and all fixtures at MILNER'S.

## TEST CASE IS SUBMITTED

### Expert Early Decision In Port of Coos Bay Litigation.

The hearing of the test case to determine the validity of the Port of Coos Bay was completed before Judge J. S. Coke at Coquille yesterday. This morning, the attorneys in the case filed some briefs and a decision will probably be forthcoming soon.

Judge Coke has to leave for Curry county the latter part of this week to hold a term of circuit court there but he stated this morning that he would endeavor to hand down an opinion in the port commission case before his departure. The various phases of the test case were gone into pretty thoroughly yesterday, so that it will be thoroughly threshed out by the time the Oregon Supreme Court passes on it, the intention being to appeal from Judge Coke's decision regardless of who it will be in favor of.

At yesterday's hearing, R. E. Shine, manager of the Southern Oregon Company, accompanied by Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist, were attentive listeners. Later Mr. Liljeqvist asked for briefs of the case, intimating that the Southern Oregon Company either intends to enter the present suit or to institute proceedings on its own behalf attacking the law.

### DRANK KEG OF BEER A DAY.

DELAWARE, Ohio, June 15.—Can a man drink between eight and nine gallons of beer a day for seventeen days and still live to tell the story?

This question is bothering Delaware officers in charge of the prosecution of the case against Patsy McCarthy, a former saloon man, charged with selling beer in a "dry" town.

The records of the Big Four railroad, produced in court, showed that McCarthy had had shipped to him 144 gallons of beer between April 1 and 17, at which time a raid was made on his place and no beer found.

In court McCarthy testified that he had personally consumed all this beer.

## GIRLS DANCE TO BE HUGGED

### Hoosier Preacher Is Hard Toward Devotees of Terpsichore In a Sermon.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., June 15.—Following the statement he made during his sermon Sunday that "society in this city is rotten," the Rev. J. Frederick Rake, pastor of the First Baptist church of Crawfordsville, in a signed interview says the ballroom is responsible for much that is deplorable in society. "Girls go to the ballroom because they like to be hugged," he declares. "Announce a dance for girls only and how many would be there?" he asks. "The dance is a public silliness," he continues. "When people are a failure in their head they try to develop their feet. The ballroom is silly and dancing is simply hugging to music."

### HOWARD WAS "IT"

LOCKPORT, N. Y., June 15.—Howard Wilcox, although 60 years old, met death today while playing hide and seek with several children. He was "it" and had selected the box stall of a livery stable, where there was a horse for a hiding place. The horse kicked him in the forehead, laying open his scalp, so that his brain was oozing out. The man laid in the stall an hour before he was found, and during that time the horse trampled upon him until he was dead.