

SHOOTING TOURNAMENT FOR FAIR WEEK

Harney County Rod And Gun Club Preparing Program For Big Shoot With Neighboring Clubs--Followed By Big Duck Shoot For Visitors

A meeting of the Rod and Gun Club was held at The Times-Herald office last Wednesday evening at which it was definitely decided to hold a two or three days shooting tournament in this city during fair week and invitations will be sent to several outside clubs to come and participate. Details are yet to be arranged but there will be a number of cash prizes besides one or more loving cups for team contests.

The secretary has been instructed to order one of the late improved traps for this meet and everything will be worked out next week when definite program and arrangements will be completed and published.

Among the clubs to be invited to take part are Canyon City, John Day, Prairie City, Baker, Huntington, Ontario, Boise, Nysa, Winnemucca, Lakeview, Bend and Prineville. One of the features that will be a strong inducement to the outside clubs to

Mr. W. S. Gunsalus, a farmer living near Fleming, Pa., says he has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for fourteen years, and that he has found it to be an excellent remedy, and takes pleasure in recommending it. For sale by all Dealers.

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HOW TO KILL THE GOPHER AND MOLE

Pest Expert Of The O. A. C. Says The
Problem Of Killing The Rodents
Is Not A Simple Task

That it is no simple task to get rid of gophers and moles and other rodents is the opinion of A. L. Lovett, pest expert at the Oregon Agricultural College. He believes it is necessary to use a combination of treatments rather than one system.

"In most cases one will have very good success during the early part of the fight with the poisoned bait. Fumigation with carbon-sulfid give very good success in newly formed burrows of the pocket gopher. This method is used extensively through the middle west on a commercial scale and over large fields. Where the application fails it is usually due to the very extended underground burrows which occur in fields long infested. The carbon-sulfid is used at the rate of three to six ounces to each pocket. Saturating dry horse manure and working this down into the burrow is a very good method of application. The material may be poured slowly into the hole direct. After treating the hole, cover it thoroughly to hold in the fumes. Always bear in mind that carbon-bisulfid is as inflammable as gasoline. Do not open it near a hot stove, nor smoke while making the application.

"When the number of pests are considerable lessened they seem to become wary of such methods, and then possibly the trap will be about the only way you can catch them. After the trap ceases to be effective, a small boy with a rifle will usually keep them down pretty well. This pest usually appears above ground at certain hours of the day and can be shot very readily.

"There are two methods of preparing the poisoned bait. One consists of simply using pieces of carrot or potato or even raisins. Make an incision in each piece and slip in a crystal of strychnia sulphate. The burrow should not be left uncovered in the case of the pocket gopher; simply scrape away the surface soil to expose the tunnel; the bait may then be dropped into the hole and the soil replaced.

"In the case of moles, a sharp pointed stick may be pushed down into the uplifted earth around the tunnel and the bait dropped in. Then simply tramp on the burrow to cut out the light from below.

"The other method for preparing the bait with poison is as follows: Dissolve an ounce of strychnia sulphate in a pint of boiling water; add a pint of thick syrup and stir thoroughly. Scent this with a few drops of oil of anise. This mixture is sufficient to poison a half-bushel of wheat or corn. Simply pour it over the grain and stir vigorously. This grain, of course, should not be scattered in exposed places where birds and poultry would get at it.

"In the case of traps, I do not know that any particular make is to be recommended. All of them have certain things which make them, in the eye of their manufacturers, a little superior to other types."

Threshing Has Begun.

Threshing machines are now busy on this year's crop and up to the present yields have come up to all expectations. Harney county has a "bumper" crop of everything this season and the farmers are going to reap the benefit. Movements are under way to assist in the disposition of the crops of this season which are greater than ever before and some were more or less concerned about disposing of it at a profit. This will be worked out in the near future and it is not likely much will have to be held over. Should this be necessary it will no doubt find a ready market in the early spring as the railroad builders will then be within easy hauling distance of the farmers and will take all the grain, potatoes and other such products at good prices.

