

EXTERMINATION OF THE RABBIT

**M. J. Sinnott Presents Method
Whereby Pests May Be
Destroyed**

**EXPERTS TELL ABOUT
THE WAY TO DO IT**

**The United States Department
of Agriculture Gives Exhaustive
Description for Ridding
Central Oregon of Rabbits**

Congressman N. J. Sinnott sends in the following, which will be of interest to farmers in this section of the state:

Having lately received many complaints from your section of the district in regard to the pernicious activity of the jack rabbit, I took the matter up with the Bureau of Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture and asked that one of their experts furnish me with a synopsis of the latest scientific methods for fighting this pest. The bureau has done this, and I enclose herewith a copy of the methods suggested for destroying jack rabbits.

Methods for Destroying Jack Rabbits

Rabbits may best be destroyed by poisoning, trapping or driving, and these methods to be fully effective in any given district must be applied co-operatively.

Methods for Use in Winter

In winter jack rabbits concentrate in the valleys or along the borders of the nearest irrigated districts. When food is scarce, especially when snow is on the ground, practically all of them congregate near haystacks, and this is the best time to poison or to trap them.

As long as there is no profitable way of utilizing the animals, poisoning is the most economical and most generally applicable method. The following formula has proven very effective:

Dissolve 1 ounce of strychnine (alkaloid) in 1 1/2 pints of hot water containing a half teacup of vinegar. Mix two tablespoonfuls of ordinary glass starch in a half cup of cold water and stir into the boiling strychnine solution till it makes a thin paste. Now dissolve 1 ounce of bicarbonate of soda in half a cup of hot water and mix with the poisoned starch. Add a teaspoonful of saccharine. Apply to 10 quarts of good, clean oats and mix thoroughly. Allow to stand 24 to 48 hours, mixing occasionally. When dry stir in about five quarts more of dry oats.

Each quart is sufficient for about 35 doses. This quantity in slightly scattered baits along rabbit trails or on clean places about the borders of fields will not endanger stock. Seven to eight hundred rabbits have been killed in a single night by less than a bushel of the poisoned grain.

Trapping

If generally practiced about stacks or elsewhere where the animals feed in numbers, trapping will effect the capture alive of large numbers of the animals, and their flesh or pelts can be utilized. The simplest traps which are not interfered with by ordinary snowfall are:

(1) Rabbit-tight enclosures of woven wire about haystacks, with straw, brush or snow approaches built up to the top of the fence.

(2) Similar enclosures with deep, gradually narrowing entrances which finally terminate in narrow gaps between the wire ends, so that rabbits can readily squeeze through from the outside, but not from the inside.

Portable traps of similar design, with any simple "lift up" gates, or doors through which the rabbits can enter, but not return, are also very useful. Rabbits can be enticed to any place where oats, pieces of carrots or beets are exposed for a few nights, when practically all of them can be caught.

Methods for Use in Summer

In spring, when rabbits have scattered widely in the sage lands and feed in young grain fields at night, the difficulties of destroying them are greatly increased. Fortunately, rabbits do not wander in summer so widely as in winter, and the destruction of those which habitually feed in certain fields is likely to prevent damage to those fields for the season. "Driving" can often be employed effectively, but in the main, poisoning must be relied upon. The poisoned oats already described will kill many rabbits. Poisoned fresh

vegetables are more effective, but must be used with caution to avoid danger to stock. The following is the formula:

Grind 1 ounce of strychnine (alkaloid) and 1-10 of an ounce of saccharine together with mortar and pestle. Transfer to an ordinary paper box and slowly sift over and mix with about 12 quarts of cut pieces of carrots, beets, sugar beets or cull apples, which should be just damp enough so that the strychnine will adhere. Distribute in the evening, placing two or three bits in a spot along rabbit trails or about the places rabbits are feeding. Baits not taken by rabbits should be gathered in the morning.

MORE ENTER RACE FOR NOMINATIONS

**ASPIRANTS' RANKS INCREASE
AND OTHER DECLARATIONS
ARE EXPECTED**

The number of aspirants for nominations was largely increased last week, says a recent Salem dispatch, and is expected to be further augmented before April 10. Of the important state offices, the races for governor and supreme court justices have the largest number of entries, with reports that there will be other announcements next week.

The aspirants for the nomination for governor who have filed declarations with the Secretary of State are: Grant B. Dimick, Oregon City; A. M. Crawford, Roseburg; William A. Carter, Portland; T. T. Geer, Portland; James Withycombe, Corvallis; John Rockfellow, Portland; John Manning, Portland; and C. J. Smith, Portland. Dr. Smith, who is generally regarded as Governor West's candidate has filed his declaration, asking that the following be placed after his name on the ballot: "Strict law enforcement; lower taxes."

The aspirants for justices of the supreme court are: Henry L. Benson of Klamath Falls; Charles L. McNary, Salem; Thomas A. McBride, Oregon City; Henry J. Bean, Pendleton; Lawrence T. Harris, Eugene; William M. Ramsey, McMinnville, and Samuel T. Richardson, Salem. Mr. Richardson has filed his declaration and gave as his slogan: "Law when properly administered will do no wrong."

All the aspirants for governor and supreme court justices seek the Republican nomination, with the exception of Messrs. Manning, Smith and Ramsey, who are Democrats. A. W. Lafferty, Representative; George S. Shepherd, E. T. Hedlund and Arthur I. Moulton are the aspirants for the nomination for representative in Congress from the Third District. Lafferty and Shepherd seek the Republican nomination; Hedlund seeks the Democratic nomination, and Moulton the Progressive nomination.

