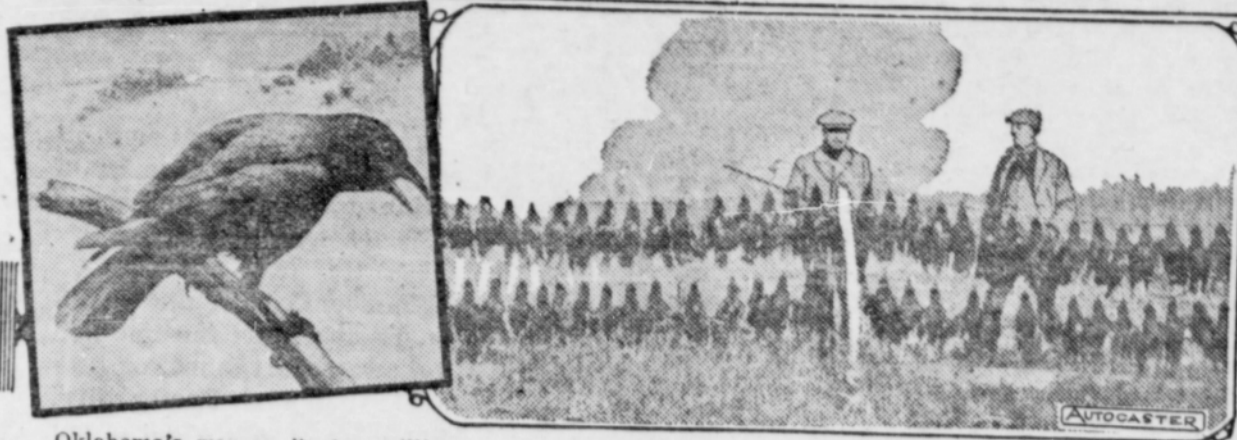


JIM CROW IS DECLARED A MENACE

Estimates Farmers Lose \$200,000,000 per Year From Crows



Oklahoma's war on its ten million crows, which eat \$10,000,000 worth of farm products in a year, is spreading and agriculturists all over the country are now waging a war against the cunning bird of prey. It is estimated there are two hundred million crows in the United States.

Three Black Crows.
Once three black crows sat on a tree, As black as any crows could be. Said Mr. Crow unto his mate, "Tis now three days since food we ate."
Said Mrs. Crow, "I'll tell you where We'll find a morsel rich and rare. I spy some lambs in yonder field, Their eyes delicious food will yield." So down they pounced with murderous caws And picked out eyes to fill their crows.
The farmer cursed the luck to find His helpless lambs to death consigned. He roused his neighbors, not a few, And bound them with an oath to slay The cawing, murderous, useless crows. That thieve on everything that grows. Are you a suffering farmer too? This story shows you what to do.

War on the crow as a destroyer of the eggs and young of game and useful birds, poultry and crops, will be carried on by the sportsmen and farmers of this vicinity during this spring in an effort to save game and crops from his depredations. Local gunners who are familiar with the crow's habits state that he is the worst enemy that useful birds have and that he is responsible for more damage than any other bird in wild life. A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden of Oregon, states that sportsmen are urged to organize clubs and kill crows at every opportunity for the crow is found exceptionally destructive to eggs and young of game and

song birds. Crow control is necessary in order to save upland birds but most efforts of accomplishment.

The efforts of local sportsmen and farmers will be helped by the fact that a general movement against the crow is in force throughout the country. A canvass just completed by one of the largest states shows that crows pick out the eyes of young lambs and calves, besides doing other damage. At this time of the year the nesting season for birds begins and if they are to be protected from the crow's ravages and allowed to raise their young, quick action on the part of sportsmen and farmers is necessary. In many sections the depredations of crows have been so serious that farmers have had to go to the expense of replanting crops.

In one of the western states a census shows that there are from ten to fifteen millions of crows and that it costs the people of that state a dollar a head per year to feed them.

Thirty-eight states of the Union through their game protection authorities and agricultural officials are back of their sportsmen and farmers in the fight against the crow. It is expected that through the efforts being made this year to lessen the number of crows millions of dollars worth of game birds, poultry and crops will be saved.

Donald Agnus is authority for the statement in regard to the number of crows in Oklahoma—and he adds: "Crows are increasing at such a rate in that state that the agriculture college at Stillwater is trying to find an effective way of killing them off."

The Rev. Noel J. Allen, of Virginia, a noted authority on crows and other vermin, estimated that there are at least two hundred million crows scattered throughout the country, so if these black scamps do a dollar a piece damage to crops each year, the figures are appalling.

In Kentucky, a farmer reports that fifty of his lambs were blinded by crows picking out the eyes—and they died.

Perhaps the following letter expresses the real conviction of the average agriculturist. This farmer in Pennsylvania, like all workers in the country, likes birds. All through his communication it can be noted his hesitancy to condemn one of them! Still—he finds the crow guilty and like thousands of others—thinks he must go. He says:

"In discussing the crow I would say that I am a farmer having been born and reared upon a farm at the base of the North Mountains of Cumberland Valley, Fr. Co., Pa., hard by the tall timber, where there are thousands of crows. My observations have fully convinced me that the crow's merits are few, while his demerits are many. Since the crow's case is to be tried and weighed in the balances of civilized human judgment, I entertain grave fears for his destiny; we have suffered much from his ravages and pilfering.

"Also, my neighbor, Mr. Peter T. complains that in the winter of 1917-18, the crows came in thousands and thrashed and devoured about 50 per cent of his corn, and that he and his landlord had a dispute as to who should suffer the loss.

