

CAMPAIGN AGAINST
RABBITS CONTINUES

The Good Work Accomplished Last Season Points to the Extirpation of the Pests, Providing Battle is Pushed Vigorously This Winter.

It is on the program of County Agent Calkins to push the campaign vigorously this winter against the rabbit, and if his plans do not fail, this pest to the range and crops of Morrow county will be entirely eradicated. This is what he has in view, and to follow up the good work of last season, the campaign is now being thoroughly organized and no pains will be spared to get rid of the animals by poisoning, shooting and other means to be devised as the campaign progresses.

The matter of poisoning is perhaps the most efficient in the winter run, but this process has to be handled carefully. The plans of the County Agent contemplate the organization of community drives, organized hunts, and then the judicious use of poison on the ranges of the sheepmen. The men are cooperating gladly, and the poison will only be used on the ranges when the sheep are off, and all necessary precautions taken to clear the ranges of any poison when the stock is turned on again. This will reach a very great extent, and the rabbit will be practically exterminated there from the ranges, which have heretofore been fruitful places for propagation.

It is estimated that at least 130,000 rabbits were killed last season, and the results of the campaign last winter were highly beneficial. This was noted in the decrease of damage done the past summer to crops and range. There is little use, however, to make a drive such as was accomplished last year and then lay down, for the animals increase very rapidly, and unless the work is followed up this season, little will have been gained and all parts of the county, practically will have to be up in arms again to be rid of the pests.

The county clerk is cooperating with those who are taking the gun method of killing rabbits and they will pay a bounty on rabbit ears which is sufficiently large to pay for the ammunition used, providing you are a good shot and do not waste too many shots in your efforts to get them. The action of the court, taken on the 8th inst. is as follows:

Mr. C. C. Calkins, County Agent, Heppner, Oregon.
Dear Mr. Calkins:
The County Court has considered the question of paying a bounty on all rabbit ears taken in organized hunts, and has arrived at the following conclusions:

1. That the bounty shall be paid on organized hunts only.
2. That it will be paid on rabbits actually taken during the hunt. You will understand that with the poison and hunt campaign being conducted in the county at the same time there would be a possibility, though not a probability, that individuals might collect scalps from rabbits killed by poison.

3. That you or your authorized agent will check on the results of each and every hunt, being present when the counts are made.
4. That if there is any indication of scalps being taken or collected except as above indicated, you will be expected to refuse to pay any portion of the bounty on such scalps turned in by any individual or individuals.

5. That a statement of the number of rabbits of the hunt, filed with the County Clerk, will account for the money so used.

6. That two ears with tips intact will count as a scalp for the purpose designated herein.

That the provisions herein provided will be made through your office.

WM. T. CAMPBELL,
County Judge.
L. P. DAVIDSON,
Commissioner.
J. A. WATERS, Clerk.

From now on during the winter months, the war against the rabbits will be waged, and Agent Calkins hopes so successfully that extermination of rabbits in Morrow county will have become an established fact.

Beauty and Interest
of Rural England
Depicted on Screen

Countrysides of Surrey in "Me and My Gal"

Besides picturing a corner of London life in its most exciting moments, an entirely different phase is also shown in "Me and My Gal," the attraction at the Star Theatre Sunday. When the action follows Betty Balfour as "Squibs," star character of the comedy-drama, to the country, all the beauty and interest of rural England are shown. Unusually fine photography does full justice to the lovely countrysides in Surrey, the county nearest the metropolis. Roads and lanes and shady dells all prepare the eye for a vista which reads as a quaint thatched cottage, picturesque, cozy and very comfortable.

When it is further made known that the cottage is occupied by the parents of "Squibs," sweetheart, former policeman and cook, there is a point of interest in the fact that English country people of humble means live in an atmosphere of thriving beauty. Such natural beauty, in fact, as Americans expect only on the carefully-tended estates of the rich.

From tranquility such as this the closely-knit plot of "Me and My Gal" shifts back to the tenser life of the city, there to end in a thrilling climax.

Circuit Court Session
Is Of Short Duration

Judge Phelps came over from Pendleton on Sunday, and on Monday the regular December term of the Circuit Court was opened here, but the term was of short duration. The docket contained quite a number of cases, but the most of these were settled out of court, and there was no case of importance to come to trial, hence no work for the jury.

