

The Rabbit Pest in Crook County

Organized Action to Kill the Pests Suggested

By County Agriculturist A. E. Lovett

The jack rabbits have destroyed many hundred acres of crops for farmers in Crook county during the past season. Farmers in some localities have lost crops prior to the season of 1915, but the pest has appeared in large numbers in practically every section of the county this year. The seriousness of the rabbit question is this year appreciated by practically every farmer and resident of the county. I have received letters from a large number of farmers asking concerning the eradication of this pest. I should like to reach every farmer in the county and get his opinion of the suggestions which I shall make here regarding a method for their eradication.

Many have suggested that a bounty be placed on the rabbit. I should not oppose the placing of a bounty on this pest if the people and the county court should decide that this was the better method. It seems to me, however, that a bounty of less than five cents per head would not prove attractive nor obtain results desired, and a bounty this large would necessitate the expenditure of not less than \$50,000.00 by the county.

The destruction of these rabbits is like any other proposition which affects the people individually as well as collectively; any action taken before the people are interested enough to initiate a movement for its accomplishment, is usually doomed to failure from the start. If the people wish a bounty placed upon this pest, and will get together and so express themselves, there is no doubt but that the county court will make the appropriation. If anything planned is to be carried out successfully, the same action must be taken. Every interested person must work with his neighbor and seek to obtain greatest results possible.

I would seriously suggest the following plan for effective work during the coming winter: Let every community of farmers, stockmen and merchants organize a local community organization whose sole purpose shall be to take active part in any method for the eradication of rabbits which shall be decided as most effective by the majority. Let certain dates be set aside by the organizations in every part of the county for every member of such organization to fight the rabbits. The setting aside

to another and not destroyed. By a necessary in order that the rabbits may not be driven from one section of another and not destroyed. By a thoroughly organized, active campaign against the rabbits in this section, they can be very materially lessened in number and practically eradicated. In no other way can this end be obtained.

Just a few suggestions as to methods to be used. Under a law passed by the last legislature, the sum of \$250 may be obtained from the state by any county duplicating that amount and paying it into the State Treasury for the purpose of experimenting and eradicating jack rabbits in eastern Oregon. This money, according to the aforesaid law, must be spent under the supervision of the Oregon Agricultural College, and must be used before January 1, 1916.

The use of poisoned grain and salt, using strychnine mixtures, have proved very effective in many cases in the county during the past season. The value of either or both is unquestioned. The salt mixture includes a large amount of sugar and seems to be attractive not only to the jack rabbits but also the sage rats. Whether any arrangement could be made whereby these poisoned mixtures could be placed on the waste lands and on the open range is a serious question, as the poisons indicated are dangerous for livestock as well as rabbits. A co-operation of the stockmen for obtaining universal organized work within the county would assist greatly in solving this problem. If the farmers, stockmen and others in Crook county wish to undertake an organized movement toward the eradication of the jack rabbit as a pest, I shall be glad to undertake the management of a complete organization. If the people so desire, or should be glad under any other management in organized work toward this end, to assist in every way possible with full time and all the forces at my command. If every community could organize at once and send one or more representatives to a county meeting at Prineville, or any other central point in the county, for the purpose of studying and making plans for a county-wide fight on the jack rabbit, a great deal might be accomplished even before the 1st of January.

MANY MEN AT WORK

Surveys Connect Harney Valley Line With Oregon Trunk. (Oregon Journal.)

Nearly 1000 men are now working on the extension of the Oregon eastern railway from Riverside to Harney Creek Gap into the Harney valley. This report was brought to Portland by William Hanley, who for 40 years has been waiting for the advent of railway transportation that one of the greatest agricultural regions of the west might be populated and made a real factor in the world's trade.

"The people of the Harney valley," said Mr. Hanley, "are more than interested in the construction of the railroad. They look upon it as their salvation. Surveys have been made through Harney for a connection with the Oregon Trunk and the Deschutes railroads. Another survey follows the chain of lakes and proceeds straight westward to a connection with the Southern Pacific's Natron line. If these lines are built, eastern Oregon will be well railroaded."

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT.
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN O'DONNELL, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of John O'Donnell, deceased, has filed his final accounting of his administration of said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Crook county, and that the judge of said court has fixed Monday, November 1, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the county court room in the court house at Prineville as the time and place for the hearing of objections to and the settlement of said accounting and

You are hereby cited and required to appear at said time and place, and show cause, if such exist, why said final account should not be allowed and said administrator and his surety discharged.

Dated at Bend, Oregon, this 25th day of September, 1915.

Published first time, September 29, 1915.

