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SAYS RODENTS WORSE ENEMY THAN WOLVES

Washington, Feb. 4.—The great gray wolf has slain his thousands, but the prairie dog has slain his tens of thousands.

Thus might the story of Saul and David be paraphrased on the great open ranges of the west where there is no homeward lea for the howling herds and where the sheep are not gathered at twilight into the sheep-fold.

There was a time, now happily fading into the dim past, when predatory animals destroyed live stock to the value of \$20,000,000 a year, but every year, down to the present time, rodents destroy on those same ranges forage that would be worth \$150,000,000 a year as pasturage for cattle and sheep, beside grain crops of equal value—a destruction of that much potential live stock value.

These figures were brought out by Dr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the bureau of biological survey of the U. S. department of agriculture, in a paper read before the American National Live Stock association at the recent annual meeting in Denver. The purpose of the comparison, primarily, was to convince live stock men of the range country of the necessity of closer and more active cooperation with the government in the destruction of such rodents as the prairie dog, the ground squirrel, the jack rabbit, and the pocket gopher.

Historians Differ as to Sugar.
Historians say that the sugar cane was introduced by Columbus in Santo Domingo, that it spread from that island to Cuba and Mexico and that the Portuguese introduced the cane into Brazil, bringing it from Madeira. Some authorities have said that sugar cane was introduced into Louisiana in 1751 by Jesuit priests, who had it brought from Santo Domingo, while others give the date of the first planting of sugar cane as 1737 and make no reference to its having been brought to by the Jesuits.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 7, Friday—Meeting of the Public Service commission at the courthouse to consider increase in gas rates.
Feb. 26, 27, 28, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday—State examinations at the courthouse.

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL

James T. Chincock will go to Salem tonight on business.

Mrs. Lee Sill arrived last night from Portland to spend several months with relatives.

Mrs. A. C. White, of Vancouver, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bunch.

Mrs. R. S. Bush arrived last night from Portland to spend a couple of weeks with friends.

Persian Secret Cold Cream, Sabin has it. 82

J. E. Jones and family arrived this morning from Hill, Cal., and will visit the Gus Lindsey family.

Mrs. Burns Gillette and two children arrived this morning from Detroit to remain. Mr. Gillette is expected here during the summer.

Mrs. H. L. Green returned this morning from Richardson Springs, Cal., where she spent the past two weeks.

Ernest Umphlette, of Glendale, just discharged from the 75th Infantry, Co. E, is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Jack Wimer.

Nursery stock of all kinds—Geo. H. Parker, phone 285-Y. 83

Private Bert Ferren, of the 38th Field Artillery, has been discharged from the service and is expected to arrive from Camp Lewis tomorrow.

Miss Ruth Corbett, home demonstration agent for Josephine county, returned from Corvallis yesterday, where she has been attending a series of meetings.

Mrs. Pilgram and John Pilgrim, of Tacoma, Wash., mother and brother of J. A. Pilgrim, arrived here last night to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. A. Pilgrim.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holcomb and little daughter returned this morning from Richardson Springs, where they spent a couple of weeks for the benefit of Mr. Holcomb's health. He is somewhat improved.

Mrs. J. W. Goodrich and Mrs. J. D. Gray and son, Jack, mother, sister and nephew of Mrs. Geo. Seebach, left Sunday morning for their home at Jamestown, N. D., after spending several months at Rio Lado ranch.

Mrs. E. L. Churchill returned this morning from Los Angeles, where she spent several weeks with her daughter. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. Wesley Brown, and baby, J. Wesley Jr., who will make an extended stay.

CIVIL SERVICE JOBS FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Washington, Feb. 4.—The United States civil service commission is perfecting arrangements whereby men who are about to be discharged from the army or navy may receive first-hand information concerning opportunities for employment in the federal civil service. The commission has received authority from the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy to appoint its representatives at all establishments where enlisted men are assembled in considerable numbers. These representatives are now being appointed. They will be prepared to inform the men fully concerning positions which are open, to supply them with application blanks, to assist them, if necessary, with the execution of their applications and to advise them relative to civil service matters generally. It is the plan of the civil service commission to entrust this work to educational directors of welfare organizations already operating at the camps, coastments, etc. The representatives of the commission who are appointed from the personnel of these welfare organizations will have the benefit of the advice and assistance of the commission's local boards of examiners at nearby cities, in addition to the instructions received from the commission.

When Man Ate Grass.

M. Marcel Beudontin, who has been examining some human remains, dating from the neolithic epoch (the latest period of the stone age), has presented the Academy of Science with a curious report. The shape of the incisor teeth of two young children of this distant epoch leads him to the conclusion that the present single root teeth of human beings are in reality a development from three germs, and that man is descended from the herbivorous animal with an ancestor possessing 132 dental germs.

All is Not Lost.

Boys no longer have the opportunity to learn their lessons by the light of a pine knot. But opportunities to master draw poker in a quiet hay loft, and by the light of a smudged lantern still are available in many rural communities.—Topeka Capital.

Talent Bonds Sold—

The Talent Irrigation district has sold its bonds to the amount of \$600,000 to Smith & Freeman, investment bankers of Portland and Seattle, at a satisfactory price, and work on the ditch is expected to be started in a few weeks.—Ashland Tidings.

Electric Work—

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Lectures on Soil—

The soils and irrigation school under the direction of Prof. W. L. Powers will be held at the courthouse in Grants Pass, February 12, 13 and 14. This school will consist of a series of lectures and demonstrations in soils and irrigation. Some field work will be included and one lecture will be illustrated with the stereopticon. A complete program of this school will appear a little later.