The grand jury empaneled was: Fred Akers, Eight Mile, foreman; Joseph Pringle, Lexington; Harriet Robison, Eight Mile; Robert Gemmell, Heppner; Otto Ruhl, Lexington; A. M. Moore, Ione, and Merle Kirk, Heppner. A number of cases and matters came up before the grand jury for their investigation, but they failed to turn in any cases for the attention of the court, though spending considerable time. The cold weather made it questionable as to the advisability of getting in witnesses at this time on some matters before the inquisitorial body, and they decided to postpone certain investigations until a later date.

Such matters as required the attention of the court were practically finished on Monday, and Judge Phelps took an adjournment and returned to his home at Pendleton.

Would You Join a Band?

On Monday evening the proposition of a band was taken up and discussed before the Brotherhood, and a committee was appointed to see what could be accomplished along the line of an organization of this character. A call has therefore been issued to all those who are interested and would like to join. The band is to be organized on Friday, the 15th, at 7 o'clock. If not possible, to be present in person, Mr. Notson, who is chairman of the committee, would be pleased to have you send word to the meeting if you desire to join. There is an opportunity to hand to secure a competent band leader for the city providing there is sufficient number interested in the proposition to make it worth while, and this meeting is called for the purpose of getting at the matter. So if you are interested, attend.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Lord's Day Dec. 17, 1922.
Abraham Lincoln tells us, "No man ever got lost on a straight road." Christ told us of the straight and narrow road that leads to life, which if a man takes he will never get lost. Our chief encouragement in following this path comes from church attendance.

We shall be glad to have you worship with us on next Lord's Day, Bible School 10 o'clock, Communion and preaching at 11, Junior Christian Endeavor at 3, Senior Endeavor at 6:30, and preaching and song service at 7:30. Your welcome will be cordial.

LIVINGSTONE.

Mrs. Hilma Anderson, who has been at Hot Lake for the past month, returned home on Monday. She is quite improved in health.

MILLION VISITORS
NATIONAL FORESTS

That the Pacific Northwest is increasingly popular as a national playground is shown in figures just given out by the Portland office of the U. S. Forest Service. The estimate, which is based on reports from 102,972 people who sought recreation within the boundaries of the National Forests of Oregon and Washington during 1922. Of this number 457,706 visited the National Forests of Oregon and 572,266 those of Washington.

The figures include automobile travelers, pedestrians, and others. Of these 734,494 came by automobile; 180,293 were hunters and fishermen; 173,300 lingered to enjoy the privileges of the forest camps, and 3,884 had permits for summer homes. With this heavy recreational use of the national forests, which is encouraged by the Forest Service as having a distinct value in the life of the nation, comes an increased fire hazard for man-caused fires, according to forestry officials. They point to the fact that 58 per cent of the fires on the Oregon National Forests during 1922 were man-caused; of these 21 per cent in Oregon and 31 per cent in Washington were caused by campers and smokers.

The federal foresters further point out that the continued success of the tourist industry in the Northwest is vitally dependent upon the prevention of forest fires, for, they assert, the tourist cannot be expected to come again and bring his friends, if he is offered nothing better than blackened hillsides and smoke-hidden mountains.

Young People of Echo Mary--
Bride Known Here

Sherman Wells and Miss Edith Waddell of Echo were married at Pendleton on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2, states Echo News. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lockwood at the George & Miller store.

Mr. Henry Peters accompanied the young people to Pendleton and attended the wedding. The bride, whose parents reside at Hermiston, has spent several months in Echo, and is a popular member of the younger set, who will be glad she is to become one of our permanent residents. Mr. Wells, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wells, pioneers of this section, has spent most of his life in Echo, and is highly esteemed. He is employed as a clerk in the George & Miller store.

Mrs. Wells is quite well known in Heppner where she attended high school a few years ago, before her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodward sold their farm at Lena and moved down to Hermiston.

A Christmas Tragedy--F'r Pop



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Civics class visited a session of court Monday afternoon and saw a man naturalized. They decided it was a good thing they were all natural born citizens because if they were not they would not stand much chance of ever becoming citizens.

