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PESTS AND PESTS.

In the early eighties, the Byrd family resided on what is now the J. W. Biggs farm above town. Farming was an unknown quantity in those days. "Daddy" Byrd was teaching the only school in what is now Harney County but he had a "hunch" and being lately from "Missouri" took the time to get a small acreage of ground plowed and seeded to oats. They came along fine but at a critical time the small field was infested with a swarm of blackbirds that threatened to take away every kernel out of the heads. The writer was not very old and was small for his age, but he volunteered to stay out of school and with the aid of a muzzle-loading shot gun which was too heavy for him to hold out from his shoulder (it being necessary to rest it over something every time he shot it off) minded that patch of grain from daylight until dark only to find in the end that the birds had got the crop.

Later we had a visit of crickets which took everything in their path but they were preceded by a horde of rabbits, another discouragement. Finally the rabbits died off and the farmer had a little breathing spell, only to have them return again later and it has cost this county dearly in bounty for another seige, but again they seem to have been almost entirely exterminated. The sage rat is another pest that has been a source of annoyance for years and which has been responsible for a great loss. Now we have a pest of grasshoppers. They have been taking crops in some portions of the country for the past few years and last season covered a much greater area and last fall deposited their eggs over a big country. They are hatching out by the millions and every available means is being brought to bear to exterminate them. A government man is here to superintend a systematic poisoning campaign and the people of Burns are joining with the farmers in this crusade with the results yet to be determined as the work has not advanced far enough to really tell just how effective it is going to be. Although these pests are very small they are beginning to show their destructiveness as they have attacked the alfalfa field of Clyde Weitenhiller and have already eaten up a portion of it and are beginning on the Voegtly field adjoining town.

The poison is killing some of the hoppers but they are so numerous it is appalling. People have confidence in this method of destroying them and there is a disposition on the part of every citizen to help in the work, yet it is discouraging and calls for the entergetic backing of us all.

The crickets called forth many suggestions and efforts for their destruction; one very effective way and which caused the destruction of thousands of these pests might be worked to an advantage in the present struggle, before the little "Hanns" get wings and are so hard to control. The crickets were traveling in one direction and it was finally decided to make a windrow af straw and hay in front of them at a proper distance in order to bring it right for the insects to reach about dark and in this they took refuge for the night. In the early morning this straw was set on fire by the workers and thus they were burned.

Dan Varien was in town the other day and told C. H. Voegtly that he had found two grasshopper egg deposits on his Prather Creek place and had watched them with interest. The first deposit to hatch was taken care of by a flock of blackbirds and he had been wondering about the second deposit and upon making an investigation he discovered that it was on a slight elevation where the sage rats were thick and these were digging up the eggs and eating them with every indication of liking them.

Thus we have it that one pest will feed upon another—first the blackbirds were the destruction of the oat crop but later the have destroyed another pest—the same with the sage rats. Farmers were averse to placing a bounty on the coyotes in the early days as they claimed the coyote kept the r bbits down and were really a greater aid in that respect in the general economic result than the damage they caused on the flocks of sheep.

However this may be, there is a constant war that man must wage to bring about his existence and do his part toward mankind in general. We must meet these conditions with a determination to win over all obstacles. If we find the poison bran is not as effective as we had hoped, let us try to cover the grasshoppers with a layer of straw and burn a part of 'em. At any rate don't give up the ship for we must do our part this year in spite of discouragements.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION WANTS THRESHER INFORMATION.

A recent letter from Food Administrator Ayer of this state to Mrs. Dodge states that an investigation of the condition of the threshing machines are desired with a view to saving grain by more efficient operations and to that end asks the help of owners. The information should be at once given either to Mrs. Dodge or Capt. H. A. Poage of this city, who is assisting her in this work.

According to the letter of instruction the following results are expected:

1½ Bushels in every 100 by keeping machines in first class repair, seeing that they have ample power and are properly adjusted.

1 bushel in every 100 by stopping leaks and providing so that what does unaviodably leak is not scattered, but picked up.

¾ of a bushel in every 100 by careful handling of bundles into machines and by arranging bundles so that scattered grain can be caught and saved.

To accomplish results, cooperation of County Administrators with directors of the Agricultural Department is immediately necessary to secure the following data:

First: Names of all owners of threshing outfits, with addresses, together with manufacturers' name of engines and separators, their size, etc.

Second: Full report as to conditions of machines.

Third: Whether power provided for operation is adequate.

MORE WORK ASKED FOR WAR MEASURES LATER.

School Supt. Clark is in receipt of following letter from State Supt. Churchill and asks wide publicity of it. In addition to organizing War Savings Societies it would appear from this that we are to be in readiness for greater efforts the coming month:

I am in receipt of the following letter. You doubtless received a copy of it also, but I am not sure, and wish to be certain that you have a copy of it. The letter is signed by Mr. C. S. Jackson, State Director.