Aspirants for nominations for the other offices who have filed declarations are: Member of the National Committee—R. E. Williams, 705 Davis st., Portland, Republican; Henry Waldo Coe, 841 Lovejoy st., Portland, Progressive; W. H. Canon, Medford, Democratic.

United States Senator in Congress—George E. Chamberlain, 681 Tillamook st., Portland, Democratic. Representative in Congress, First District—B. F. Jones, Roseburg, Republican; John Osterman, Taft, Democratic; Frederick Hollister, North Bend, Democratic.

State Treasurer—Thomas B. Kay, Salem, Republican; Tom Kay, 760 Cleveland avenue, Portland, Republican.

Attorney General—F. S. Grant, 225 East Fourteenth st., Portland, Republican; George N. Farrin, 87 North Sixteenth st., Portland, Republican.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. A. Churchill, 2478 Baker st., Baker, Republican.

State Engineer—John H. Lewis, 165 North Thirteenth st., Salem, Republican.

Commissioner of Labor Statistics and Inspector of Factories and Workshops—O. P. Hoff, Portland, Republican; J. A. Madsen, 1767 Fiske st., Portland, Republican.

Commissioner of the Railroad Commission—Frank J. Miller, Albany, Republican.

Superintendent of Water Division No. 1—James T. Chinnock, Portland (temporary residence, Salem), Republican.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Your taxes may be paid at the State Bank of Redmond or the Redmond Bank of Commerce on or before April 1st, but in order to pay them here each and every taxpayer must write to the county treasurer for a statement of his or her taxes. In the matter of town lots you must give the legal number of the lots to the county treasurer when asking for your statement. 3411

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EXPERT COSTS COUNTY THE SUM OF \$1,060.75

The investigator investigated. Rebut—Fired, says the Prineville Journal of March 5, in reporting the proceedings of the County Court, which convened at Prineville March 4.

This all happened yesterday at the afternoon session of the County Court. The investigators were prominent citizens from Bend, Redmond, Laidlaw and Prineville, who, after going over the work of A. M. McE. Hall, expert, concluded that the county was squandering a lot of money foolishly for something that was ridiculously farcical. These taxpayers did not want the experting of the county books stopped. Not by any means, but they did object to an investigation that did not get anywhere. Already \$1,060.75 of the taxpayers' good money has been frittered away.

The gentlemen present at the afternoon session of the court made it very plain that the aspersions cast upon some of the county officials must be cleared up and the truth made known, but that the proper authority to do so must come through the State Insurance Commissioner. This law was passed at the last session of the legislature and covers just such cases as the one arising in Crook county. The following resolutions were passed:

At a meeting of taxpayers held in Prineville this fourth day of March, 1914, in the court house, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the examination of county affairs now in progress by alleged experts is chiefly actuated by political malice, is incompetent, is arriving at no beneficial results and is clearly a waste of money, and

Whereas, under Chapter 286 of the General Laws of Oregon, 1913, it is specifically specified that the State Insurance Commissioner shall at least once each year make a careful and accurate audit of the books and accounts of each county of the state, and

Whereas, the officers whose affairs are now under investigation have already requested the State Insurance Commissioner to make official investigation of their offices, and

Whereas, we unanimously agree that only through such official investigation can a fair and impartial investigation of the affairs of ALL county officers be obtained, therefore,

Be it resolved, by these taxpayers of Crook county now assembled that we respectfully request the court that the alleged expert be relieved forthwith from further employment at the expense of this county, and official steps be at once taken to secure a proper experting by the Insurance Commissioner as provided by statute.

The state of New York has just published a comprehensive report of its wood-using industries.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE STATE BANK OF REDMOND

At Redmond, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, March 4, 1914.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$ 64,934.62
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	258.67
Bonds and warrants	7,405.70
Banking house	5,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,000.00
Other real estate owned	1,000.00
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	552.03
Due from approved reserve banks	24,642.89
Checks and other cash items	200.26
Cash on hand	4,731.75
Total	\$112,225.92

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,496.70
Postal savings bank deposits	544.30
Individual deposits subject to check	75,512.46
Demand certificates of deposit	2,933.67
Time certificates of deposit	15,738.79
Total	\$112,225.92

STATE OF OREGON, ss.
County of Crook,

I, W. S. Rodman, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. S. RODMAN,
Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
W. S. RODMAN,
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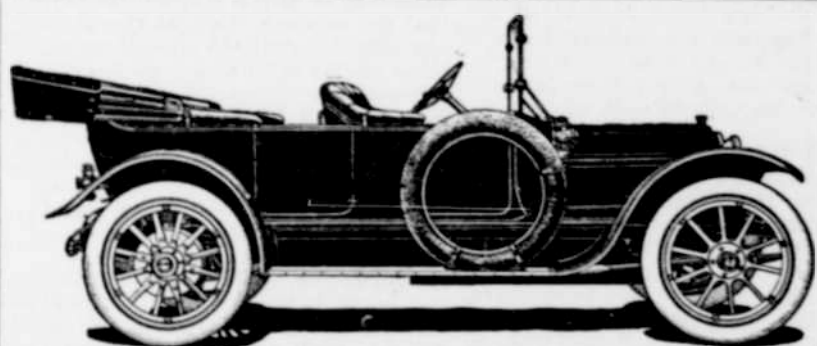
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