Robber Is Taken

A short account was given in our last issue of the robbing of the lone postoffice, and owing to the meager information we had, the account was incomplete. From the last issue of the lone Independent we have the following full account of the affair:

When Miss Ruby Engelman, lone's postmistress, opened office for business Tuesday morning she discovered a robbery had been committed the night before. A hasty examination showed that no mail matter had been molested but that the safe, an old affair the outer door of which was never locked, had been relieved of its inside money drawer and \$225 in bills taken therefrom, leaving all over, checks and stamps untouched.

The secret service department at Portland was promptly notified. While awaiting the coming of an inspector our local officers interested themselves in the matter. For about two weeks a fair good looking and quite well dressed young man, Frank, the name of Franklin had been stopping at the hotel, flat broke and claiming to be waiting the receipt of money. Tuesday he paid his bill, saying he had been fooling them and had had money all the time. Upon learning this fact Marshal Frank kept a constant watch on him and Wednesday when he attempted to board the Arlington stage Deputy Sheriff Griffith arrested and took him to the postoffice, where Inspector R. C. Knox had arrived by train from Portland but a moment before.

Search of his clothing brought most of the money to light, when the youth broke down and confessed. He gave his right name as Frank McMillan and said he gained access to the post office from the lobby by his wile and two and a half dollars manipulating the fastenings of the delivery window and drawing by the aid of a hammer he found in the office.

Sheriff McDuffee and deputies came down from Heppner the same evening and took him to the county jail, from which he will be taken as soon as a U. S. Marshal comes from Portland.

Lexington P.T.A. Will
Give An Entertainment

The Lexington P. T. A. will give an evening entertainment Monday, December 18, at Leach hall, beginning at 7:30. An educational film from the extension service of the University of Oregon, consisting of seven reels, will be shown. The main feature will be the Shakespearean play, "King Lear," and there will also be two reels of industrial films. The entertainment will be free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

County Agent Now Has Coyote Poison

County Agent Calkins has just received five ounces of specially processed poison which is used in baits for poisoning coyotes. This is placed in small baits and put out around the poison baits, such as horses or sheep on which coyotes are feeding. Those who are willing to cooperate and report upon success obtained will be furnished a small quantity of this poison upon applying at his office. Complete directions will also be furnished for making baits and placing them.

Remember that no poison can be sent by mail, therefore it would be better for you to call for it in person or have a neighbor get it for you, or order it shipped by express.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank, Oregon, will be held on Tuesday, 9th day of January, 1923, at 10 a. m. office between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1922.

S. W. SPENCER, Cashier.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Howard Anderson and R. L. Bengtson returned home last Thursday evening from Portland, where they attended the meeting of the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers association, as delegates from Morrow county. Mr. Anderson reports that the meeting was a success, and the budget was adopted as previously advertised with the exception of a few minor changes. As the court had not completed the amount of the State tax it was necessary to continue the collection of the levies until such tax was received.

In the matter of Market Road for ensuing year: Now at this time is presented to the court various petitions asking that the market road be established at certain places in the county for the coming year. The matter was very much discussed and the court thought best to take a little more time to consider the matter and continued same until later in the month.

In the matter of Red Cross Nurse: A petition is presented to the court various petitions asking the court to assist in retaining the Red Cross Nurse and there were other petitions against this action. There were many individuals present also who presented their plea for the County to assist in the financing of Cross Nurse. After due consideration of the matter the Court agreed to assist in the financing of the Red Cross Nurse.

The funeral of the late Jeff McFerrin was held at the Federated church on Sunday afternoon, the pastor, Rev. J. R. L. Haslam, officiating, and burial was in Masonic cemetery. Mr. McFerrin was aged 46 years, 7 months and 14 days, and is survived by his wife and two sons and daughters. The most of his life had been spent here. The cause of the stomach was given as the cause of his death.

John L. Jenkins, roadmaster for Boardman district, was up to Heppner today, coming in on the train Wednesday evening. He reports plenty of winter out in the north end of the county, but all roads are well traveled and the folks get about with little difficulty. Mr. Jenkins is much improved in health over what he was early in the summer, and feels much like himself again.

C. C. White and Chas. W. Williams, of the transmission and engineering department of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, spent several days in the city the past week, looking over the local system has suffered. They made extensive tests here. Mr. Williams is a brother of Mrs. Pickens, wife of the local superintendent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alva W. Jones are made happy over the arrival of a fine son at their home in this city on December 11, 1922. The young man has been given the name of Donald Wilson, and Daddy Jones was a busy man the most of Monday, passing around the cigars among his many friends.

