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SCHOOL BONDS BEFORE VOTERS

NORTH POWDER TAXPAYERS PROMOTE
Jackrabbits Die in Great Numbers—Other News Items

North Powder, Or., Mar. 5.—Cold windy weather with occasional snow flurries to vary the monotony continue. It seems as if Spring is as far away as ever. Farmers will not be able to get to plowing for sometime yet. However the ground will be in fine shape when they do begin and seed will not be long in coming when once it is planted.

North Powder had a meeting last Saturday to consider voting bonds for a \$25,000.00 school house. The sentiment seemed to be in favor of it and notices were posted for the election. It is to be hoped that this proposition will not be voted down as the waterworks has been two or three times. It does not pay to be conservative on some things and schools and water are two of those things. The Powder schools are not just what they should be for a town of its size and there has already been enough losses by fire to pay for waterworks. If those who are opposed to those things were the only ones to suffer it would not be so bad, but all have to bear the burden imposed by a few who are afraid of a few cents of taxes. "Come, Mr. Taxpayer, let's have a new school house worthy of a town the size of North Powder and let the outside world know that we can at least have good schools," said one resident this morning.

Herman White, Ellis Hess and Chas. Law attended the "Rubber Game" pulled off between Union and La Grande at Union on Wednesday, March 1st. They did not get to Union until late owing to their train being late but got there to see most of the game which they report as being fast and furious. La Grande came off victor.

Dr. Hall of La Grande was a professional visitor to North Powder on Mar. 1st.

It is reported by many of the ranchers that there are very few rabbits now as to what there were some weeks ago. It is thought that the heavy snow sometime ago has killed them off or that they got into holes and starved to death. Anyway there is a noticeable falling-off at their former haunts. This is good news to the farmer as the rabbits form one of the worst pests in this vicinity. The ground squirrels are next and many think that the excessive moisture in the ground this Spring is killing them off. If this is true this will be a banner crop year for North Powder and vicinity.

Homer Bidwell has been helping Mr. Carlisle of Oklahoma, buy a car load of horses.

Mr. Todd shipped out a car of horses to Portland last Saturday. He has been buying for several days in Powder.

Now Is The Time To Fertilize Lawns

Washington D. C., March, 3.—Home owners who wish to get the best results from their lawns should begin to work on them the last of February or early in March, according to the lawn specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Too many people delay giving any attention to their grass plots until the weather becomes warm and thus lose an opportunity to take advantage of melting snow and the alternate night freezing and thawing of the ground.

If the ground has not already been fertilized, some form of commercial fertilizer should be used at once. Manure applied this late will not be effective in most cases. Ground bone is probably the best fertilizer to use, although tankage and fish scraps, some of which, however, have an unpleasant smell also give good results. Prepared sheep manure is an excellent fertilizer for use at this season. Cottonseed meal when obtainable at a low enough price may be used to advantage. In connection with these fertilizers, however, it is desirable to use some wood ashes or other fertilizer containing potash. As fertilizers with this element are unusually high priced this year, the natural inclination will be to use minimum quantities. With the soils that have been well fertilized in the past, failure to use a normal amount will probably not affect the lawn in one season. These fertilizers should be applied at the earliest possible moment.

Temptation to get on the lawn and clean it up as soon as the weather begins to settle is strong. Impatience,

however, should be curbed until the ground is settled fairly well so that footmarks will not show in the turf. Where a lawn has been trampled down during the winter or played upon when it was soft in winter or early spring, the owner should take steps to compact its surface at the earliest possible moment. This compacting, however, should not be done until all trash has been removed. As soon as the ground is sufficiently settled so that a rake does not dig into the turf the owner should rake it gently with a wooden toothed rake. Frequently, however, all that is necessary is to pick off the litter. If a lawn has been covered with manure in the fall, it will be necessary to break the manure up in the spring, and remove some of the coarser portions. A wooden rake is best for this purpose, as it will leave so much more of the fine material on the ground.

Do not rake off so much of the manure that the lawn will have a perfectly clean appearance. All of the fine manure that the summer growth of grass can possibly hide should be left. It is surprising how much litter the grass will cover on a lawn, as one or two heavy rains will beat down a quantity of such material.

Before the freezing weather is entirely over, fresh grass seed should be sown, for it must be remembered that only by repeated application of grass seed will a lawn be produced. The ordinary seeding of grass on a new lawn is 1 pound of seed to every 400 square feet—that is, to a piece 20 feet square. For reseeding a lawn, one-tenth to one-half of this quantity should be used according to the condition of the lawn at the time. For the northern part of the United States Kentucky bluegrass and redtop should be used. However, where there are many bare spaces it will be found that it is well to use some white clover. About one-tenth the quantity of clover or of the other grasses mentioned will be required.

Probably as good a time as any to apply grass seed is some morning when the ground is frozen so that when the ground thaws during the middle of the day the sown seed will be covered sufficiently to germinate well. The most successful seeding is that done while the ground is freezing a little each night and thawing again in the day time. Many people have success in sowing grass seed upon a light snow-fall at a time when the snow is likely to melt soon. With either of these methods there is danger that birds will eat it before it is covered in the soil. In spite of this, however, there is a better chance of getting a good lawn by these methods than when the seed is sown on land that will not quickly cover it.

The least operation in the preliminary spring care of a lawn is to give it a good rolling. This rolling, which should be done with as heavy a roller as can be handled, should not be begun until the lawn is dry enough so that skinking at any point below the general level. If the land is too wet the roller will leave depressions. This rolling should be done as soon as the land is dry enough to permit it, as rolling compacts the soil about the roots of the plants, brings them into closer contact with the soil, and gives them a better opportunity to make a quick start as soon as weather conditions are favorable.

Grass cutting should begin just as soon as the lawn mower can get a good hold. The very early cutting may be made with the lawn mower set close to the ground. As soon as the growth of grass becomes a little less vigorous, the mower should be set just as high as possible. This high cutting should be done as frequently as though the grass were being cut shorter.

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