

POISON FARM PESTS SAGE RAT AND GOPHER

Suggestion in Rural Spirit Bring Local Rodents to Mind and The Urgent Necessity of War on Them. Since Rabbits are Disappearing This Menace to Crops Should Have Attention

The loss to crop growers from depredations of squirrels and gophers is vastly greater than one would believe. Grain by grain these countless little outlaws every year levy their toll on industry just as do thieves in commerce. Birds have been arranged time and again for ruthless destruction of fruit and of gathering grain from the fields, but in late years, evidence has been presented that these faithful songsters through their voracious appetite for bugs and worms more than offset the loss they inflict to field and tree. The squirrels and gophers, however, have no defense. They feed fat and sleek on seed which is supposed to yield "an hundred fold."

Bad as these pests are in the rain belt, in the irrigation districts the squirrels and gophers are joined by the mole in not only thinning the stand of crops, but destruction of irrigation works is likewise charged up to them. One little scrub gopher, squirrel or muskrat may dig a hole that will release the water of a reservoir and ruin an entire farming district, or they may cause a ditch to break and damage crops through shortage of water. They are particularly a nuisance in every field where irrigation is practiced by the corrugated system. A corrugation is made to carry a certain quantity of water. The gopher diverts the water from one corrugation to another, which overflows and breaks every corrugation down the side of the hill and much time is lost regaining the damage. The pesky little rodents multiply and increase with remarkable rapidity and breed at a very early age so that if no warfare is waged against them they become a source of loss varying from a few dollars to thousands, depending on the size of the fields. A winter like the one now prevailing is ideal for the propagation of the squirrel and gopher colony, and by the time the seed is planted these pests will be ready to take their toll. Of all years when loss of this kind should be provided against, it is this good year of 1915 when high prices are in prospect.

The time to do effective work against these natural enemies is right now. The investment of a little money in poisoned grain will pay remarkable dividends. Get the poisoned grain and have it ready. At the first signs of activity in squirrel world, begin scattering the poison. You will find directions with the grain as to where to place it so as to get the maximum results.—Rural Spirit.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

Dates have been set and plans are well under way for a tremendous celebration, extending over an entire week, on the completion of the Celilo Canal and the opening of that splendid project for the extension of river traffic. President Wilson has been invited to attend, also Admiral Dewey. Congress has passed an act authorizing the attendance of three senators and nine representatives at the beginning of the festivities, May 5th.

A part of the preliminary plan is to have the people at Astoria and other lower river points, charter a steamer for the entire round trip, proceed up the river clear through to Lewiston, picking up participants in the celebration at all river points. It is believed that a very attractive rate can be secured.

Commencing March 1, seven tons of acclimated seed corn will be distributed among farmers in the territory served by the O.-W. R. & N. railroad by C. L. Smith, the company's farmer. It is the intention to see that each farmer receives enough seed to plant at least two acres, which will en-

RESUME OF WORK OF STATE LEGISLATURE

Solons of Twenty-Eighth Session Complete Their Labors at Salem Sunday Morning. Prohibition Law Considered Most Important. Change in Tax and Election Laws Amended

Salem.—The 28th biennial session of the legislature is a matter of history. The closing hours witnessed the usual confusion and congestion and in addition there was a deadlock between the house and senate which threatened to become serious.

The conflict arose over the refusal of the senate to accede from its amendment to the Schuchel house compensation bill. The house refused to accept the senate amendment reducing the membership of the industrial accident commission to one member and in retaliation declined to pass the senate bill conferring upon the governor or appointing board as the case may be the power of removal of appointees at any time and the bills consolidating the insurance and corporation departments and the highway and state engineer's offices. The fight was enlivened by a letter from Miss Foy Hobbs offering to resign her place on the industrial accident commission if the senate would pass the house bill. An agreement was effected whereby each house receded from its position.

The agreements failed in one particular. The house did not pass the bill consolidating the offices of corporation and insurance commissioner. The merger of the highway and state engineer's offices was accomplished.

Prohibition Law Most Important.

What may regard as the most important piece of legislation passed at this session was the prohibition bill to make effective the prohibition compact with the federal government which will become effective January 1, 1916. The bill permits the importation from without the state of a small quantity of liquor, makes consignees receipts public records and prohibits liquor advertising and solicitation of orders.

