

THE TIMES-HERALD MAN GOES VISITING

Finds Many Comfortable Homes and Considerable Improvement in The Valley View Neighborhood. Alfalfa Starting Growth After Recent Rains Where Rabbits Destroyed it

The manager of this great religious weekly made a rapid tour of the Valley View section the fore part of this week and found considerable improvement in that territory since he had been out. Many farms have been established, or rather improved and comfortable homes built where it had been sage brush only a short time ago.

Tuesday night was spent in Lawen, the object being some bird shooting that evening but upon finding Dr. Benson there to talk to the people we could not spend sufficient time in the fly ways of the birds to get any shooting. Having found a friend who desired to come to Burns but who could not get ready until noon, The Times-Herald man took advantage of the time to visit the Valley View neighbors. He found only a few at home but had an opportunity to observe the improvements and note the changes. Some very nice homes have been established in that section and there are many acres under fence and being tilled. The Lloyd Culp home is very comfortable and he is breaking up a larger acreage. He has fine soil as have also Hoffeditz, Cobb and others.

Dr. and Mrs. Babbidge are putting up a new house and the Doctor was at the mill for more lumber with which to finish it. Mrs. Babbidge took the writer out over the alfalfa field, or rather where alfalfa had been seeded, but which the rabbits had destroyed early in the season, and it was found that many plants had started to grow since the late rains. It is thought the drill had placed most of this seed now sprouting too deep and that it was just coming through the ground; it may be possible, however, that the roots of the plants that were cut down by the rabbits may be coming again.

The F. H. Huntley place is another well improved tract and he

also has some fine Holstein cows, that are doing well. Mr. Huntley was not at home and we didn't have the pleasure of going over his place or a personal conversation with him. From observation, however, it was seen that he had done much work and had his land in first class condition.

M. Gil, a new homesteader just south of Mr. Huntley, has started to make a home and is busy with his improvements. Messrs. Edwards and Carter also have some well improved land in that section. Mr. Carter saved his rye from the rabbits by fencing, but it seems the fence they secured did not meet the conditions as it was hoped. The rabbits would go under in places and they could also go through the mesh at a convenient height, but this surely can be remedied. A barbed wire at the bottom has been found very effective in preventing the pests going under and with proper study and necessary information to manufacturers a fence may be made that will prevent their going through it.

The writer did not go up as far as the W. G. Howell holdings on this trip but hopes to visit that territory in the near future. Mr. Howell has been doing much work on his big tract with the caterpillar plow and other machinery and has transformed the spot from a sage brush waste to a farm that will be a factor in the high cost of living by the coming season.

Had there been more people at home it is possible we could have secured more information respecting the new developments and proposed improvements. We give warning now that the boss is going out there again in the near future and for John Hoffeditz, Geo. Cobb and other neighbors to be at home or have their houses well locked or a good watch dog.

Sunset Notes.

The people of Sunset are most all preparing more land to seed to grain this fall. Grain was not a discouraging crop here wheat averaged twenty bushels per acre and rye ten bushels.

R. D. Stahl is plowing all his 160 acres and expects to have it all in crop for next year and Henry Luig has all the Settlement place plowed ready for sowing.

Several Sunset families have moved to Burns for the winter.

There was a social dance Saturday evening at the Newell place and every one reports having a good time.

Clyde Embree was over to Harney City Tuesday on business. It is whispered here that the democratic nominee for county treasurer will receive a large bachelor vote on election day in Sunset precinct regardless of party.

From the amount of lumber that is going to the southern part of the county there must be considerable building down that way.

The rabbit pest is a thing of the past as far as Sunset is concerned they all got filled up with watermelons at the Embree place this year and died. They could not stand prosperity.

The farmers in the Weaver Springs country are still threshing and the grain is yielding better than expected.

The Sunset school this year is the best the district has had since its organization.

Clyde and Van B. Embree are going to the Willamette Valley to winter and visit with their relatives and it is rumored in Sunset that the boys are going to bring back housekeepers. Housekeeper from the land of red apples should be well satisfied to make their home on a sage brush ranch where they raise plenty of potatoes and turnips and have rabbit hash for dessert.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

The River and Harbor Bill having finally been passed by Congress, the money necessary for the continuation of dredging and the construction of jetties at the mouth of the Columbia will be immediately available. For the work at the mouth of the Columbia \$1,000,000 has been awarded, for work on the Columbia below Portland, \$200,000 and for the completion of the Celilo Canal \$25,000, which the engineers estimate will be the full amount required. Since the report from Washington was received about five hundred men have been put to work at Big Eddy and as soon as work can be found for them, additional men will be employed and the work rushed to completion at the earliest possible date.

At an election held in Roseburg early last week the voters of that city authorized the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$500,000 with which to assist in the construction of a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay. A railroad commission consisting of ten business men of the city was provided for at the same election.

Fifty thousand dollars contributed by Multnomah County citizens for the completion of the Columbia River Highway in the county will be expended in the immediate future under the supervision of the state highway engineers. This donation it is said will insure the completion of the grading on the highway this year.

It Always Does the Work.

