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A Merry Christmas to All Our Friends



KILLS OVER 250 RABBITS WITH OUNCE POISON

Rodney Cozad's Farm Scene of Slaughter.

ALFALFA LEAF MADE BAIT

Effectiveness of Method Should Induce People to Give Active Support; Biologist Horn Ill.

Biologist Horn, in charge of the rabbit poisoning campaign in Harney county, recently made up a supply of poison and with the aid of Rodney Cozad put some out at the farm of the latter. One ounce of poison was mixed with alfalfa leaves and scattered around a hay stack that had been fenced to prevent the rodents from getting in, thus inducing them to more readily to the poisoned bait. The following morning they picked up 232 dead rabbits right at the scene of the poisoning and during the day and the following day Mr. Cozad found quite a number more dead rabbits immediately surrounding the vicinity. Mr. Cozad estimates there were at least 300 rabbits killed from this one ounce of poison. That certainly shows the effectiveness of this method and should induce people to give their active support to the work of exterminating the pests. Not only is the farmer interested in this work, but also the stockman. His observation on the range has convinced stock men that the rabbits are very destructive to range grass and consequently they are just as active in the work of getting rid of them as the homesteader or the sage brush farmer. One only has to notice the great quantity of hay these pests destroy at places where they can get to them to realize the great destruction they are capable of doing. Biologist E. E. Horn is confined to a room with sickness. He had not been feeling well for several days previous to taking to his bed but did not want to quit the job. The time he spent active work along the line of exterminating the rabbits is here and there every day counts. He had ready mixed some poison and made application or two and was ready more but he had to give it up.

Splendid Program for Christmas Eve

A splendid program has been arranged by the Presbyterian church for Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, at 7:00 o'clock sharp. The program follows: Song—"Joy to the World the Lord is Come." Prayer by the Pastor. Anthem by the choir. Recitation—"Christmas Greeting" by Bertell Richardson. Recitation—"Good Will to Men"—Fry Thompson. Exercise—"The Primary Clans." Recitation—"My Dream"—Mary J. Song by the Primaries. Recitation—"My Gift"—Virginia Anthem by the choir. Recitation—"His Christmas Gift"—Eugene Davis. Song—"Dorothy Leonard." Song—"By the Primaries." Exercise—"Six Little Candles." Recitation—"My Speech"—Lee Sherd. Exercise—by three girls. Recitation—"Marjorie Byrd and June." Exercise—"The Christmas Aid Society." Quartette. Exercise—"The Secret." Anthem—by the choir. Song—"All Ye Faithful." Prayers for the school by Santa. Everyone is invited to be present.

Burns to Be Base for Airplanes of Forest Patrol

According to information gleaned from the Portland Journal of recent date, Burns is to be one of the bases from which airplanes patrolling the forests of the northwest will operate. This work is to cover a large area of timber and the base here is to be connected as an auxiliary with the landing fields at The Dalles and La Grande. The plan is to have this service inaugurated during the first season of the coming year. The story in the Journal recites that more than one-half of the standing timber of the United States is to be thus patrolled in 1920, which includes 80,000,000 feet of government owned timber in national forests.

SIZE OF STATE SHOWN BY COMPARISONS

England, with Population of Thirty-Five Millions, Has Area Three-Fifths That of Oregon.

(By J. B. Horner.) (From The Sunday Journal) The Oregon country, commonly known as Old Oregon, was the first territory the United States acquired on the Pacific coast of America. It comprised the region bordering on the Pacific ocean from California on the south to British America on the north, and extending east as far as the summit of the Rocky mountains. The area of Old Oregon was nearly as large as that of the first thirteen states, and it was much larger than that of the German empire in Europe at the beginning of the recent world war. From this vast domain were carved the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, with a part of Wyoming and Montana. There 96,699 square miles in the state of Oregon, which is more territory than the combined area of New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Vermont, Delaware, New Hampshire and three other states, each of which would be the size of Rhode Island. These states support a population of more than twenty-one million, yet the population of Oregon is less than one million. This data indicates Oregon's future possibilities.

The kingdom of Greece, with an area of 46,522 square miles, is smaller than the combined area of the following seven Oregon counties: Harney, Klamath, Lake, Baker, Lane, Crook and Malheur. Each of the following Oregon counties is larger than the state of Connecticut: Harney, Douglas, Lake, Klamath, Malheur.

The combined area of Harney and Malheur counties is greater than the area of any of the following states: New Hampshire Vermont, Maryland. Each of Harney, Lake or Klamath counties is larger than the state of New Jersey.

The area of either Harney or Malheur county, combined with that of any one of twenty-three Oregon counties is greater than the area of Belgium.

Any of the following twenty-five Oregon counties is larger than the state of Rhode Island: Harney, Baker, Clackamas, Crook, Coos, Curry, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Jackson, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Willows, Wasco, or Wheeler.

The 9883 square miles of Malheur county would accommodate the kingdom of Montenegro plus the state of Connecticut, with 538 square miles to spare, while Massachusetts and Rhode Island would fit in Harney county with 582 square miles to spare.

The area of Serbia, 23,661 square miles, is less than the combined area of Harney, Malheur and Lane counties.

Harney and Lake counties represent a larger area than that of Switzerland.

Oregon is larger than the combined areas of Belgium, Portugal, Serbia, Switzerland and Montenegro with Connecticut thrown in for good measure.

