

Progress in Rabbit Eradication

Community Organization Necessary to Obtain County Strychnine.
By County Agriculturist A. E. Lovett

Although there has been very little favorable weather in Crook county to date for the killing of large numbers of rabbits through the use of poison mixtures, the progress made in the county in preparation of the use of these mixtures and the work of eradicating the rabbits generally is very favorable. There are at present 18 community organizations formed and ready for work as soon as favorable weather appears. Four other organizations will take up the work immediately and requests for meetings and assistance in organizing organizing communities have been received in large numbers by the County Agriculturist.

Because of the necessary work in preparation of annual reports on demonstrations, etc., in the county for the year which must be prepared by January 1st, and because of the county agent's conference at Corvallis January 3 to 14, the county agriculturist has found it impossible to hold meetings later than this week, until after his return from Corvallis January 16. Mr. Ward, U. S. Biological assistant, will also be gone from the county, January 3 to 12, but after that time will be glad to visit any section of the county and continue the work we have already started. A large quantity of strychnine purchased by the county and state is expected to arrive this week and a large portion of this will be distributed among organized communities in the county. None of this strychnine will be given to individuals; all will be given to organizations. It is not necessary that either the County Agriculturist or Mr. Ward be present to effect a community organization. Any community may organize and as soon as we have proof that the organization is perfected and that it means business, it will be given its share of the strychnine. If your community wants assistance in the rabbit work it must have an organization.

In regard to the use of poison mixtures for rabbits Mr. Ward states as follows: "The ultimate success of the Jack rabbit poisoning in Crook county will depend on how carefully those using the poison mixture follow instructions regarding its preparation and recommendation for its exposure. I have lately conferred with one 'poison mixer' who deviated from the plan. This gentleman used practically no accurate measures and guessed at the amount of liquid for the starch solution. This

would not have made any material difference had he added the strychnine according to formula. He, however, put strychnine crystals instead of Alkaloidal powder into the starch after it had been boiled. Experiments have shown that to obtain the best results the powder is preferred but if Sulphate crystals must be used they should be introduced into the hot water and dissolved before adding the starch. If Alkaloidal crystals must be used, the solution must be made up with 1/2 strong acid vinegar or 1/4 Hydrochloric acid. In the instance here cited, it is very probable that the large strychnine crystals were never dissolved and the strength of the entire batch of mixed grain would be materially weakened. Another factor of major importance is that of weather conditions. If the weather is not favorable, successful results from the use of the poison cannot be expected. Field tests have clearly demonstrated that if we have clear cold weather, with the ground frozen, rabbits can be as readily poisoned in Central Oregon as any other states where the poison has been successfully used.

Where the destruction of rabbits is the primary object, it is advisable to expose the poison oats in large enough quantities that the rodents can obtain sufficient poison without having to search for it. One organization exposed the poison mixture in such small dribbles that it is doubtful if the rabbits visiting the bait spot found sufficient to kill them. Another important item is that of knowing that the rabbits are visiting a certain locality or spot. If the rabbits come to a spot they may be seen in the evening or early morning. Tracks in the snow are no indication of the number of rabbits that have been there.

Some of the results already obtained are as follows: 5 quarts of poison oats on Fred Egil's place near Silver Lake killed 117 rabbits in one night; 2 quarts of the same mixture at K. D. Houston's near Paulina, killed 45 rabbits in one night; 12 quarts of the mixture put out at Hemstad killed 240 rabbits; 1 1/2 quarts near Terrence killed 21 rabbits. The poison oats mixture costs approximately 7 cents per quart in Crook county.

Strychnine is a dangerous poison when used carelessly. Obtain instructions direct from those advising its use, follow instructions explicitly and you will get the rabbits without danger to live stock.

Progress in County.
A few months ago, at a council meeting in a certain small town, a well known alderman astonished the members by saying:
"Gentlemen, we have been sending our lunatics to — asylum for a long time now, and it has cost us a great deal of money, but I am glad to be able to tell you that we have now built an asylum for ourselves."—Chicago News.

Some Hope of Finish.
"Which do you prefer, a preacher who preaches extemporaneous sermons or a preacher who reads his sermons?" asked Smith.
"I prefer the preacher who reads his sermons," replied Brown. "He can tell when he gets to the end of his sermon."—Spokane Review.

Worked in the Hay Field.
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See Edwards for paper hanging.—Adv.

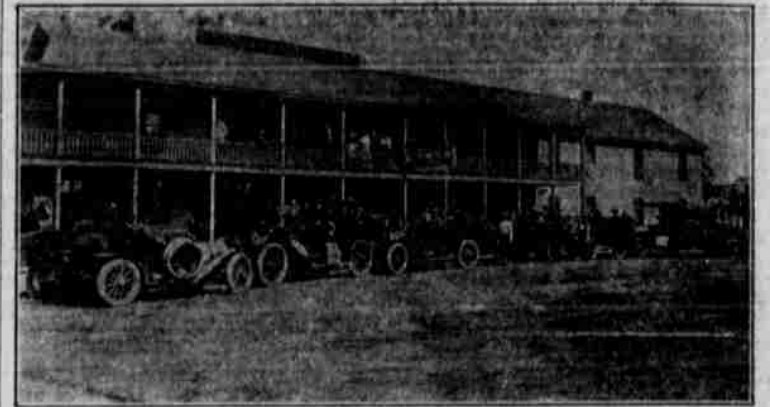
A Fatal Omission.
"This," said the editor, "describes the invention in graphic style, but you haven't made it complete."
"No," said the reporter.
"No. You haven't said that it is destined to revolutionize the industry."—Boston Journal.