"I like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy better than any other," writes R. E. Roberts, Homer City Pa. "I have taken it off and on for years and it has never failed to give the desired results." For sale by all dealers.

A Bad Fire

Caused from a dirty flue will put you out of business or render you homeless. I use the latest device for cleaning flues which I absolutely guarantee will do the work right. Call Arthur Stewart Shoe black Burns Hotel.

MORE INFORMATION ON RABBIT QUESTION

Writer Feels Harney County Resources Too Limited for the Big Problem of Eradicating Rabbit Pest. Encouraged From Correspondence With State and Government Officials

Having been requested to again take action in the rabbit warfare, and not being satisfied with my own judgment feeling that every struggle of the American home builder is worthy of intelligent research knowing that in the best of judgment we most seriously err, I have searched both state and government records for the truths of what has been. The state has no records of such affairs but from the Bureau of Biological Survey I obtained the following information which I submit for publication without comment.

I have appealed our cause to county officials then to state, and forseeing our coming disaster early this spring I wired the condition of our country to the secretary and governor of the state. They promptly wired back sympathy and in the correspondence which followed they sent some more sympathy.

But let me tell you as I study the conditions of our new home builders and see their little gardens bare as freshly swept floors with all funds exhausted and the credit line crowded to the limit I realize that it may take something more substantial than official sympathy to feed the hungry mouths of our children till the coming of next seasons crop.

When officials ignore their country's need until the people in a frenzied attempt at self-protection draft some drastic measure of their own and through the referendum attempt to pass it over official heads, it reminds me of the old washer woman who had an educated husband to support, and whose patience became exhausted with his obstinacy turned on him one day and emphatically said, "Hiram, I'm still willin' to support you, I'm proud of your education and intelligence, I respect you knowin' you're a heap smarter'n I be, I enjoy the luxury of havin' you around, but say Hiram you've got to begin learnin' how to protect me or git off the job."

I am glad to quote in part a letter received from Governor West in regard to this question ("We have been giving some study to the problem and hope to make recommendations to the next legislature which will if heeded take care of the situation.")

As I feel that Harney County is petty small to tackle a problem which still baffles the Australian Government, and as we are surrounded by the little pests which extend clear into Idaho I hope that every move which can be made to make it a state issue will be done I am writing the judges of our surrounding counties to aid in the move and am sending our Governors letter to the Governor of Idaho, hoping that we may bring both states in the work which will lessen the expense and insure results.

Even should our proposed bound law pass we will still be just as sadly in need of universal work which will handle outlying country.

I hope that our cause will not be neglected in the state legislature this winter, I had hoped to give this matter what assistance I am capable of in person, but still hope that others who are much more capable and no less interested will be there in behalf of old Harney county and its courageous home builders, as the farms feed the world and as we are hungry every six hours, food supply is the fundamental principle of prosperity and should be the first consideration of our legislative bodies.

The beauties of modern art and the progress of science are but dross to hungry men.

Some great man wanted but three men to whip the world with

but he chose for this unique army a mad Englishman a drunk Irishman and a hungry Scotchman, as Americans are considerably mixed with these three races, you can leave it to our housewives if we haven't got the whole combination all in one.

Hoping that my work will be backed by more competent masculine assistance,

VIVIAN GRAY.

The following letter is from the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

Vivian Gray,

Harriman, Oregon.

Your letter about jack rabbits has been referred to the Biological Survey. I may say in reply to your first question that bounty systems have not been found effective in reducing the numbers of most animal pests. The operation of bounty laws is usually attended with considerable fraud and the supply of animals seems to remain about the same from year to year. Australia has not succeeded in conquering the rabbit pest. It is one of the serious handicaps to agriculture in that country today, and the agricultural journals are full of discussions of ways and means of suppressing rabbits. The country has gone to great expense in constructing rabbit-proof fences, and every possible method of reducing the animals has been tried. The standard remedy nowadays seems to be a poison mixture of lead and strychnine. We enclose two circulars of methods of destroying jack rabbits. One of these could well be given out for publication. These embody the methods which the Biological Survey has found most effective by actual tests in your section of the United States. We carried on a great deal of work in combating jack rabbits in Idaho last winter, and reached the conclusion that poisoning the animals in winter is the most effective way of attacking them. "In Farmers' Bulletin No 484 which we are requesting the Government printing office to send you, will find an account of methods of destroying ground squirrels. Carbon bisulphide can be purchased in bulk from the following firms:

Edward R. Taylor,
Penn Yan, New York.
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624 California St.,
San Francisco, California.
Independent Chemical Company,
72 Front St., New York City.
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Acting in Charge Economic Investigations.

The Department sends the following:

Rabbits may best be destroyed by poisoning, trapping or driving and these methods to be fully effective in any given district must be applied cooperatively.

In winter, jack rabbits concentrate in the valleys or along the borders of the nearest irrigated districts. When food is scarce, especially when snow is on the ground, practically all of them congregate near hay stacks, and this is the best time to poison or to trap them.

As long as there is no profitable way of utilizing the animals poisoning is the most economical and most generally applicable method. The formula was published last issue.