WATER RIGHTS ARE BEING ADJUDICATED

Superintendent Cochran of La Grande Spends Greater Part Of Week In Hearing Applicants For Water Rights And Giving Information To All Interested In The Work

The hearing has begun for the adjudication of the waters of the Silves River and the filing of proofs of water rights is now progressing. These proofs can be filed at any time before the 5th day of next December. If a claimant does not file them while the Superintendent is here, he can swear to them before a Notary Public and mail them to Supt. Geo. T. Cochran at La Grande, Oregon. The different steps that are taken in the settlement of these rights are first, the filing of the proofs. After all these proofs are filed by the various claimants, then the second step is taken which is to open the proofs to inspection. When the inspection period arrives, the Superintendent will bring all of the proofs to Burns and set a time for all the claimants to come in and examine his neighbors proof to see whether or not it is right. If any proof is found wrong, then there are two ways of correcting it, first by the parties agreeing to the correction or second by filing a contest against the claim. A contest involves a trial just like a trial in court and the Superintendent then makes a decision on the question involved from evidence that would be submitted at the trial. In making up the proofs of claimants, it is necessary for each claimant to be accurate and correct in his statements, so as to be able to pass this inspection. In answering the questions, details should be given and if the blank furnished by the Board of Control does not give space sufficient, separate sheets should be attached to the proof, giving in detail the history of your irrigation system. This should be done in every instance where possible and especially so when there is no question in the blank that elicits the information which is desired to be given. The reason for this is to enable the Board of Control to gain a knowledge of the irrigation system by which the claimant irrigates his land and from that a knowledge of the irrigation conditions of the river basin.

The principles of water law are easily learned but hard to apply. If one rule could be put in force over the whole state, then the adjudications of rivers would be easily and rapidly done. But each community has different circumstances and conditions, each ditch or irrigation system has a different history and it therefore requires a detailed knowledge of these conditions and circumstances in order to render an intelligent and just decree. The description of land should be checked over so as to be sure they are accurate and the number of acres in each forty-acre tract should be marked for the amount of water to which one is entitled depends upon and is proportionate to the number of acres irrigated.

The adjudication of all these water rights has brought a large number of our ranchers and farmers to this city and a large number of proofs have been filed with Mr. Cochran during the week, but a number will take advantage of the 90 day limit, since it is found they can put in their claims in this manner before a Notary and mail them to the superintendent at La Grande. Mr. Cochran explained the work of the board in a statement Wednesday and since it has been explained our water users are not so concerned. However, it is necessary to have the filings quite complete and accurate as it thus avoids confusion and worry later.

However, the importance of the adjudication of the irrigation water of the Silves River and tributaries has not been lost sight of even though the farmers found it more simple than they had anticipated and each claimant will put in his claim feeling that he is going to be given a fair deal and that it is the beginning of the end of litigation which has harassed the people for so many years. The adjudications of the State Board heretofore on other streams have proven very satisfactory and with such a reputation local people can feel encouraged.

Thirty Years Ago—Dance

Arrangements are now in progress for a novel dancing party at Tonawama in this city on the night of September 13th. It is to be a dance of thirty years ago, with old time buckaroos in charge and the music of those happy by-gone days. The genuine dances of those days will be the order during the greater part of the evening and this will give the younger generation an idea of how their parents used to enjoy life when they did not have a modern orchestra to play for them and the quadrille was the main dance. Wm. South will be first fiddler, with a second fiddler yet to be selected, a banjo, and A. K. Richardson will play double-bass.

the intention to have all the old time boys in for the occasion, the floor being managed by some of them. I. Foster, R. J. Williams, W. B. Johnson, Lee Caldwell, I. L. Poujade, Jim Mahon and others will have charge of the dance which insures one of the particularly enjoyable events of recent years.

High heeled boots will be worn while shirts without collars and even coats may be dispensed with on this occasion. It is to be an exact duplicate of the pioneer times of thirty years ago when Bill Hanley, Hank Levens, Mart Brenton and other old time pioneer boys used to "swing 'em round" and really enjoy life. More particulars will be given of this dance in the next issue. Every old timer in the country is urged to attend as it will add greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion and bring back old times, besides give an opportunity for a reunion.

