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## DISEASE KILLS RABBITS

Government Investigating the Nature of the Ailment

### BIOLOGIST PIPER DISCOVERS MICROBE

Jackrabbits Becoming Scarce Here Where They Have Heretofore Been A Nuisance

Stanley E. Piper of the Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture was a visitor in Madras for a few hours, last Friday, and while here made a trip out across Agency Plains for the purpose of noting conditions, in connection with his experiments in the extermination of sage rats by inoculation. Mr. Piper was returning from Haycreek where he had spent a week investigating a disease among the rabbits of this section, and could not stay longer as he was due at Pullman Sunday morning on other business. He took back with him a small box of sage rats from the Plains, upon which he expects to continue his experiments. Owing to the lateness of the season, Mr. Piper stated that he would not be able to make field tests in this locality this season, but that early next Spring he would come here and conduct a number of field tests throughout this section. The sage rats of this variety begin to hibernate about August 1, and it is too late now to make much of a beginning, so the experiments are necessarily deferred until next season, when an early start will be made.

Mr. Piper speaks interestingly of his investigations at Haycreek, where he spent the week investigating the rabbit disease. The disease, he says, is a new one to him, and he took to Pullman with him several carcasses of the diseased rabbits, with which to pursue his investigations. The disease was first discovered a year ago by a Mr. Welsh, an Australian who was visiting the headquarters of the Baldwin Sheep & Land Co. Having in mind the rabbit plague in Australia, Mr. Welsh secured several carcasses of the diseased rabbits, which he was taking to Australia to turn over to the biological department of the government there, for investigation. On board the steamer the case of rabbits was thrown overboard by mistake. Dr. David Starr Jordan of Stanford University was aboard the same vessel, and being told by Mr. Welsh of the disease among the rabbits, reported it to the Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture, and upon this information Mr. Piper was sent to Haycreek to investigate. The disease is general among the rabbits of this entire section. Mr. Piper killed twelve rabbits at Haycreek, seven of them adult rabbits, and each of the grown rabbits was affected with the disease. Ranchers of this locality have noted the diminishing numbers of the jackrabbits, which have decreased greatly in the past year. It was at first thought that the severe winter had destroyed them, but investigation shows

that the decrease is due to the ravages of the disease. If the government can turn the discovery to use in exterminating the rabbits elsewhere, it will prove of great value to other sections of this country, and to such countries as Australia, where the rabbit plague has been occupying the attention of the government for years.

Regarding the investigations which Mr. Piper has been conducting with the sage rats, he promised to furnish us data soon for publication. Last year in Whitman county, Washington, Mr. Piper gathered data regarding the amount of money spent for poisons for combating the sage rat, and the amount reached the enormous total of \$37,000 in that county alone. He also made a careful estimate of the damage done by the rats, including cost of poison and labor of combatting the rats, together with the actual damage to the crops, and in Whitman County alone he places the damage at \$300,000, which he says is a very conservative estimate. Some idea of the scope of his work, and the benefits which he hopes to secure for the farmer, may be gathered from this estimate.

### REGARDING MAIL CONTRACT

**EDITOR MADRAS PIONEER:**  
We note in your issue of June 13 an article in reference to why the mail route was not established over our stage line, in which you quote Colonel Vaille as authority. While what he says is practically correct so far as he goes, he does not go far enough and leaves an erroneous impression which we request you to correct by publishing the full facts.

When the matter was under consideration it was suggested that as the Government was already under contract with the Cornett Company for carrying the mails to Bend, it did not feel disposed to incur additional expense in opening up another through route, but if our company would carry the local mails we might secure the allowance of the minor routes, which could be dispensed with if we served the towns along our route. We advised Colonel Vaille that our line was designed primarily for a more convenient passenger service and that we would be willing to accept the smaller amount, if the purely local service could be accommodated by our contemplated schedule, which proposed a lie-over at Bolter's and arriving at Bend at 6 the following evening. This involved the handling of local mail only and nothing for points beyond Bend or to other points off our line. This contemplated no allowance for service between Shaniko and Heisler, nor between Redmond and Laidlaw, but we were going to do this gratis for the accommodation of the public. We also proposed to give a direct through, night service from Shaniko at the same rate per mile allowed Cornett to Prineville.

