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RABBIT DRIVE TO BE NEXT SUNDAY

People Will Meet at Union School House on the West Side

A meeting was held Monday by the farmers of the West Side at the Union school house at which arrangements were made to hold a rabbit drive next Sunday, January 5. The crowd is requested to meet at the Union school house, and leave there at 11 o'clock. People going from town will likely provide their own lunches but if the ranchers could have hot coffee available at the school house it would be very appreciable.

The rabbit pest is becoming very numerous in that section and as these drives are of material benefit to the country in general it is expected that a large crowd will go out to assist in the slaughter. The ranchers have gone to the expense of providing pens and netting for wings and they should be assisted and encouraged in their endeavor to make an effective war on the varmints. The sport and excitement is enjoyable to many and it is to be hoped that all who can will avail themselves of the opportunity of turning out and aid the farmers in protecting their crops against the rabbits.

SCHOOL PRAISED BY COMMISSIONERS

County Officials Make Inspection of Lakeview High School

County Commissioners F. E. Anderson and C. A. Rehart in company with C. E. Oliver Monday afternoon visited the Lakeview High School. They were shown through the different departments by Superintendent Gardner, who explained to them the details of all the work. Considerable time was spent in the sewing and cooking rooms. While they did not have time to visit many of the rooms during school hours, they found nearly all the grade teachers in the building until after 5 o'clock, which shows they are not afraid of working overtime.

Considering all reports gathered from all patrons interviewed the advancement of the pupils and the school work is a surprise to all. As the County Court has charge of most all the finances of the schools in the county it is commendable of them that they look into the results obtained from school funds.

The Commissioners were highly pleased with the modern conveniences of the building and City Superintendent Gardner's work. They will doubtless tell many outside people of our splendid schools.

County Superintendent-elect Oliver plans to do something to induce the people of each district in the county to visit their own school and as many other schools as possible, thus making the school and school house the central thought and place in every rural district, however small.

Attendants for Prisoners

To effect a saving of about 50 per cent on the cost of bringing prisoners to the state penitentiary, Governor West has drafted a bill providing that prison guards shall go after convicts instead of having them brought to the prison. This bill will be presented to the legislature.

It used to be that sheriffs also conducted insane patients to the asylum, and Governor West pointed out that since the asylum attendants now go after patients the cost of bringing them to the institution has been cut one half. He says the same reduction in cost can be made in connection with prisoners.

Chautauqua Circle

The Lakeview Chautauqua Circle will meet Monday evening, January 6, at the home of Mrs. Harry Bailey. Program: Roll call; current events, "Winemaking Queen of the Netherlands," Chautauquan, European Rulers, chapter IV, Miss Minnie Vernon.

"Summary of the Introduction of Power's Mornings with Masters of Art," Mrs. Harry Bailey.

METCALF SPREADS GOSPEL FOR LAKE

Southern Pacific Official Predicts Growth of This Valley

Reno Gazette: O. U. Metcalf, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Railway company, with offices in this city, has just returned from the territory lying north of Reno and reports excellent conditions existing there. While gone, he visited Lakeview, Fairport, Davis Creek, Alturas and Likely.

"While times just now are quiet all over the country," said Mr. Metcalf, "the country to the north of us presents an appearance of solid prosperity. Many homesteads are being worked up and there is much building going on, especially at Lakeview and Alturas."

"The new Heryford block at Lakeview would be a credit to any town of 200,000 people, to my way of thinking. The building is nearing completion and will be occupied some time shortly after the first of the year by the Lakeview Mercantile company, the Snyder & Reynolds drug company and the post office. The Elks will have elaborate apartments on the second floor."

"At Pine Creek and Fairport I found quite a few strangers. A great many of them are miners and prospectors who have interests in the new mining camp of High Grade, who have come down below to winter, as they will not be able to do any work on their property until the snows go."

"While in Fairport I stopped at the new Fairport Inn, and, do you know, it is one of the finest hotels for its size I was ever in. The service and menu are as good as you can find at any point and the hotel is especially attractive giving a wonderful view of the surrounding country."

"Lots of cattle are being fed and there is plenty of hay to feed them. "Taking all things into consideration I predict a healthy growth for that country."

OIL DISCOVERY AT SUMMER LAKE

Another Sensational Find Made That Is Believed Very Valuable

The residents of Summer Lake are all excited over the fact that oil has again been found in another artesian well on the east side. This time on the ranch of Mr. Poley, says the Silver Lake Leader. He was drilling an artesian well and had struck a good flow of water, and where the water run off and settled in pools he found it to be covered with an oily looking substance of a dark blue color. Upon applying a match this burst into a flame and burned till entirely consumed. A white foam accumulates around the edges of the pool which has the appearance of paraffine, when rubbed in the hands, leaving them soft and oily. A torch was held above the well and the gas ignited causing a brilliant flame to shoot about ten feet high, then settled to about three feet in height where it steadily burned until extinguished. The well is 400 feet deep, and cased 140 feet. The above facts were related by Jas. Sullivan who visited the well last Friday, and he is very confident oil in paying quantities exists a little deeper.