"Man is not the only victim of the crow's ravages. The song birds, the insectiferous birds, and the game birds as well, such as quail, pheasant and wild turkey, these are all victims for his prey and all share the same fate. He robs their nests of the eggs and kidnaps their young and carries them away to gormandize himself. Practically, the whole feathered tribe share his unrelenting ravages.

"So in summing up the evidence, I

PLEASANT HOME

Saturday evening, April 19 from 7 to 9 o'clock the W. W. G. girls of the Baptist church will hold a banquet in the church basement. The banquet has been planned in a mysterious manner centering around seven. Everyone is invited. There will be a charge made.

The Baptist Ladies Aid will meet Thursday afternoon, April 17, with Mrs. Morton for a silver tea.

Marion Miller and family spent the week-end in Forest Grove with Mrs. Miller's mother.

Miss Esther Chapman has returned from Olympic, Washington, where she visited her sister, Miss Marjorie Chapman, who is teaching in the high school there.

Mrs. Fred Griffiths of Culver, Oregon, and Miss Diantha Weatherwax of Portland have been at home with their parents for the past few weeks.

FAIRVIEW

Many Infallible Proofs" will be text and theme of an Easter sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Smith Memorial Presbyterian church by the pastor, the Rev. E. R. D. Hollensted. Mrs. L. A. Harlow and Mrs. John Larsson of Troutdale will sing a duet. The Sunday school will have a special Easter program during the hour from 10 to 11 and an offering for missions will be taken.

A meeting of the Women's society which has been announced for Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. E. Stone has been postponed for one week. The meeting will be at the same place on April 24.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 16, at 2:30, the Rev. F. M. Jasper of Portland will speak in the interest of Sunday school work at the Methodist church. In the evening the Epworth League will study the topic "The Living Christ." Melvin Moller will be the leader. The regular prayer meeting will follow and will be led by the pastor.

The combined clean-up day and pro-Easter tea being arranged by the Ladies Aid will be held on Saturday. The afternoon will be spent in work and at 7 o'clock a pot luck dinner will be served.

Card Party at Troutdale.

The social committee of the Troutdale Chapter of Eastern Star will give a card party at the Masonic hall at Troutdale Wednesday evening, April 16. The committee in charge is made up of bachelors who promise those attending a good time, good program, prizes and refreshments. Everybody cordially invited.

ROCKWOOD

Guests at the home of Walker Quesinberry last week were his brother, P. I. Quesinberry and son Early of Los Angeles. They are on their way to Canada to look after mining interests.

Mrs. Miles Grimshaw visited in Portland for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Dye and son Clarence have returned from a trip to Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Phillips, their son and daughter-in-law, were here last week contemplating investing in this section.

A sacred program will be given by the ladies of the community church next Friday evening, April 18, beginning at 7:45.

Program.

An interesting program will be given by the Union-Damascus Farm Bureau Saturday, April 19, beginning at 8 o'clock at the girls schoolhouse.

All ladies and girls bring a sewed carpet rag ball with her name inside. Men bring a fat pocket book to buy a ball and have a delicious supper, which will be served in the basement.

PLEASANT VALLEY

The Rev. F. M. Jasper of Portland, superintendent of Sunday schools for the Oregon Methodist Episcopal conference, will conduct a meeting for Sunday school workers and teachers at the Methodist church on Thursday, April 17. The morning session will be taken up with personal interviews and discussions and addresses will be given at 2:30 and 7:45. Mr. Jasper is a live wire and is well worth hearing.

adjudge the crow to be guilty of violating practically the whole category of the criminal code. He is black! He is a pirate, robber, thief, assassin and a murderer, and if so convicted he deserves the sentence of extermination by capital punishment, which execution should be encouraged by a legislative act, offering a premium for his scalp."

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BORING

Margaret Wheeler and Felma Bartlett have been elected delegates to the Rebekah assembly to be held at Hood River in May. Margaret Wheeler was also elected D. D. P. and was recommended to take the declaration of chivalry at Hood River.

Saturday evening as L. E. Hoffman of Sandy was delivering meat in Boring his truck was struck by the freight and partially demolished.

Royce Childs has accepted a position as the inspector on the O. W. R. & N. railway.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Child spent the week-end visiting relatives in Portland.

The Boring I. O. O. F. lodge went to Sandy Monday evening and conferred the second degree on the Sandy lodge.

Miss Mabel Valberg spent the week-end with friends in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roots and small son were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Telford and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morand and family visited friends in Battle Ground, Washington, Sunday.

The three children of Mrs. Westberg are reported quite seriously ill with pneumonia.

A Want Ad will sell what you do not need and get what you do need.

ORIENT

Notices have been posted calling for a meeting of the voters of Orient School District No. 6 Joint on Thursday afternoon, April 17, to pass on the voting of \$25,000 bonds for the building of a new schoolhouse, which was recommended at a recent meeting of the school board. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 1:30 to elect judges and clerk of election. The polls for the bond voting will be open from 2 to 7 o'clock. H. G. Mulenhoff is chairman of the school board and A. J. Quarry secretary.

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HOME SWEET HOME
Oscar, Now or Never Means Never
by Terry Gilkison

OH, OLLIE, I SEE BY THE PAPER THAT ED PURDY AN WIDOW WARBLE GOT MARRIED

SO NOW THEY ARE ONE - AND BELIEVE ME ED WILL SOON FIND OUT WHICH ONE

THAT WAS A QUICK COURTSHIP-MET MONDAY -MARRIED TUESDAY

OH, WELL -MARRY IN HASTE-REPERT IN LEISURE-

NOPE -NOT A CHANCE- HE WON'T HAVE ANY LEISURE!

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