Trapping—If generally practiced about stacks or elsewhere where the animals feed in numbers, trapping will effect the capture alive of large numbers of the animals, and their flesh or pelts can be utilized. The simplest traps which are not interfered with by ordinary snowfall are:

(1) Rabbit-tight enclosures of

woven wire about hay stacks, with straw, brush or snow approaches built up to the top of the fence.

(2) Similar enclosures with deep, gradually narrowing entrances which finally terminate in narrow gaps between the wire ends, so that rabbits can readily squeeze through from the outside but not from the inside.

Portable traps of similar design with any simple "lift up" gates, or doors through which the rabbits can enter, but not return, are also very useful. Rabbits can be enticed to any place where oats, pieces of carrots or beets are exposed for a few nights, when practically all of them can be caught.

Market Report.

Receipts for last week at the Portland Union Stock Yards have been cattle, 976; calves, 11; hogs, 5065; sheep, 6990.

Light receipts of cattle for the week with improved demand and extreme top grades a little stronger in price. Top price on steers 7c bulk of sales 6.50 to 6.75. Extreme top on cows for the week 6.15. Bulls meeting with ready sale at strong prices.

Heavy receipts of hogs demand good top hogs 7:45 at close of market.

Receipts of sheep and lambs light. Demand strong for first class quality, with prices fully steady with last week.

Fortune in Potatoes

Growing Desirable Seed

A heavy demand for disease-free potatoes of standard variety and desirable type, and not a single source of supply in the entire United States, is the situation that confronts the potato grower. In some parts of the country, however, such seed can be grown, while in other parts, including some of the heaviest producing sections of the entire country, it is impossible to grow seed of this kind, and it must be imported from those parts where it can be grown, or else the industry will have to be abandoned. Among the places in which seed of the desired quality can be grown, Oregon is one of the best and most convenient to markets.

Herein lies the opportunity of the Oregon potato grower. Seed of such variety as Burbank, or other standard variety, that is produced in this state free insect and disease pests, may if properly inspected and passed, bring a price considerably above the market price of potatoes for food purposes. California growers have a standing offer of a bonus on such inspected potatoes, and they would rather get the potatoes in Oregon than anywhere else, because of convenience and a nearer approach to their climatic conditions.

"Let growers who have land upon which potatoes have not been grown prepare and plant it to as good seed as can be had, after being thoroughly treated with formalin, and a crop of potatoes that should meet the demand will probably be produced," says Professor Jackson, of the Plant Pathology department of the Agricultural College. "By practicing crop rotation using those crops that are non-hosts to the potato disease fungi, and by continually selecting seed in the fields and treating it with the standard fungicides, the crops should be kept free from infection and up to the varieties grown. The Agricultural College will be glad to cooperate with growers."

Why Not Publish it?

When you want a fact to become generally known, the right way is to publish it. Mrs. Joseph Kallans, Peru, Ind., was troubled with belching, sour stomach and frequent headaches. She writes, "I feel it is my duty to tell others what Chamberlain's Tablets have done for me. They have helped my digestion and regulated my bowels. Since using them I have been entirely well."

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NO CONTRACT LET FOR RAILROAD EXTENSION

President Farrell of O.-W. R. & N. Co. Sends a Telegram to The Times-Herald Denying Story Published to That Effect. Rumor is Terminus Will be Moved West of Riverside

In the issue of October 3 The Times-Herald published a story vouched for by Clay Luce, of Riverside, to the effect that the railroad people had let the contract for building 40 miles of road west from that point. Mr. Luce made this assertion with positiveness, that several officials of the road had been in Riverside the fore part of that week and it was no secret that the contract had been let and orders given to continue the work without delay. The Times-Herald article stated it had no confirmation of the story from an authoritative source.

A denial of the story was received since our last issue by a telegram from President Farrell, of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. which reads:

"The Times-Herald, 'Burns, Oregon.
"Announcement your issue of October 3rd contract had been let for construction additional 40 miles west or Riverside wholly without foundation in fact. Feel we owe it to you and your good people to officially state no contract has been let, neither do we expect to let contract or do any work in that direction in near future.

"Reports of this character if permitted to go unchallenged might be used by the unscrupulous to disadvantage of people who are developing central Oregon.

"J. D. FARRELL"
The writer has heard others

who have recently visited Riverside state just as positively that preparations are being made at that point to continue construction on west.

Another reason for the present activity of the railroad people in that vicinity has been brought out this week and this is to the effect that the present terminus of the line is to be moved west a couple of miles. According to a report coming to the writer it has been found that the land on which the present side-tracks, stock yards, etc., are located was vacant and not the tract described in the transfer to the railroad company. Some individuals had discovered this mistake and used scrip on the tract and are in a position to demand a good, stiff price from the railroad people. However, the rumor is to the effect that the railroad will not be held up and have arranged to move west two miles and establish their sidings, water tank and other improvements. One man who has just returned from that section states there are two box cars set off the track at the proposed new terminus and that each have the name of "River-ton" on them, indicating the new place is to be known by that name. This may be responsible for the present activity.

The Times-Herald gives this story as a rumor only as it knows nothing of the real facts.

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