It will be remembered gas was discovered by Mr. Williams last summer in a well he was sinking near Dan Graf's place. It burned steadily when a can with a hole in the bottom was inverted over the well. Knowing ones pronounced it mshah gas having no commercial value. A short time afterward Mr. Spreckles, the sugar king, and a number of his associates, filed on desert claims in the immediate vicinity the ostensible purpose was to reclaim them and raise sugar beets. Perhaps Mr. Spreckles had other ideas and only made that move to gain time.

The people near have rushed to the scene of the excitement and most of the claims in the supposed oil zone have been staked out and tied upon. Further developments will be anxiously awaited.

PARCEL POST IN EFFECT

PACKAGES WILL BE CARRIED ANYWHERE THE MAIL GOES

Patrons Must Remember That Nothing But Parcel Stamps Will Suffice--Rules Are Very Strict and Must Be Closely Observed

Now that the Parcel Post law is in effect, it is pertinent, therefore, to briefly outline the salient features of the postal enterprise for the benefit of those Examiner readers who may seek its early use.

In the first place the old four-pound rule at a postage rate of one cent an ounce is entirely abrogated. That is wiped completely off the slate, as it were, and if the desire be to send one pound or eleven pounds the postage must be figured strictly according to the newly established rates.

For one pound within a zone of fifty miles the rate will be 5 cents; and for every pound in addition thereto within that same zone the rate will increase one cent; so that the total postage for an eleven pound package sent locally, or within the most restricted zone would be 5 cents for the first pound and one cent for each of the other ten pounds, making 15 cents altogether.

The first zone outside of the local postoffice extends fifty miles. The rate in that zone is 5 cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound, which would make the charge 8 cents for a two-pound package, 1 cent for a three-pound package and so on until the charge for the full weight would be 35 cents. There are eight zones altogether and the one-pound rate for each wider zone is one cent greater, but the rate increase on the remaining ten pounds is gradually increased as the distance becomes greater, until finally the eleven pound package as it will be carried by Uncle Sam from here to New York or Boston will cost approximately as much as it will now cost to send it by express. The rate on an eleven-pound package sent to points in the broadest zone will be \$1.32. This zone covers all distance over 1800 miles.

The rules applicable to the parcel post will permit the free delivery of parcels at all free delivery points, and by carrier to all residents on a rural route. Parcels may be registered and may be accorded special delivery service. They may be also insured in the amount of their actual value provided it does not exceed \$25. There is also a provision which permits the mailing in quantities, and without stamps affixed, in which case there must not be less than 2000 identical pieces; otherwise the parcel post package must carry its distinctive stamp.

The worries and difficulties of the

parcel post system will not fall entirely upon the postoffice department—whose labors are to be augmented—and upon the merchants who may have to face new forms of competition, and must, in any instance, make readjustments in their method of distribution. The general public will itself have to pass through a period of worry and irritation with the parcel post.

In order to get at the cost of such a service as the parcel post, congress has decreed that all packages mailed under the system must carry special stamps. The ordinary stamps will not avail. Where used they will be wasted. That is the first thing for the public to learn and get fixed in memory.

Again, parcels must be mailed at certain stations to be designated in each city having delivery systems. Mailing parcels in the ordinary mail boxes will mean just so many lost parcels. Except upon rural routes postmen are not to carry packages to the postoffice save from the parcels post stations. This is another thing to remember.

Again, all packages mailed under the parcel post must carry return cards.

Last, but not least important of all, and the public must remember that the parcel post supercedes the present system for the carriage of fourth class matter. It will not avail to protest that you've always used ordinary stamps, that you've always mailed your packages in the most convenient place and that you've never had to consider the distance your articles were sent. The changes are hard and fixed by law, and, willing as the members of the postal service may be to do so, they are not empowered to set the new rules aside.

The parcel post as it is now, immediately after January 1st, is probably only a preliminary step in the establishment of a system as big and complicated as the express business. The success of the preliminary step will depend largely upon the ease with which the public learns the details and conforms to the regulations without protest and without making the labors of the postal service more wearisome than need be.

The parcel post will carry packages anywhere the mail goes. This means that the many communities in this section that are reached by a stage route will have the same advantages as the towns and cities on railroads at no extra cost.

BOB-WHITE QUAIL WANTED IN STATE

Game Warden Says They Thrive Well in Southern Oregon

Several attempts have been made by the State Game Warden, William L. Finley, to buy Bob-white quail in the eastern states, for liberating in certain parts of Oregon. The Bob-white is a very desirable bird, however, and other states are guarding carefully the supply they now have. Some sections of Oregon are already pretty fairly stocked with Bobwhite quail. Other sections are stocked with California and Mountain quail.

"We can easily stock almost all parts of our State with these different varieties of quail," said Mr. Finley. "If we can secure reliable parties to trap the birds and ship them under our directions. We are anxious to get in touch with anyone who is in position to trap quail. We are willing to pay for the birds, and shall arrange to have them sent either to the State Game Farm at Corvallis, or direct to the places we want to liberate them."