You will note that Mr. Jackson intends to ask us for a report as to the number of War Saving Societies that we have organized in our schools I hope that we shall have a large number of these War Savings Societies from each county. It is going to take a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether in order that the full amount per capita for Oregon will be raised before December 31, 1918.

"With Mr. Wonacott, Associate Director and Mr. Reed Vice Chairman, Third Congressional District, I am attending an important conference of the National War Savings Committee meeting at Omaha, headed by Mr. F. A. Vanderlip.

"Problems of National scope and character are before us for solution as a war movement. The time has arrived for the rendering of full service by every citizen in all matters that will help the Government. Oregon must continue to be 100 percent. Great sacrifices and further service must be given if the Government is to meet the tremendous crisis now before us. The situation is profound.

"At an early date, we will be asked to do an extraordinary task. You will later receive information and instruction, regarding which I cannot write.

"Preparatory to this we must clear our desks for action by completing the unfinished before us, namely, the full organization of War Savings Societies in all schools, churches, lodges, granges, women's groupes, business houses, etc. No later than May 21st can be extended for this purpose. Call your helpers together at once and assure them the situation demands every effort possible on their part to complete this task.

"Then immediately strengthen your full organization and keep it in order for important service in June.

Very truly yours,
J. A. CHURCHILL,
Supt. Public Instruction.

W. N. Monroe was among our visitors from Catlow during the fore part of this week. He went out with the grasshopper fighters Monday in company with the manager of this great religious weekly, merely to see, but he was commandeered by Commissioner Hass and put to work.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

The material for a ladies Spring suit will be raffled by the Red Cross.

It will be tailored into a made-to-measure suit for the lady winning it.

See it displayed in Williams-Zoglemann's window.

Chances now on sale at the Rexall Drug Store.

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Has been a gigantic success. Never before in in the history of Burns have such bargains been offered. Remember every article reduced.

Below Are Listed Some of The Many Grocery Bargains:

Canned Vegetables

Corn, per can	13c
Tomatoes, per can	16c
Tomatoes, per can	18c
Maryland Beans, per can	12c
Payette Peas, 2nds, per can	12c
Squash, per can	18½c
Spinach, per can	25c
Pumpkin, per can	18½c

Syrup

Caramel, 1-2 gallon	$ .85
Caramel, 2-gallon jacket	2.80
Caramel, 4-gallon jacket	5.25
Tea Garden, 1-2 gallon	.90
Tea Garden, 2-gallon jacket	3.05
Tea Garden, 4-gallon jacket	5.85
Uncle John, medium	.48
Uncle John, 1-2 gallon	.98
Uncle John, 1-gallon	1.85

Miscellaneous

Laundry Soap, per bar	5c
Good Toilet Soap, per bar	5c
Matches, per box	5½c
Crackers, per pound	16c
Good Steel Cut Coffee, per pound	25c
Welch's Grape Juice, pint	30c
Welch's Grape Juice, quart	55c
Uneeda Biscuit	7½c
Macaroni, per package	10c
Evaporated Milk, per can	15c
Folger's Tea, per pound	45c
Thelma Pork and Beans	11c
Chocolate, 1-pound can	35c
Chocolate, 3-pound can	99c

Canned Fruit

No. 10 size nominal gallon

Rheubarb, per can	56c
Pumpkin, per can	56c
Plums, per can	62c
Apples, per can	62c
Grapes, per can	62c
Perches, per can	70c
Pears, per can	70c
Aprlcots, per can	73c
Gooseberriez, per can	80c
Cherries, per can	90c
Blackberries, per can	95c
Loganberries, per can	95c
Pineapples, per can	95c
Raspberries, per can	1.05

No. 2 size

Otter Brand Strawberries, per can	27c
Otter Brand Loganberries, per can	27c
Otter Brand Blackberries, per can	27c
Otter Brand Prunes, per can	27c
Otter Brand Pineapples per can	24c

2 1-2 size

August Peaches, per can	25c
August Pears, per can	25c
August Apricots, per can	25c
Otter Brand Peaches, per can	28c
Otter Brane Pears, per can	28c
Otter Brand Plums, per can	28c
Otter Brand Pineapples, per can	28c
Otter Brand Cherries, per can	32c
Otter Brand Raspberries, per can	32c

Baking Powder

Folger's 1-2 pound	$ .22
Folger's, 1-pound	.42
Folger's, 2 1-2 pounds	1.02
Folger's, 5-pounds	2.02

Shoes, Furnishing Goods, Drv Goods, going fast. You'll have to hurry, make out a list of your needs and bring it in. Do it now! Goods delivered free of charge within the city limits of Burns the day after the order is received.

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GEORGE WALSH in
"The Island of Desire"

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, May 21st and 22nd
Lionel Barrymore
and
Grace Valentine in
"Dorian's Divorce"

Thursday, May 23rd
"THE PRICE OF FOLLY"
with
Ruth Rolland
Pathe News
2-Reel Lonesome Luke Comedy

Friday and Saturday, May 24th and 25th
Frankly Farmer
IN
"The Cloak"