When the department advertised for bids they called for arrival at Bend within 24 hours after arrival of the train at Shaniko. No allowance was made for contingencies nor for the fact that an hour and a quarter would be consumed at stops at post offices. The terms of bids authorized the

## CROOK COUNTY GOAL

Applications Made for Purchase of 1300 Acres of Coal Lands

OWNERS WILL HAVE VALUABLE PROPERTY

Applications Made Before Coal Lands Were Withdrawn From Entry By The Government

The Pioneer is publishing five notices of coal land applications, the first notices of the kind ever published in this county. The lands applied for are situated east of Haycreek a few miles, and cover the coal discovery made in that section a year or more ago by W. H. Huston and others. After the discovery was made, sufficient prospect work was done to demonstrate the value of the coal measures, and then application was made for the purchase of the land. The notices published at this time cover about 1300 acres of the coal lands.

An order was recently made by the General Land Office, withdrawing all coal lands from entry, but these applications had been made prior to the issuance of that order.

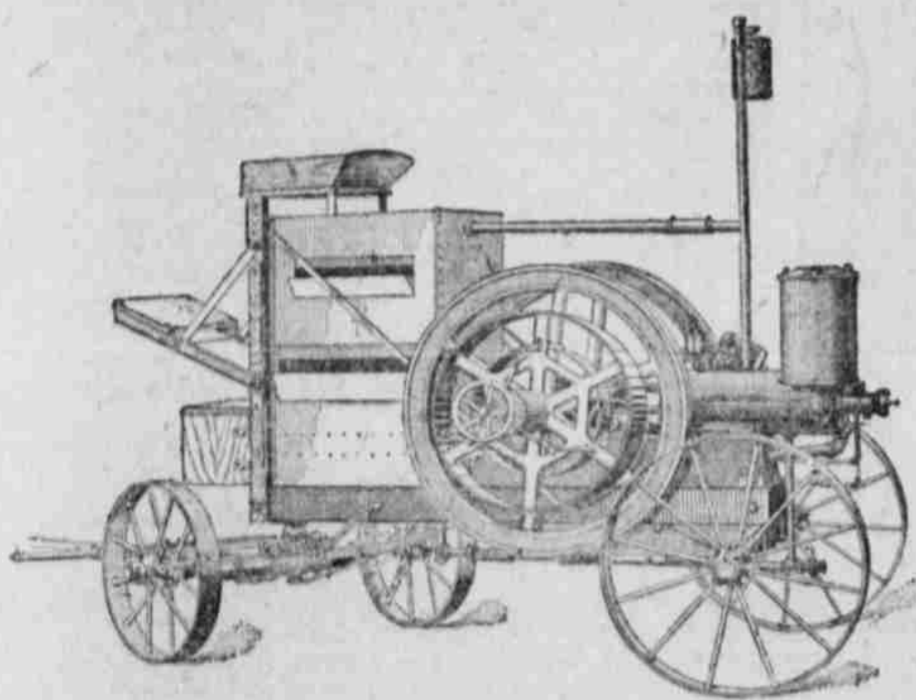
When patent is secured to the lands, it is probable that extensive development work will be taken up in the Crook County coal fields. The owners unquestionably have a valuable property, and one, the development of which, will mean a great deal for this section of the state.

Government to alter the schedule at will and we would be obliged to carry all mail tendered to us. This we were willing to do at regular rates, but we were not willing to do it at what amounted to less than four cents per mile or about half of the allowance ordinarily paid by the Government, while at the same time Cornett would be getting full pay for service he was not rendering. Again, to have loaded down our stages with all of the mails he should have carried, destined for other points not on our road, would have relieved his stages from not only extra weight but would have permitted him to run a direct stage via Lamonta and beat our passenger schedule to Bend, to the detriment of our line.

His lines have been greatly relieved by diversion of considerable passenger trade to our route and in consequence are now able to make much better time than formerly, the necessity of competing in time also stimulating quicker service. Hence our company would not care to bind themselves for a period of years to carry mail under penalties for delay where there is nothing in it, the allowance proposed by Colonel Vaille being less per pound than the freighters get for hauling freight to Bend, and there is no telling how much larger the volume of mail will be during the next two or three years, for which there would be no additional compensation.

We consequently feel that it is but proper for the public to understand that we did not decline to carry out the promises we made, but that the trouble lay in the Government specifying in its advertisement conditions different from those discussed, and too unreasonable to admit of our acceptance.

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