

RAISING FOXES NEW INDUSTRY

Central Oregon Adapted to Fur Bearers

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hamer Make Excellent Start With Silver Variety

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Nature, in making certain that every part of the earth is the habitat of some form of life, produced a cautious and cunning creature that can survive and multiply amid the snow and ice and cutting winds of North America and on the steppes of northern Asia. This is the fox—Canis vulpes, as the animal is known, to scientists.

Through mutation, adaptation or selective survival, this creature of the snow followed the caprices of nature and developed into varied specimens. Among these specimens is the black silver fox, one of the most prized fur bearing animals in the world. These animals in the early days of the silver fox industry sold for prices which ranged as high as \$4,000 a pair.

Animals Carefully Studied
All of which is written in preface to the introduction of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hamer, representatives of an industry which is rapidly gaining ground in Central Oregon—the fox industry. But Mr. and Mrs. Hamer, whose farm, the Central Oregon Black Silver Fox Farm, is located just south of Bend, are not raisers of common foxes. Every fox on the farm, 18 in number, is a black silver fox, the highest valued of all foxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamer knew little about foxes when living at Cottage Grove, but hearing of the new industry, they investigated and made a study of raising foxes. Later they bought a pair of foxes, a dog and a vixen, from a Spokane fox farm. These black silver foxes, of the Roosevelt-Mormon strain, were purchased for \$2,000, or \$1,000 each.

When the Hamers came to Central Oregon, from the Willamette valley, attracted here by climatic conditions which are considered suitable for the raising of fur bearing animals, they had five foxes—three vixens and two dogs. At present they have 18. Three litters of pups, 15 in number, were born this spring, one of the litters being six weeks old and the other two four weeks old.

Dens Wired Underneath
The silver black foxes are kept in a group of well wired pens, the wire extending even under the dirt bottoms, otherwise the valuable animals would dig their way out. The individual pens are augmented by only one litter of pups each year.

In the opinion of the Hamers, the Deschutes country is ideal for the raising of foxes, the winters being severe enough to assure a good fur. That this part of the northwest is suitable for the raising of foxes is proven by the fact that it is the natural habitat of a few wild foxes. Only last year there was found in one of the lava caverns southeast of Bend a skull, which was determined by the Smithsonian institute to be that of Newton's gray fox, never before known to have ranged in Oregon east of the Cascades.

Incidentally, the Bend fox farm is interesting in that it is managed by a woman; for Mrs. Hamer is in charge of the valuable fur bearers. This care extends through the night, as well as through the day, for the foxes must be guarded. A small lookout house has been built near the pens. In this house Mr. and Mrs. Hamer sleep at night. The kennel of a watchful dog also overlooks the fox pens.

Tame, But Frightened
The black silver foxes, although domesticated, are in no way friendly toward a stranger. Immediately when a stranger steps into the pens, the little animals disappear into their "dens," made from wood. Even the four week old pups cautiously back away when a strange hand is placed before them. The silver foxes this time of the year are jet black, the only white visible being on the tips of their tails. One of the dogs has a small white marking on its breast. "In a general way it may be said that silver foxes are being grown suc-

cessfully in practically every one of the northern tier of states, from New England westward to Washington and Oregon," comments a bulletin issued by the department of agriculture. "The production of a fine quality of fur is closely related to climate. A long, cold winter with a fair amount of rainfall, particularly in spring, is conducive to the production of good fur. Hot summers are not detrimental if short and followed by a season of frosty weather, during which time the animals can renew their coats."

Rabbits Furnish Food
The proximity of the Hamer fox farm to Bend surprises many people, who are under the impression that a fox farm should be located in the "wilds." There is no advantage to the foxes in having them so far away from civilization that their care becomes a hardship, it is explained. It has been proved on many occasions that foxes can successfully be grown near towns or cities. They soon become accustomed to usual noises, and except during the breeding season will pay no attention to them.

"Fur farming requires average intelligence and proper attention. It will not be profitable unless prosecuted with vigor, intelligence and good judgment; but if properly managed, we know of no commercial undertaking that offers better rewards"—this is the opinion of a silver fox expert as quoted by the Hamers.

Black silver foxes are not the only form of animal life found on the three acre Hamer farm. Hamer, who works in one of the local mills, is interested in growing rabbits and at present has 30 on the farm. He is the owner of four different kinds of rabbits—the Flemish giant, the Belgian hare, the white New Zealand and the red New Zealand. The rabbits will be placed on the local market. They are also a source of food for the silver foxes.

Not only did The Bulletin representative have the pleasure of seeing probably \$10,000 worth of foxes when on the Hamer farm, but he also saw a collection of furs that would make "mildly" envious. These furs, owned by J. J. Simpson, Mrs. Hamer's brother in law, are from all parts of the world, and include the valued Russian sable. The pelts are prepared by Simpson, who has trapped for 15 years in South Central and Central Oregon, and made into furs by Mrs. Simpson.

Since the Hamers have been here for less than a year, they haven't things arranged yet as they want them, but they plan to build up their fur farm from year to year.

