

### COUNTY PROVIDES STRYCHNINE FOR WAR ON DIGGERS

As a result of the campaign that has been carried on in Jackson county by Mr. R. A. Ward of the biological survey of the department of agriculture and Claude C. Cate, county pathologist, a county-wide movement will be launched to exterminate the common "digger" squirrel, gopher, mole and jack rabbit. Through the efforts of the Farmers' and Fruit Growers' league of Medford as a central organization cooperating with the various other organizations and farmers' clubs of the county, such as the Talent Farmers' club, Bellview Farmers' club at Ashland, Table Rock Improvement club, the Granges at Willow Springs, Agate and Rogue River and other clubs that are now in the process of organization at Eagle Point, Ruch, Applegate and several other school districts, it has been possible to organize the farmers of the county in such a manner that the greatest possible benefit may come from this movement.

Due to the fact that the farmers are organizing systematically and expect to put more energy into this work than ever before, the county court has offered to aid in this campaign by furnishing the strychnine, which will aid materially in reducing the cost of the poison grain to the farmers of the various organizations. The strychnine has been ordered and will be on hand next week some time and a large quantity of the material will be mixed ready for distribution as soon as possible.

Farmers should make arrangements to secure this poison as soon as it is ready for distribution and make a special effort to aid in this

### POWER COMPANIES LOSE FIGHT FOR NATIONAL FORESTS

WASHINGTON, March 19.—In sustaining injunctions ousting Utah hydro-electric power companies from forest reservations, the supreme court today upheld federal and limited state sovereignty in developing resources in western "public" land states.

Regulations of the agriculture and interior departments conservation policy and decrees requiring the Utah power companies to remove their property from the public lands unless they secure federal permits were sustained.

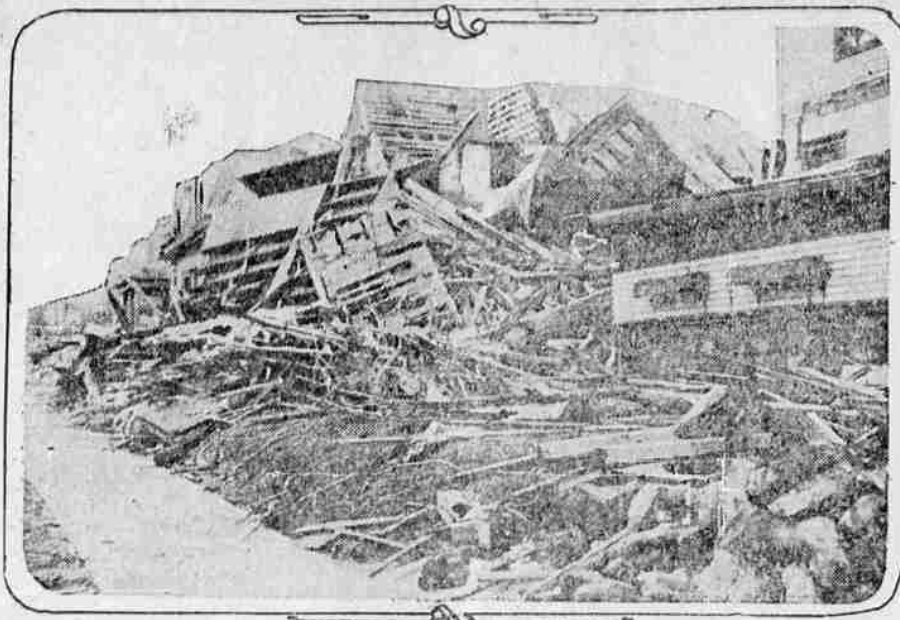
The court maintained power of congress to regulate all public lands and denied that its authority was limited to lands actually used for federal purposes. All government regulations were not specifically upheld, but the court refused to disturb any of them. It also held the government entitled to reasonable compensation from the Utah power concerns for use of lands occupied.

This was the case in which Governor Withycombe requested Attorney General Brown to file a brief for the state of Oregon as an intervener in behalf of the Utah power companies.

