

Treated Like Beasts by Men, the Nushagak Women Still Live in The Stone Age



The Life of an Average Dog is Elevated in Comparison with That of Woman in Certain Parts of The Far North

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Nushagak, Alaska, Jan. 15.—The native women here cobbles with their teeth.

It is the height of hospitality for the "barabara" hostess to chew a visitor's moose skin mukluks into shape and pliability while he rests his weary feet.

The character of this attention can only be appreciated by those who know how these mukluks are tanned. It can't be written. And the rest of the west Alaska native woman's life is on a par with this lowly service to strangers.

their sex has been but little bettered since the stone age should visit their heavy-featured sisters here who still dwell in that age.

The life of the average dog is elevated in comparison!

Even the fathers, husbands and brothers prefer club life to home association with their women.

Every village has its "ka-jeen" where the men work, eat and sleep—the married men as well as bachelors and older boys. It is the smoking room, council chamber, court, theater and club.

The woman is the beast of burden as well as the chief bread-winner. She gathers the berries, catches and prepares the fish, spans the children and makes the clothes and footwear for the family.

Then, when she thinks she has earned it, the woman goes to the cache where last year's fish have been "ripened" and regales herself on what the natives here regard as the choicest tit-bit, but from which a self-respecting dog would flee in horror.

That is the pinnacle of her joys. Her routine of conduct and service falls to levels so repulsively low that they cannot even be hinted at here.

If you ever doubt that the world "do move" forward just come north to these flat tundra lands and spend a day as the barabara guest of a folk still wallowing in the dirt age.

Federal Farm Loan Association Formed

Farmers of Prineville Organize. Elect Officers and Apply for Territory in What May Become County of Crook.

Prineville, Or., Jan. 15.—Prineville now has a federal farm loan association. About 15 of the local farmers met a few days ago and organized an association, electing the following officers: E. T. Station, president; M. R.

Biggs, vice president, and J. P. Doherty, secretary treasurer, W. I. Dickman, George J. Dickson and G. W. committee.

They will arrange a schedule of valuations that will be referred to the federal commission as a basis for the consideration of loan that may be desired by any of the farmers who wish to take advantage of the federal farm loan act.

The territory that the association county if Deschutes county is successful has applied for is what will be Crook in securing the division voted at the last election.

Rodent Control Is U. S. Bureau Problem

Biological Survey and County Agents Unite to Exterminate Omnivorous Pests—One County Lost \$75,000 One Year.

It's time for the frisky rabbit and busy ground squirrel to hunt their covers. No less distinguished personages than highly specialized scientists of the United States biological survey and the county agents of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service, are after their scalps, pelts and mischievous little lives.

The work of rodent control has already been under way with some startling results and will now be coordinated to increase its effectiveness. Farmers in the counties infested by the gnawing pests are joining hands with the federal and college men to combat them, demanding the greatest number of lives for the least amount of money.

R. A. Ward, of the United States bureau of biological survey now in charge of the work in jackrabbit and ground squirrel control in Oregon, working with the county agricultural agent, has concluded a campaign in Crook county which resulted in the killing of 75,000 rabbits last year, at a cost of about \$700. It is estimated that if the rabbits had lived and effected the normal increase they would reach the enormous total of 600,000 this coming year.

The loss in a single Central Oregon county last year due to jackrabbits was about \$75,000, while in Crook county the farmers had the pleasure of seeing more than this sum roll away to market on wheels instead of going into the stomachs of the omnivorous rabbits. With County Agent Blanchard, Mr. Ward held 18 meetings in Crook county recently, where the clubs organized expressed the intention of continuing their campaign.

Poison is the weapon used. It is mixed by a specially trained mixer, and applied under the direction of experts so that in no way it endangers the lives of domestic animals and birds.

Ye Have Always With Ye

Considering the number of job-hunters in Salem at the present time, we ought to be hearing of a labor scarcity in other parts of the state.—Eugene Register.

The West and the War

Gertrude Atherton's structures on the West, as not being sufficiently interested in the war, have aroused a storm of indignation and at the same time have served to bring out the facts. The West in general resents the imputation that it isn't intelligently aware of the vital issues at stake, and isn't concerned with relieving the suffering the war has brought to Europe. The people of the prairies, mountains and coast states, being as wide-awake as any part of the nation, know well enough what is going on.

An eastern man, after spending eight months in California, says the attitude of the Pacific Coast is as follows:

"The country beyond the Rockies is 7,000 miles from the European disturbance, and its echoes are correspondingly dim. The newspapers do not print the war news so fully as the eastern papers do; and so, while readers there are given all the important facts, they miss much of the color. There is not a constant stream of arrivals from Europe reaching the West and quickening interest and sympathy

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