Gone!
Modern Child—What do they mean by a long winter evening? Mother—A portion of the day which existed before the era of movies and talking machines.—Judge

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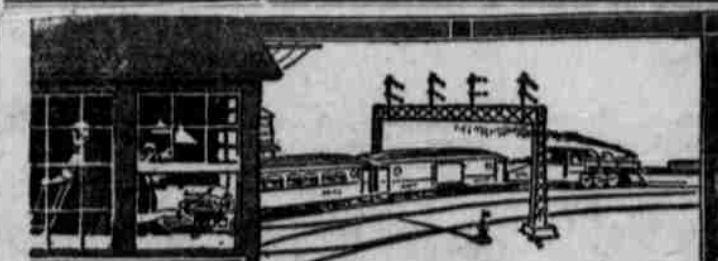
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Cape of Good Hope.
The Cape of Good Hope lies at a considerable distance from the end of South Africa and is, in fact, the middle of the three promontories, severally inconspicuous, which jointly terminate a slender peninsula some twenty miles in length forming the barrier between False bay and the Atlantic ocean on the west. These three headlands, lying near together and commonly undivided on a map of moderate scale, are locally designated Cape Point. It was here that Bartholomew Diaz first encountered in full force the prevalent southeasterly gales and denounced the rugged, threatening, threefold promontory under the sounding appellation of the Cape of Storms, to be afterward rechristened by pious, trustful hearts the Cape of Good Hope.

Pairing in Legislatures.
The custom of pairing in the house of commons originated in Cromwell's time. "Pair off" is the phrase used to signify that two members of a legislative body of opposite political opinions agree to absent themselves from voting for a certain period. By "pairing" in this way they neutralize each other's absence. The wiles of the house generally manage to find "pairs" when, for any reason, members desire to be absent temporarily.

An Odd Epitaph.
The following epitaph is to be found in a cemetery within seven miles of New York's city hall:
Reader, pass on; don't waste your time over bad biography and bitter rime. For what I am this crumbling clay insures. And what I was is no affair of yours.

Family Treasures.
"What's the trouble in the household?"
"Mother gave away all of father's old clothes. And he retaliated."
"How?"
"By throwing away all her old medicine bottles."—Baltimore American.

Incongruous.
Jones—That seedy looking individual is Professor Ragtag. He is working on a scheme that will make him rich if he can perfect it. Smith—What is the scheme? Jones—A plan to enable outsiders to make money in Wall street.—Puck.

Depot Hotel the home of the home-steader.—Adv.

SHAVING THE PIG.

An Incident That Chief Justice Chase Wanted to Forget.

Salmon P. Chase, governor of Ohio, senator of the United States, secretary of the United States treasury and chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, once had an encounter with a pig that is worth telling.

When a boy he attended a private boarding school kept by his uncle, the Episcopal bishop of Ohio. He did the chores for his uncle during the school term and worked on the farm during the summer. One day his uncle told his nephew that he should kill and dress a pig at the close of the school that day.

With no little difficulty the boy caught the pig and killed it. And now the question was how to get the bristles off. He had heard of farmers scalding hogs, so he scalded the pig into a barrel of hot water. He either held the pig in the water too long, or did not have it hot enough, for in spite of all his scraping the bristles would not come off. He then thought of his uncle's razors, and getting them he shaved the pig from nose to tail.

When the bishop returned he congratulated his nephew on the splendid appearance of the pork. But when he tried to shave the next day he discovered that the razors would not "work." What he said and did we may imagine, but we do not know.

Chief Justice Chase was a very dignified man. His private secretary, Mr. Diller, says that he had little humor in his composition. President Lincoln once related the foregoing story at a meeting of the cabinet, but Mr. Chase did not like it very well, and the president never referred to it again.

SWAMPED WITH PROFITS.

Story of the Patent on the Screw With the Gimlet Point.

Perhaps the shortest patent application extant is the one on file in the patent office at Washington, which reads, "I claim a patent on a screw with a gimlet point."

Previous to that all screws used in woodwork had been of the blunt end variety, and the carpenter had to carefully bore a hole with a gimlet or auger before inserting his screw and forcing it home. The advent of the screw with a gimlet point which would bore itself in revolutionized this.

This patent was held by the American Screw company of Providence, R. I., and before the patent ran out and it was impossible for others to manufacture it without damage suits this company made tremendous profits. The demand for the gimlet pointed screw was, of course, immense, and the company did not know what to do with its profits.

All of its dry horses were carefully selected blacks, at tremendous prices.