J. O. Turner drove in from his ranch Monday with horse and buggy, to get to town over the broken roads and through the snow drifts. The snow drifted very badly and roads in places are filled to a depth of many feet. He returned home on Tuesday.

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COUNTY COURT HAS
DECEMBER SESSION

County Court met in regular session at the Court House in Heppner, Oregon, December 6, 1922, with following officers present: Hon. Wm. T. Campbell, Judge; G. A. Blackman, Commissioner; L. P. Davidson, Commissioner; Geo. McDuffee, Sheriff; J. A. Waters, Clerk.

When among others the following proceedings were had, to-wit: Various claims were presented to the Court at this time and after due consideration of the same, said claims were allowed, confirmed or disallowed as per notation made thereon in the Court file as follows:

In the matter of petition of A. W. Cobb, et al., for special road meeting held Nov. 25, 1922. Minutes of meeting shows that 10 votes were cast in favor of special 5 mill tax and that 20 votes were cast against said special tax, making a total of 30 votes.

In the matter of the Road Meeting of Road District No. 1, to vote a special tax in said road district. Minutes of meeting shows that the special 5 mill tax levy and that no votes were cast against said levy. Majority in favor of said tax 11.

In the matter of the Road Meeting of Road District No. 5, to vote on special tax in said road district. Minutes of the meeting show that 8 votes were cast in favor of said road tax and that 3 votes were cast against said 10 mill tax. Majority in favor of said tax 5.

The resignation of O. H. Warner as Justice of the Peace for Boardman District, accepted.

There was a slight change made in the budget for this time. The budget for the coming year was adopted as previously advertised with the exception of a few minor changes. As the Court had not completed the amount of the State tax it was necessary to continue the collection of the levies until such tax was received.

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Ruth Chapter, O. E. S.
Visited by Grand W. M.

Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, received an official visit at their regular meeting on Friday evening from Mrs. Teresa Castner of Hood River, who is Grand Worthy Matron of the order. Mrs. Castner was greeted by a large turnout of the members of Ruth Chapter, and in turn she entertained them with a delightful address, much of which was a recital of her recent visit to Washington, D. C., where, with the delegation representing the Oregon grand lodge, she attended the national convention of the order. At Washington Mrs. Castner had the delightful experience of meeting President Harding, personally, as well as at a public reception given to the Eastern Star delegates, and the Oregon delegation also were given a special invitation to the White House. Mrs. Castner is a very fine speaker, and her address was greatly enjoyed.

The regular annual election of officers for the chapter was also held at this time, and the following were chosen: Mrs. Pearl Sweet, worthy matron; J. A. Waters, worthy patron; Mrs. May Ward, associate matron; Mrs. Anna Spencer, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Dix, conductress; Mrs. Oma Scriven, associate conductress. Appointees for the coming year were: Mrs. J. A. Waters, worthy patron; Mrs. May Ward, associate matron; Mrs. Anna Spencer, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Dix, conductress; Mrs. Oma Scriven, associate conductress.

A social hour was spent during which light refreshments were served.

FEDERATED CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Sermon 11 A. M., 7:30 P. M.
Christian Endeavor 6:30 P. M.

We are still holding two prayer meetings every week. Tuesday nights we meet in different homes. Thursday nights we meet at the church. Christ said, "My house is a house of prayer." It is mostly a place for social gatherings these days. We are neglecting the part that fills up our churches, and that is amusement. Our empty seats prove this in the church today.

Next Sunday the pastor will try to show up the WASLS of the church. J. R. L. HASLAM, Pastor.

Kill Many Animals.

During the month of November 16 men in the bureau of biological survey in Oregon killed 104 predatory animals, according to the report issued by Stanley G. Jewett. Harold Dobyns, now assistant inspector for Washington state, who worked 23 days during November, made the high kill for the month by getting 26 coyotes. The total catch of all the men is as follows: One hundred thirty-nine coyotes; 21 bobcats, one bear and three mountain lions besides some badgers, raccoons and skunks which are not officially counted.—East Oregonian.

For Sale—Two fine Togenbury milk goats. Will be fresh in February. Address B. B. LANE, Irrigon, Oregon.