Next to the prohibition act, the most important piece of legislation passed amended the workmen's compensation act. The amendments provide for several classifications of risks, change the rates different industries shall pay into the fund, reduce the payments of employees and eliminate the section which gave the injured workman the choice of compensation or an action at law.

Cattlemen Like The New Branding Law

Some 400 prominent range stockmen of the Northwest were present last week at Prineville, when the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Associations opened its annual convention.

The passage of the uniform branding bill by the Legislature is the source of satisfaction to the cattle men of Eastern Oregon, who used all possible influence to push it through. It was originated by the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association. The feature giving the inspectors the power of sheriff in making arrests is one that will be very effective, as any effort to break the law when cattle are driven from one county to another can be halted at once by the inspector, who will be the appointee of the Governor in the recommendation of the association. The recording of the brands with the state veterinarian, and doing away with duplication of brands, will be a great protection to the shippers at the Portland stockyards, where stolen cattle can be detected at once.

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SHOOTING ON BORDER THIS AND LAKE COUNTY

Feud Over Mixing of Sheep Results in Lake County Man Getting Hurt. Question Whether Trouble Occurs In Harney or Lake County. Man Who Did Shooting Under Bonds

A shooting affray between two shepherds occurred recently and it has not yet been determined whether it was in Lake or Harney county. The principals went so Lakeview, however, and Sheriff Goodman was notified, but since the man who did the shooting, John O'Keefe, has furnished bonds to the authorities of Lake county and signified his willingness to come here if it is found to have taken place in this county, Sheriff Goodman will not go after him at present.

The latest advice on the matter is to the effect that surveyors were going out from Lakeview to determine the line and ascertain whether it was in this or Lake county. In the meantime Mr. O'Keefe is under a bond and his bondsmen will be responsible for his appearance here should it be necessary.

The Examiner says of the trouble in part:

According to reports, which are somewhat meager and complicated, there had been previous quarrels between the two men over the mixing of sheep, and when the shooting occurred their two bands of sheep were mixed. According to a brother of the wounded man who arrived at the scene Sunday evening, Shanahan was unarmed and was running and about 50 yards distant from O'Keefe when shot. What the words were between the two men previous to the shooting we are unable to learn but it is rumored that Shanahan was going after a gun, and that O'Keefe shot in self defense.

The Herald says:

A telephone message was received here about 8:30 Sunday night from Adel that Dave Shanahan had been shot the bullet striking him in the hip. The shooting occurred in Harney county and the friends of Mr. Shanahan are bringing him to Lakeview. A man by the name

Market Report

Receipts for the week at the Portland Union Stockyards have been cattle 1055, calves 14, hogs 4737, sheep 2221.

A comparatively good run of battle brought good quality to market this week. Prices however did not register as strong as previous week. Top steers of prime quality going at 7.85. Market steady at close of week.

Hog prices continue on a par with Eastern markets. Many light hogs and brood sows have made their appearance on the market bringing of course low prices for this class of offerings. Tops at close of week 6.90.

A very strong sheep market all week. Top lambs sold with fleece on at 8.25, shorn lambs at 7.25; choice ewes 6.15 and wethers at 7.15. Market continues very strong.

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Members of the house were joyful after they had cleaned up their work. Led by Representatives Littlefield, Obit, Stewart and Gill they gathered about Miss Towne's desk and sang a number of popular and patriotic songs. While the house members were in the midst of their stinging someone suggested: "Let's go over and serenade the senate."

The idea proved popular. The whole party, consisting of nearly 40 members, marched around the rotunda and straight through the doors of the senate chamber, where the sleepy-eyed senators were awakened by the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

The senators, led by Senator Day, gathered around Miss Towne and gave her three "hurrahs" and a "tiger."

The house members returned the compliment to Miss Clarke, the only woman senator.