Rev. Cline Accepts—

Rev. C. M. Cline, of Ellensburg, Wash., who occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church in Grants Pass during the month of January, has accepted the call to be permanent pastor of that church here. Dr. M. R. Britten received a telegram yesterday notifying the Baptists here of Rev. Cline's acceptance. He has a family of five children and will soon move to this city.

Inspect Our Shop—

Visitors always welcome. Moore's Bakery. 82

Annual Meeting—

The Josephine County Live Stock association will hold its annual meeting at the office of the county agent in Grants Pass, Saturday, February 8th. Prof. E. L. Potter head of the animal husbandry department of O. A. C. is to be present and address the meeting upon the subject of "Live Stock Improvement." Other matters of vital importance will be considered and it is hoped that a large attendance will be present. Everybody is invited.

Find Dead Man Near Tiller—

According to a telephone message received by Coroner Ritter about 1 p. m. Monday from the postmaster at Perdue, the dead body of an unknown man was found 16 miles north of Tiller early this morning. The unfortunate man had been shot in the head. According to the belief of E. H. Lough, a Tiller resident, who was here this afternoon, the body found near that place with a bullet wound in the head, was that of Frank Acosta, aged about 50 years and a pioneer resident of that section.—Roseburg Review.

NEW TODAY

JAMES T. CHINCOCK, Lawyer, First National Bank building, Grants Pass, Oregon.

WAITRESS wanted—Josephine Hotel. 82tf

FOR SALE—White Leghorn and barred rock cockerels from hens with laying records, eastern stock, price \$2.50 each. Eggs for hatching, \$1 for 15. Luther Robinson, Rt. 4, phone Wilderville line. 87

JOY To Night

May Allison

in

"The Testing of Mildred Bane"

No Flu Cases Today—

No new influenza cases were reported by the city health officer today.

Eastern Star Meeting—

Regular meeting Wednesday night.

To Improve Smith Hill—

County Clerk E. L. Coburn today received a message from Judge C. G. Gillette, who is in Portland, stating that the highway commission had asked for a survey and estimate on Smith hill, north of this city. The work will include some minor changes and grading.

Eat at the Oxford Cafe—

Choice roasts, steaks, chops, fish and salads with delicious coffee skillfully prepared, a regular three-course dinner for 35, 40 and 50 cents. 82

Curry's New Clerk—

Miss Myrtle Cooley, our new county clerk, is making good in the office and has so far succeeded in meeting all emergencies in a successful manner. Miss Cooley has lived up to that old adage that a "new broom sweeps clean" for her office in the courthouse has undergone a thorough housecleaning and everything is as spotless and shipshape as could be desired. The taxpayers of Curry county will no doubt find they have an accurate and conscientious official in their new clerk—Gold Beach Reporter.

OBITUARY

Mrs. J. A. Pilgrim

Lella Violet Pilgrim was born November 15, 1889, at Murphy, Ore., and died at Tucson, January 31, 1919. She was married at Grants Pass December 22, 1909. She had been a member of the Baptist church since childhood and was an active worker in all church work to the time of her death.

Mrs. Pilgrim leaves a husband and two children, besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Caldwell; two sisters, Mrs. Merle Dyer and Mrs. Dorris Gillies; three brothers, Harold Caldwell and Norman Caldwell, all of South Bend, Wash., also Fay M. Caldwell, of the U. S. navy, located at New York, all of whom will be present at the funeral except the latter.

The funeral will be held at the Baptist church Wednesday, February 5, at 2 p. m. interment at the Granite Hill cemetery.

VALUE OF KNOWING ENGLISH

Fewer Accidents Among Workmen When They Have an Understanding of the Language.

A reason for Americanization, as carried on in factories and shops, is that it not only makes the employees better citizens and more efficient workmen, but protects them against accident. The department of labor has published an analysis of the experience of a large steel plant during eight years. For each 10,000 American born workmen in eight years, 21 were killed, and for each 10,000 non-English speaking foreign born 20. The figures for permanently disabled, 28 and 65, respectively, show greater discrepancy, and those for the temporarily disabled, 858 and 2,035, one greater still. Moreover, while from year to year the frequency of accidents among English speakers decreased, it was much less affected among non-English speakers, and the average severity of the temporary disabilities was greater among the latter.—New York Evening Post.

Pepper Highly Valued.

Pepper was so highly valued in ancient times that many bags of it were included in the store of spices which the queen of Sheba brought to King Solomon as a gift when she paid her memorable visit to him.

Even more interesting is the fact that ancestors of the Germans of today, when they ravaged Italy and captured Rome, demanded several hundredweight of pepper as part of the ransom of the Eternal City.

It is, of course, black pepper—that is here spoken of. The plant that yields it is known to the botanist as Piper nigrum—whence presumably, the name of that famous Peter Piper, who, in a moment of horticultural enthusiasm, picked a peck of peppers.

Peculiar Types of Deadbeats.

There are notable instances of fine types of men who are chronic and hopeless deadbeats. We have one in mind. During thirty years he has bilked every friend he ever had, to say nothing of landlords, boarding house keepers, and the like. Yet he is really a man of fine ideals, and in every other way quite the soul of honor. It has been the work of recent investigation into the human mind to show that, like the kleptomaniacs, these cases of chronic pilfering from friends often represent a kind of transfer from the love affairs or love interests of youth. Some of them have been cured.—New York Tribune.

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BIG SAW MILL BURNS— TOTAL LOSS OF \$300,000

Raymond, Wash., Feb. 4.—The mill of the Raymond Lumber Company was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The fire originated in the vicinity of the dynamo and is believed to have been caused by a short circuit. Owing to the absence of wind the dry kilns and lumber shelves were saved by hard work of the fire department. The mill was one of the largest on this harbor and employed 150 to 175 hands. Its capacity was 150,000 feet daily. The loss is not less than \$300,000, and may be in excess of that amount. It was largely covered by insurance.

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