OREGONIANS HELP-
ING IN NEAR EAST

That Oregon is still on the firing line in the Near East is indicated by messages just received by J. J. Handaker, State Director, Near East Relief, 615 Stock Exchange, Portland. Mrs. R. D. Cruikshank, of Portland, is now at the Piraeus, the harbor of Athens, in her capacity as a trained nurse thousands of refugees who are fleeing from Turkey into Greece.

"The health situation in the big refugee centers is rapidly assuming the status of a catastrophe," the message says. "The death rate of babies in Piraeus is now 180 per day. Three of the largest camps are under quarantine for smallpox, and bubonic plague has broken out. The percentage of winter illness such as influenza and pneumonia among women and children fifty per cent. 'What can you expect when these people are still unclean, unblanketed, unsheltered and Dr. Mabel Elliott to me: 'There is the most urgent need of 1,000,000 blankets in Greece today. There is equally urgent need for warm clothing and for warm heat-giving food. Not one woman or baby in a thousand has had milk for the past week. Half of them are getting less than a quarter of a pound of bread daily.'

Mrs. P. C. Burt, of Bend, sailed from Constantinople on December 5 with six hundred Armenian and Greek orphans for Athens. More than 6,000 children had already reached Athens before Mrs. Burt sailed with her six hundred youngsters. The orphans are everywhere in Athens. In the municipal opera house, in the cathedral and other churches, in school houses, in practically every home, in unfurnished buildings, even in the bath houses, are found literally thousands of the thousands who have been removed by the Near East Relief from places of danger to safety.

A report recently made to Will Hays, Chairman of the Near East Relief Emergency Committee, indicates that probably as many as 2,500,000 refugees are either enroute to Greece or there. With Greece's population but five million, and these poverty stricken after more than ten years of war, the overwhelming need for outside aid is easily apparent.

Christmas Program Dec. 24th.

The Lexington Congregational Sunday School will hold their Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 24th, at 7 o'clock, at the church. All are invited to attend the services.

TURKEY SHOOTING.

There is to be a turkey shoot at the Harve Coxen ranch, 20 miles northeast of Heppner, December 16. Lunch at noon.

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UMATILLA RAPIDS
PROJECT IS THEME

Meeting of Brotherhood Monday Evening Is Well Attended, and Discussion of Hydro-Electric Possibilities Along Columbia Is Interesting.

The banquet table at Hotel Heppner was surrounded by some 50 or more members and visitors of the Brotherhood on Monday evening, who participated in disposing of the splendid spread prepared by the management on this occasion. The liberal supply of chicken, done to a queen's taste, together with all the other fixins, only added one more feather to Manager Fisher's cap, and has increased his popularity just that much more with the Brotherhood.

President Waters took charge of the business meeting and some small matters of business were disposed of after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by Secretary Phelps, and then the subject for discussion, "Hydro-Electric Possibilities for Morrow County," was introduced by Judge Gilbert W. Phelps of Pendleton, who is president of the Umatilla Rapids Power project.

The Judge has had a good deal to do with the preliminary stages of this organization, and his discussion of the subject was in his usual quiet but forceful style. He reviewed some of the acts of Congress covering the matter, and impressed upon his hearers the three-fold development in connection with the Umatilla Rapids project, namely, irrigation, or reclamation, navigation of the Columbia river, and transportation and industrial promotion, and the production of cheap electric power. The first would naturally grow out of the improvement and canalization of the Columbia at the rapids where the water power would be provided to pump the water out onto the dry lands of both Oregon and Washington, and the prospective reclamation would be near 700,000 acres of what it now arid lands. This same power would also produce the electric energy to drive the railroad trains up and down each side of the Columbia, and then have plenty to spare to the surrounding country for a radius of at least 250 miles, furnishing cheap power for manufacturing, lighting and farming. Judge Phelps went into detail at some length, and all who heard him were thoroughly convinced that the Umatilla Rapids project is one of the most feasible that is now attracting the attention of congress. Whether it will be taken up and put over at a reasonably early date cannot be said, but it is one of the number of the most feasible and one of the tremendous horsepower that should be serving the people is simply going to waste, while the railroads and the people at large are having to pay excessive prices for fuel, and development is being held in check because of its comparative scarcity in this section, and the prohibitive prices.

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