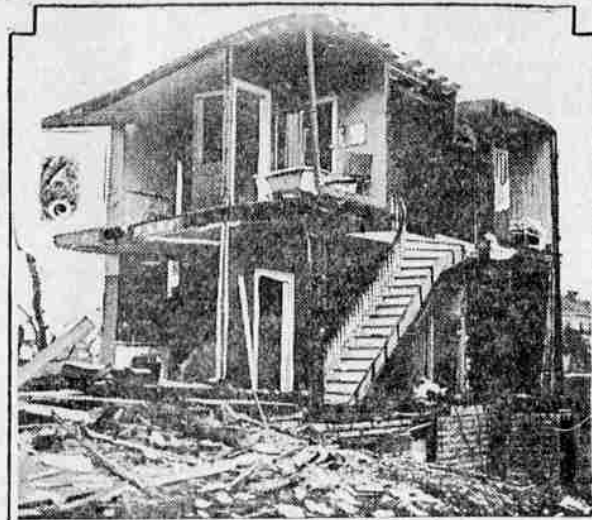
Police authorities are urging Medford residents to clean up their premises without waiting for concerted official work by the city departments.

War on the pests that costs Jackson county a vast amount of money. Communicate with the county pathologist's office.

### TORNADO SWEEPS NINE HOUSES INTO PILE OF RUINS: MANY KILLED, LOSS HEAVY



Pictures show part of vast destruction wrought by a tornado that swept from Newcastle, Indiana to Cincinnati, Ohio, killing 21 persons and causing \$1,000,000 property loss. Above are shown nine houses in a pile of ruins at Newcastle. The tornado lifted five homes, carried them across the street and rapped them on four others. The lower picture shows a home in Clinton, after the tornado ripped away the walls.



### CHINESE TROOPS SEIZE CONCESSIONS

PEKING, March 19.—Chinese troops have occupied without opposition the German concessions at Tsin and Hankow. The Dutch have taken over the German consulates.

### BRITISH WARSHIP DESTROYED IN NAVAL RAID BY GERMANS

LONDON, March 19.—A British destroyer and a merchant vessel were sunk and another destroyer was damaged in the German naval raid at Ramsgate, the admiralty announced today.

The official statement follows: "Enemy destroyers shelled the undefended watering place of Ramsgate on Saturday night. They retired hurriedly before our local forces and escaped in the darkness. It was not possible to ascertain the damage inflicted upon them.

"At almost the same time enemy destroyers engaged one of our destroyers on patrol to the eastward of the Straits of Dover, sinking her with a torpedo. She returned the fire, using torpedoes and guns. The result is not known.

"There were eight survivors from the crew. All the officers were drowned.

"A second British destroyer was torpedoed but not seriously damaged, whilst picking up the survivors from the first. A British merchant vessel on the northern part of the Downs, was sunk by a torpedo during Saturday night."

There is a lass  
Who has no woes,  
She cooks with gas  
And wears good clothes.

The wood is wet  
And hard to get,  
But gas will do  
The work for you.  
(And better too.)

R. Bradshaw of Butte Falls was a Medford business visitor Monday.

### VALLEY'S AVIATION CORPS OFF TO FLY FOR UNCLE SAM

Two hundred people gathered at the S. P. station Sunday night to give a sendoff to fourteen of Medford's young men who left for Portland where they will take examinations preliminary to entering the aviation section of the army.

At Vancouver barracks the men will take heart and lung tests and those successful in passing these tests will be sent to the Presidio at San Francisco where more strict heart and nerve tests will be taken. If this last test is successfully passed the men will be sent on to the aviation barracks at San Diego, which are considered to be the best equipped in the west.

The men have enlisted for a period of seven years, the first three in the active service and the following four years in reserve. However, if any complete the course in one year with a sufficiently high standing they will then be transferred to the reserve list for the last six years.

Those leaving last night were: Frank McKee, Merle Kellogg, Seely Hall, Lloyd Williamson, Delbert Jones, Huston Ling, Earl Ling, Jay Olmstead, Dan Watson, Noel Barber, Tommy Scantlin, G. H. Morehouse, Russell Semon and Kenneth Baker. Stewart Torney and Mark Leonard expect to follow Tuesday night.



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