"In parts of the Willamette Valley, and in sections of eastern Oregon, Bobwhite quail are quite abundant. These birds will thrive in southern Oregon, and the people in that part of the country are anxious to have them introduced. In southern Oregon, the California or Valley quail are abundant and yet we have none of these birds in the Willamette valley, although they would thrive here and make a splendid addition to our supply of game birds."

Both the California and Bob-white quail are insect and weed seed eaters. They are not only excellent game birds, but are most valuable birds from the economic standpoint about any farming community.

It is strictly against the law to trap any game birds in the State of Oregon, yet the State Game Warden can by special written permit grant this privilege for scientific and propagation purposes.

ALLEGED PERJURY FOR SCALP BOUNTY

L. W. Crump Attempts to Secure Reward on Purchased Skins

L. W. Crump, son of T. A. Crump, of Warner Valley last Friday brought over 86 coyote and 3 bobcat hides and scalps and presented them to the County Clerk for the bounties. Mr. Crump made affidavit that all the animals had been killed in Lake county and since September 15, and he was given a county warrant for \$135 in payment of the bounties. It is said that on Nov. 3 Crump also secured the bounty on 33 coyotes.

After securing the scalp bounty Crump tried to sell the pelts to D. T. Godell who found that some of them had been caught during the summer months and prior to September 1. Deputy District Attorney Venator was informed of this suspicion, and an investigation was made when it was determined by the officials that several of the hides were over a year old. Upon being questioned Young Crump admitted that he had bought some of the hides from parties in Warner, which he said had been shipped out by way of Fort Bidwell. Later a warrant was issued for Crump's arrest when he admitted to the officers that no such shipment had been made and that some of the hides and scalps upon which he had procured bounty had been bought.

He turned the County warrant for \$135 over to Mr. Venator, which was later canceled by the County Court. His hearing before Magistrate Wallace was continued to January 8.

From the fact that there is no bounty on coyotes in California and other bordering states the Lake County officials are making careful investigation of all cases of scalp bounty claims in order to prevent payment on scalps that are likely to be imported from other states. It is believed that this is not the first questionable case of securing bounties and hereafter such payments will most likely be avoided.

This expense comes from the county

PARCEL-EXPRESS RATES COMPARED

New Regulation Shows a Big Reduction in Sending Packages

By way of comparison of the prices of sending articles by Parcels Post and express to and from the most important points effecting Lakeview, the following list is published:

Parcel Post: Sacramento and Portland and Reno, third zone, first pound 7 cents and 5 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof. San Francisco, fourth zone, first pound 8 cents and 6 cents for each additional pound. Chicago, eleventh zone, first pound 11 cents and 10 cents for each additional pound.

Express: Portland, one pound 30 cents eleven pounds \$1.60. San Francisco one pound 30 cents; 11 pounds \$1.50. Sacramento same. Reno one pound 25 cents; 11 pounds \$1.10. Chicago one pound 35 cents; 11 pounds \$1.80.

An eight pound package sent to Portland by express costs \$1.20 and 42 cents by Parcel Post.

The express on an eight pound package to San Francisco is the same as to Portland while by Parcels Post it costs 44 cents.

PEACE DISTURBED IN DREWS VALLEY

Report of Shooting Affair Christmas Day Proves To Be Myth

Regarding the disturbance created Christmas night at Drews Valley, the Irish News gives the following:

On the afternoon of Christmas day a party of six or seven young men gathered at the Dan Chandler ranch in Drews Valley, during the absence of the proprietor and his family, for the purpose of having a "good time." They had it, and about 4 o'clock in the afternoon one of the number, an Irish boy left the ranch and started for camp, on horseback. About an hour or so afterwards he arrived at the Tracy ranch a foot, covered with blood, and stated that he had been shot and was going to die.

A messenger was quickly despatched to the 70 ranch and in response to his phone call two auto parties started for Tracy's, one consisting of Sheriff Snider, Deputy-sheriff Rinehart and Doctor Smith; the other including Father Kern, David T. Jones and Jack Murphy.

On arrival they found that the young man had not been shot at all, and further, that he was not going to die, at least not right away. He had a gash cut in the right portion of his forehead from which blood flowed quite profusely which may have been caused in some manner not definitely determined owing to the conflicting stories told by the principal and those remaining at the ranch.

Baptist Revival Meetings

We begin a series of revival meetings in the Baptist Church, Jan. 5th, 1913. We shall hold services thereafter every evening at 7:30 as long as the interest justifies. Elder J. H. Howard of New Pine Creek will be with us during the series. Brother Howard enjoys the distinction of being one of Oregon's oldest native sons. He was born at Fort Whitman Dec. 25, 1844. He preaches the gospel in the good old fashioned way. Come and hear it. Everybody cordially invited.

A special meeting of the Lakeview Commercial Club was held Monday evening at the court house when a resolution was unanimously adopted and copies ordered forwarded to Salem to Senator W. Lair Thompson and Representatives Smith and Forbes of this district requesting them to make no recommendations or endorsements for the office of Secretary of the Interior.

as the legislative appropriation of \$40,000, to reimburse counties for one half the amounts paid for scalp bounties, has been exhausted and the state has no fund with which to pay its portion.