With a few minor amendments the following is a list of the important bills passed by the legislature:

- 18, by Stafield—Regulating sale of foreign meats and requiring meat shipped into state from foreign countries to be labeled.
- 19, by Allen—To require dealer in imported eggs to label their containers.
- 20, by Littlefield—To make building and loan association subject to corporation act.
- 21, by Blanchard—To provide for organization of co-operative organizations.
- 22, by Kelly—To restore tax collecting power to county sheriffs.
- 23, by Olson—To prevent misrepresentation of metallic article offered for sale.
- 24, by Olson—To enable persons to become candidates for primary nominations by paying a fee.
- 25, by committee on assessment and taxation—Fixing April 5 and October 5 as taxing dates.
- 26, by Hixley—Authorizing and regulating the practice of chiropractic in Oregon.
- 27, by Hutton—Providing for election of dairy and food commissioners and prescribing his power and duties.
- 28, by committee on health and public morals—Requiring reports as to condition of eyes in infants to prevent blindness.
- 29, by Wagner—Providing for publication of school budgets.
- 30, by joint committee on assessment and taxation—Directing tax collector to carry forward delinquent tax on roll and note them upon tax receipts.
- 31, by Anderson—Regulates practice of osteopathy.
- 32, by Childs—Providing time in which assessor shall deliver tax to treasurer.
- 33, by Forbes—Abolishes reclamation fund, transferring money to irrigation fund.
- 34, by Blanchard—Provides that all mill fees shall be sold by public bid.
- 35, by Hunt—Regulating sale of milk and cream.
- 36, by Horne—To compel hospital associations who employ nurses to make account for money as collected to labor commissioner.
- 37, by Marlon county delegation—Provides for drainage districts through cooperation of farmers.
- Senate Bills in Hands of Governor but not yet Signed.**
- 149, by committee on roads and highways to give county courts power to reject contractor's bids on bridge work and perform work under direction of superior court.
- 150, by Senators Ragsdale and Stewart—To exempt state institutions from eight-hour law.
- 151, by Smith (Josephine)—To enable a committee to register in other states to practice in Oregon.
- 152—To remove from registration lists names of unaturalized persons to conform with constitutional amendment.
- 153, by Moser—To declare it unnecessary for attorney general to give opinions to private individuals.
- 154, by Perkins—To require assessors and tax collectors to get tax information from tax commissioner.
- 155, by Hollis and Vinton—To appeal to superior court in which county may distribute road district funds.
- 156, by Perkins—To provide for transfer of escheated property to the state.
- 157, by Hollis and Curry—To provide for redistricting of county roads in September of each year.
- 158, by Kellaker—To permit the sale of game fish imported from other states.
- 159, by Perkins—To fix time limit for preparing assessment rolls for taxing districts at last day of February.
- 160, by Moser—To provide further relief for widows under widows pension act.
- 161, by Vinton—To enable courts to summon witnesses for distance of 100 miles (present limit is 20 miles).
- 162, by Dimick—Providing organization of school districts.
- 163, by Garland—Requiring county treasurers to deposit redeemed orders with clerk every Monday.
- 164, by Strayer—To provide a state recorder of brands.
- 165, by Langruth—Repealing laws requiring sheriff to make report of fees collected to district attorney.
- 166, by committee on horticulture—To give welfare commission authority to regulate hours of women working in canneries.
- 167, by Hawley—To amend section 4650, Lord's Oregon Laws, to provide that election day shall be school holiday only when building is used for polling place.
- 168, by committee on education—To reduce fees for teachers' state certificates.
- 169, by Moser—To prevent discrimination in payment of salaries in pay of male and female school teachers.
- 170, by Hollis—To authorize tax collectors to cancel taxes on land sold by state and forfeited.
- 171, by Moser—To authorize attachment of insurance money in certain cases.
- 172, by Day—To fix standards for weights and measures.
- 173, by Day—To provide for office of chief deputy seals and weights and measures and four district deputies throughout state.
- 174, by committee on judiciary—To amend code to relieve persons without funds from putting up bond to guarantee costs of cases in justice courts.
- 175, by Perkins—Requiring payment of at least 2 per cent interest on all county funds held by banks.
- 176, by committee on penal institutions—Appropriating \$10,000 for acquisition of boys between ages of 10 and 16 at state training school make theft of fixtures from house or building, larceny.
- 177, by Von der Helten—To fix width of all county roads at 60 feet unless otherwise ordered by petition, but in no case less than 30 feet or more than 60 feet.
- 178, by committee on banking—To amend banking laws to conform with federal reserve act.
- 179, by judiciary and revision of laws committee—To provide for permanent registration of voters.
- 180, by assessment and taxation committee—Providing budget system for all tax levying districts.
- 181, by committee on assessment and taxation—To remit penalties due on taxes under the 1913 tax law.
- 182, by Allen—To provide organiza-

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