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LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

In 1911 the wool clip of Oregon weighed 16,000,000 pounds, was shorn from about 2,000,000 sheep and was sold for about \$3,000,000. During the same period the state produced 600,000 pounds of mohair, worth \$240,000. Goats have been found nearly as valuable for clearing brush land as for producing mohair.

In 1911 Oregon produced 72,000 bales of hops, worth \$4,000,000. The production was only half that of a few years ago, but prices have been extremely good.

In 1911 Oregon produced poultry to the extent of 9,000,000 birds, having a value of \$7,000,000.

During the same year the state produced 32,000,000 dozens of eggs, valued at \$9,600,000. The poultry business is still an infant industry.

In 1911 the Oregon potato crop was the greatest ever known, very nearly approaching the 6,000,000 bushel mark, with a value, to the growers, of over \$4,000,000.

In the same year, onions were grown to the amount of about 175,000 bushels, worth \$212,000. The bulk of this crop is produced within a small area, being grown almost exclusively on what is known as "beaver dam" land.

In 1911 Oregon produced \$3,400,000 worth of butter, but in order to supply the demand, at least three times this amount was shipped into the state from other sections.

In 1911 Oregon dairies produced 17,000,000 gallons of milk and cream, having a value of \$4,000,000. The product is sold to be the cleanest and most wholesome of that of any state.

In 1911 Oregon produced 5,000,000 pounds of cheese, valued at \$758,000. The quality is the very best. Los Angeles uses more Oregon cheese in feeding its tourists than of all other kinds combined.

The standing timber of Oregon is estimated at 451,000,000,000 feet worth on the stump \$630,000,000, and when manufactured into lumber it will be worth \$6,500,000,000. The timber covers approximately 25,000,000 acres. About one-half is in national forests and the balance under private ownership.

In 1911 4,123 head of livestock was raised in Oregon, valued at \$87,854,000. Among meat animals, the production of hogs has increased faster than that of cattle or sheep, due for the most part to the extremely high prices that have prevailed for the past two years in the coast markets.

The fruit crop in Oregon in 1911 was worth over \$4,000,000 in cash. The greater part of this sum was received for apples, this staple commanding the highest prices both at home and abroad. Next to apples, peaches are the most important fruit in the state, last year's crop selling for \$523,030. Pears were sold to the value of \$300,000, being an average of nearly \$1.50 per box. Cherries, prunes, loganberries, grapes, strawberries, etc., helped to swell the sum paid to farmers and orchardists during the year. About 300,000 pounds of English walnuts were produced, valued at \$45,000.

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BENNETT STILL ON JOB AS BOOSTER

Writes Interestingly In Sunday's Oregonian Of His Recent Trip To Interior And Tells Of Many Changes Occuring In The Harney Valley

Addison Bennet has a fine illustrated writeup in last Sunday's Oregonian showing some views of this city and telling of his recent trip here. He is still as enthusiastic a booster for Harney county as ever—only more so. The "old man" says some good things about us every time he comes and each trip shows him greater improvement and development with every indication that his former predictions of our future are coming true—in fact many of them are now a reality. In his recent article he says in part: "And the Harney Valley. If any man had tried to explain to me the change of the last 15 months I would have called him a liar. Why, the whole valley is running over with prosperity. What was it I once wrote for the Oregonian about this wonderful valley? Oh, yes; I said 'here lies the future granary of Oregon.' And I told the truth. A valley of 1000 square miles, almost every acre tillable—every

acre, dog gone it. Why lie about? And here you will see wheat running over 50 bushels to the acre, barley as much or more, oats nearly 100. Irrigate? I am talking of dry farming now. Why did they not do this before? No transportation—none now—but they are getting ready for next year—will hold a lot over to help the Harriman people out.

Well, any sane man would get like me—sort of enthused—over the Harney Valley, because there is no other like it. Because the others are smaller—there are tens of thousands of acres all ways in sight nearly as good—some of it just as good—as you pass on to the east. It would take a column in the Oregonian to name the valleys in these three interior counties. There is only one man who can do it—William Hanley, and he knows every cow trail and every stump between the Cascades and the Snake."

Any court would grant a divorce to the woman whose husband refused to buy her one of those fireless cookers at Clevelander's.

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