MAURICE P. CASHMAN,
Administrator Estate of John O'Donnell, Deceased. 30-32c.

D. Willey, of Bend, Oregon, who, on April 8th, 1912, made Homestead Entry, No. 010162, for NE 1/4, Section 12, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, and SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 14 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon, on the 30th day of October, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: Maggie E. Willey, Austin C. Barber, Ida Berber, Louis W. Davis, Charles Koraks, all of Bend, Oregon. H. FRANK WOODCOCK, 29-32c. Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNTING.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned the administratrix of the estate of George B. Brosterhaus, deceased, to all persons interested in said estate, that she has made and filed her final accounting of her administration of said estate, and that the court has set Monday, the 12th day of October, 1915, at the county court house in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing and settling said final accounting.

Dated this 27th day of August, 1915, and published for the first time September 1st, 1915.

ANNA BROSTERHAUS,
Administratrix of the estate of Geo. B. Brosterhaus, deceased. 27-30c.

day of October, 1915, at the county court house in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing and settling said final accounting.

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POWELL BUTTE

(Continued from page 2.)

Chapman and family made a trip to the McCall ranch on Crooked river Sunday.

Miss Orisa Sears visited her parents the latter part of the week.

While leading a wild horse last Friday Mrs. Joe Elliott came near having her left fore finger torn from her hand. The finger was so severely mutilated that a doctor was forced to amputate it later.

POWELL BUTTE, Sept. 27.—C. I. Blair is now baling alfalfa hay at D. A. Patterson's. Mr. Patterson will have about 40 tons baled.

Farmers are now filling their cisterns and ponds, getting ready to have the water supply shut off for awhile. Extensive repairs are being planned for the stave pipe crossing the old river bed, as the part under ground is badly decayed. It will be raised and placed on a platform of some kind, either concrete or lumber.

The hum of the threshing machines which have been working on the other side of the Buttes, is coming nearer. The Carrolls machine is now at Jacob Brix and Mr. Dunn, who is running Foster's thresher is in the neighborhood of the station. The threshers are having a much better run this year than was at first anticipated.

Joe Townsend has just finished harvesting oats for A. D. Merrill.

J. P. Bowman is expected home soon from the Yakima valley where he has been at work this summer.

John Culver came out to his home at Prineville last week.

L. W., C. I. and C. F. Blair went to Bend last Saturday.

Roland Bowman is working with the baler this week.

Lee Hobbs is out from Bend. He expects to thresh soon.

L. P. Hahlen and Bruce Lindquist have gone on an outing in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Dealy visited at the home of E. F. Archer last Saturday.

Allan Landfare and daughter Beulah, were in Bend on business last week.

Mrs. J. P. Bowman and Miss Bertha Goodsell spent the day with Mrs. A. D. Merrill last Wednesday.

Jesse Beckman is now working for Oscar Prickett and Ed Barnard.

Mrs. McLeod is back again after a trip to Washington for her health. She is much improved.

Mrs. E. W. Blair, Mrs. A. D. Mor-

rill, Mrs. C. I. Blair and Miss Grace Blair were Bend visitors last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnard and family may move to Bend for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Patterson and children were guests at A. D. Morrill's last week.

The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Archer who has been ailing for some time, is not reported as improving much.

The hay balers are taking a vacation today as a result of breaking a part that had to be ordered from Portland.

C. I. Blair lost a fine calf from bloat last week.

BOTH PARENTS DIE

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell of Tumalo Fail to Survive Shock.

The parents of Elda Bell, the prosecuting witness in the case against Dr. E. Rea Norris, John Collins and Ethel Howell, died in Prineville within 12 hours of each other and within 36 hours of the conclusion of the case Tuesday night. The death of Mrs. Bell occurred Wednesday afternoon and that of her husband early Thursday morning.

The Crook County Journal of September 23 reported the deaths as follows:

"Emma F. Bell of Tumalo died at the Home Hospital yesterday afternoon from a stroke of paralysis. She was 41 years of age and had been a resident of Crook county since 1904. She is survived by her father, J. M. Stry of Tumalo, D. M. Stry, a brother, of Milton, husband, John B. Bell of Tumalo and Miss Elda Bell, daughter, who was the prosecuting witness in the sensational case in court this week.

"J. B. Bell, resident of Tumalo, died in this city at an early hour today. Mr. Bell was the husband of Mrs. Emma Bell who died yesterday afternoon in this city and the father of Elda Bell. Although his health has been poor for some time, complications developed during the excitement of the trial in which his daughter played so sensational a part and a weakened heart could not withstand the conditions. The body of both of these parties will be shipped to Tumalo by the father of Mrs. Bell for burial."

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