Central Oregon Roads

Weekly Report Issued by the State Highway Commission

The Dalles-California Highway
Note: Through traffic advised to take Sherman highway.

The Dalles-Dufur-White River—Good macadam.

White River-Maupin—Surfacing under way; look out for trucks.

Maupin-Cow Canyon—Earth road. Surfacing under way but passable.

Cow Canyon-Gateway-Madras-Redmond-Bend—Good macadam except six miles dirt road at Trail crossing of Crooked river.

Bend-La Pine—Seventeen miles cinder surfaced; balance fair earth road.

La Pine-Six Miles North of Sand Creek—Unimproved dirt road. Rough.

Six Miles North of Sand Creek-Klamath Falls—Merrill-California State Line—Macadam.

Klamath Falls-Lakeview Highway Klamath Falls-Bonanza—Macadam.

Bonanza-Drews Valley Section—Unimproved. Rough going.

Drews Valley-Lakeview—Eight miles macadam, balance dirt road in fair condition.

Bend-Lakeview Highway Bend-Silver Lake—Road in fair condition.

Silver Lake-Paisley—Dirt road, in fair condition.

Paisley-Lakeview—45 miles macadamized and in good condition.

Central Oregon Highway Bend-Burns—First 12 miles macadam, balance fair dirt road open to travel.

Burns-Crane—Macadamized.

Crane-Vale—Rough but passable.

Sherman Highway Biggs-Wasco-Moro-Grass Valley-Kent-Shaniko-Madras-Redmond-Bend—Macadam except six miles dirt road at Trail crossing of Crooked river.

Ochoco Highway Redmond-Prineville-Mitchell—Macadamized and in good condition.

Mitchell-Antone-Dayville—Dirt road. Impassable after rains.

Crater Lake Highway Medford-Trail-Prospect-Fort Klamath—Macadam; open to Union Creek. Closed through Crater Lake national park on account of snow.

McKenzie Highway Eugene-Belknap Springs—Macadamized and in good condition.

Belknap Springs-McKenzie Pass-Sisters—Closed by snow.

Sisters-Cline Falls-Redmond—Macadam.

McKenzie-Bend Highway Junction of The Dalles-California Highway-Tumalo-Sisters—Good macadam.

INSPECTOR BRINGS CHARGE

George O'Neil and H. W. Johnson, proprietors of the O'Neil & Johnson card room and cigar store, were charged today with keeping their place of business in an unsanitary condition, in a complaint signed by W. B. Duncan, state inspector under the pure food laws.

Parent-Teacher Group At Terrebonne Elects

TERREBONNE, May 27.—The parent-teacher association met Friday afternoon. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Robert Knorr, president; Mrs. Melton, vice president; Miss Loretta Shutt, secretary, and Mrs. Waite, treasurer.

Mrs. Wester entertained a number of friends at a bridge party Saturday night.

The study club met with Mrs. W. P. Galbraith Thursday afternoon. An interesting meeting was held and a dainty luncheon was served by Mrs. Galbraith.

Grace McClay visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Nichols of Redmond over the week end.

Mrs. E. Z. Davidson and her granddaughter, Volla Tate, left Monday morning for Spokane, where Mr. and Mrs. Tate have bought a ranch which will be their future home.

The Terrebonne high school gave a picnic Friday at Tetherow Bridge. Loyd Fairfield, Luther Melton and Mr. Erickson took the students in their cars. A delicious picnic dinner was served at noon. The afternoon was spent in playing games.

Mrs. George Junker on Sunday accompanied her husband to Bend, where he is finishing his house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mackey and family, Carl Hamilton and Viola Junker motored to the Ochoco dam Sunday.

Oliver Moore had her tonsils removed Saturday. She is recovering satisfactorily.

The Young People's society had a wienie roast at the Red bridge on Crooked river Tuesday evening. Although it was wet and muddy, the evening was much enjoyed.

Ralph M. Miller of Terrebonne and Miss Eva Scott of Farmington, Wash., were married in Colfax, Wash., May 18. After an auto tour through Eastern Washington and Idaho the happy couple arrived in Terrebonne for several days' visit with the groom's family, leaving Saturday afternoon for Portland.

Mrs. Roger Fairfield of Lower Bridge went to Bend Monday evening.

Miss Loretta Shutt went to Madras Friday evening and returned Sunday afternoon, accompanied by her sister, Hazel Shutt, who is visiting her here.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hall and family and Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Sandwick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parkey and family were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrard Sunday.

The church and Sunday school are giving a farewell party Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Foss, who are getting ready to move from here some time this month.

Leland Numbers was a dinner guest of Harold Tunker Friday evening at his home.

Elva Woods was a guest of Jack Donnelly Sunday at his home at Bend.

Elva Woods accompanied Jack Donnelly of Bend to Prineville on Thursday.

Bathing Suits Barred As Attire In Parades

PORTLAND, May 26.—The Y. W. C. A. and the Federation of Women's Organizations have won a crusade against the undampened bathing suit.

As a result of their activities the directors of the Portland rose festival agreed last night on a rule that "objectionable apparel" and "scanty attire"—which means bathing suits—shall not be worn in any festival parade.

The crusaders took the stand that the bathing suit was made to be worn in the water and not for displaying the charms of bathing beauties on the streets.

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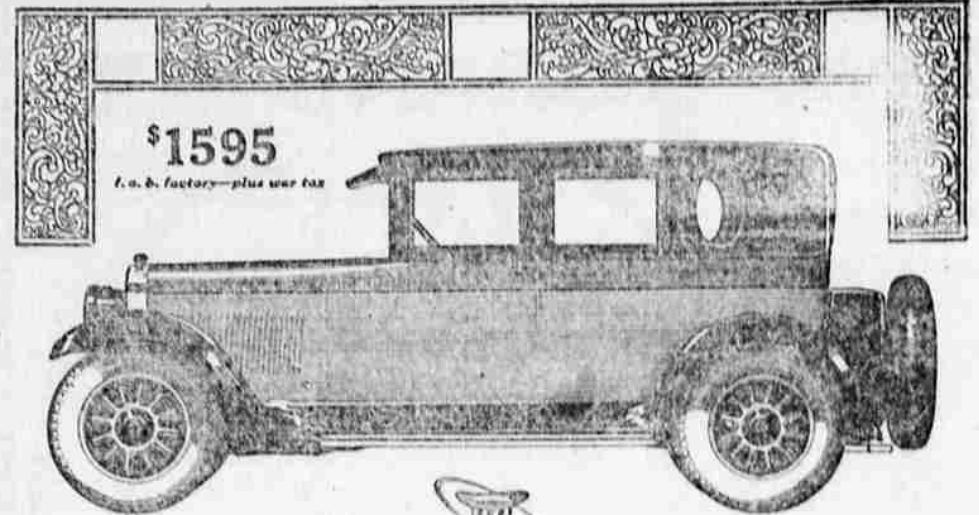
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When Mrs. Cecil Chesterton, now one of England's most successful women novelists, arrived in London to make a career she was without money or friends. Her first night in the metropolis was spent in a Salvation Army lodging house and subsequently she worked as a charwoman and sold matches in the streets in order to earn money for her bed and board.

A Frenchman with wooden legs is making a walking tour of the world. The tale of Pinco gets its name

Chiffon flowers are the newest things in boutonniere. They may be worn on the evening frock as well as on the street suit. Chiffon carnations are those most popular in New York.

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You can avoid winter colds

THIS is the time of the year when people contract colds and grippe. And those who contract a cold at this time generally carry it all winter.

People who take cold easily are usually suffering from lowered resistance. Where four people are

in a room where there is what is commonly known as a draft, it is possible that one may contract a cold in the head, another a cold in the chest, while the other two are not affected at all. Health is a matter of the survival of the fittest!

Colds are generally contracted by the person who is sluggish. Some years ago the theory was to "Starve a fever and feed a cold." This expression in regard to colds has since been exploded. Food has a tendency to clog up an already congested system.

Colds sometimes develop into more serious complications. It is advisable to consult your physician immediately, and not to try some popular home remedy.

Things to Forget

- 1 When you have a cold, eat lots of food.
- 2 When you're ill, do not over-exercise.

A rule of health that is old and WRONG!

If we will improve our general physical condition by proper diet and daily exercise which will keep the eliminating organs functioning properly, and the circulation toned up so that we will be free from congestion, we will be able to go through the winter without

incurring colds. The following exercises, if persisted in daily, will keep the muscles supple and active, increase the circulation and promote better digestive functioning.

When you awake in the morning, hands stretched over the head, raise the left leg up, bring the right hand forward to touch the toes ten times, repeating with the right leg and left arm.

Swing the arms and legs alternately, touch the left toe with the right hand and the right toe with the left hand.

Raise both legs and both arms touching the toes.

From flat position, on the floor, hands over head, sit up and touch the toes ten times.

A "Keep Well" Diet

BREAKFAST: Fruit such as oranges, cherries, currants, grapefruit, prunes, apricots, etc. Cooked cereal served plain or with cream. Toasted whole wheat or graham bread, corn or bran muffins with butter. Cup of cocoa or chocolate—or coffee substitute. Two glasses of water between breakfast and lunch.

LUNCH: Glass of buttermilk, fermented or sweet milk. Any fruit, vegetable or mixed salad. Bran, whole wheat or brown bread with butter. Rice, tapioca or farina pudding. Take two glasses of water between lunch and dinner.

DINNER: Small portion of soup such as bean, tomato or vegetable. Broiled meat, chicken or fish. Two green vegetables—cabbage, peas, onions, carrots, beet tops, lima beans, cauliflower, and one starchy food such as rice, macaroni, noodles, potatoes, hominy. A lettuce or vegetable salad, French dressing. For dessert stewed fruit, berries or fruit pudding. Weak tea or a coffee substitute.

Mr. McGovern, whose address is 5 W. 66th St., New York City, will answer your questions. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for your reply.

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