England, with 35,000,000 population, comprises area only three-fifths that of Oregon. In fact, England, Scotland and Wales would fit into Oregon with an area left sufficient to add Connecticut and two Rhode Islands.

"Sure There is a Santa Claus"



SIX TIMES A WEEK MAIL AGAIN.

Last Thursday the trains over the Crane branch resumed the regular runs of six times a week. This has helped this community wonderfully in the way of bringing the mail to us more regularly and in less congested lots.

FINLEY IS "CANNED."

W. L. Finley, state biologist, has been removed from office by the Oregon fish and game commission. It is announced he was not able to work in harmony with the commission and for that reason was let out. He was given an opportunity to resign but failed to take advantage of it.

OPENS SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.

The First National Bank of this city has started a savings account department and anticipating the approaching holidays the institution has brought in some nice new crisp \$1.00 and \$2.00 bills. These are not very plentiful in circulation in this vicinity but will likely become so, but they are fine to start a savings account for the "kids" for a Christmas gift.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. Louel Reed was absent from the switchboard of the local exchange of the Telephone office last week because of illness. She has resumed her place.

Word is received from what is termed the "desert," out beyond and south of the Wagontire country, that the snow is about 12 inches deep.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Welcome went to Crane yesterday evening to meet their nephews, Wesley and Alfred Welcome, who are home for the holiday vacation. They have been attending Columbia University.

An examination of applicants for certificates to teach has been in progress in this city since last Wednesday. We are informed some fine applicants are taking the examination. Because of the long distance with bad weather and unfavorable roads, examinations were also held at Drewsey and Denio.

Monument for Service Men Is Discussed

The Mothers club met at the home of Mrs. James Lamphire Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Lamphire and Mrs. Roy Moulien as hostesses.

Reports from the committee in charge of the annual Christmas sale indicate that it was a fair success.

The subject of joining with other public organizations in the erection of a suitable building and establishing a children's playground, to serve as a community monument to the men who served during the late war, was brought up and received considerable discussion. The building as planned would be meant to serve as a public meeting place, and also for the accommodation of such organizations as subscribe to its erection and maintenance. Among these, as suggested to the club, would be the Post of the American Legion, the Library club, and the Commercial club.

A gymnasium is a feature of the structure that was suggested to the club, and quarters for the Burns public library.

The Mothers club was given to understand that influential men are interested in the proposition, and it is quite possible that encouraging developments may be expected later.

Mrs. Dalton Gibbs and Mrs. Wm. Gould are to be hostesses at the next meeting of the club, at the home of Mrs. Gibbs.

FIVE QUESTIONS FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF STATE LEGISLATURE

Governor Outlines Business for Lawmakers, But Does Not Place Any Restrictions.

Formal call for the convening of the state legislature in special session in Salem on Monday, January 12, at 10:30 o'clock, was issued by Governor Olcott Saturday.

The call sets forth five questions for consideration by this session, as follows:

Workmen's compensation, soldiers' educational financial aid, the restoration of capital punishment, legislation supplementing the constitutional provision for state guarantee of interest on irrigation bonds and ratification of the federal amendment granting suffrage to women. No restrictions are placed on the legislators as to the consideration of other questions or as to the length of time to be consumed by the session.—Oregon Daily Journal.

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14th CENSUS TO BE BIGGEST EVER TAKEN

Canvass Made During Next Month.

FARM 'QUESTIONS' ASKED

Information Gathered Is for General Statistical Purposes Only and Will Be Kept Confidential.

The Fourteenth Decennial Census, to which President Wilson has called the attention of the nation in his proclamation, is to be the biggest, best and most complete census of the United States ever taken if the plans of the Census Bureau do not go awry.

Supervisor of the Census W. A. Terrall, of Wasco, Oregon, has announced that everything will soon be in readiness to begin the canvassing campaign that during the month of January, 1920, will cover every mansion, every cottage and every hut in the Second district. Two hundred thirty-eight enumerators will be engaged in making the count. Every person will be enumerated and the names, ages, birthplaces and occupations of all will be set down and forwarded to Washington.

Many other questions concerning home tenure, citizenship, marital status, literacy, sex, color and race are contained in the population schedule which the enumerators will fill out from the answers given them.

Farm Questions Important

Farmers also will be asked the questions contained in the agriculture schedule relating to their farms. These questions cover farm tenure, farm products, value of farm lands, buildings, implements and improvements, field crops, garden products, farm expenses, live stock, poultry, bees, dairy products, improved and unimproved land, farm drainage and irrigation—in fact, all phases of the farming industry are covered.

Questions as to telephones and electric lights, gas and water plants also are included in the group of inquiries which fall under the general heading of "farm facilities," the purpose of the government in collecting information of this character being to show the modern improvements installed on farms during the past decade.

Information Confidential

The information gathered in the census is for general statistical purpose cannot be used as a basis for taxation. Nor can such information be used to harm any person in any way. This is pointed out in the president's proclamation.

As a matter of fact, the identity of individuals is lost as soon as the filled-out schedules are received at Washington. For upon reaching there the information is transferred from the sheets to cards. This is done by machinery and names are discarded entirely. Moreover, every person connected with the taking of the census is prohibited by Federal law from divulging any information given them in the performance of their duties.

To Find Most Economical Feeds

Finding the most economical commercial feeds for farm livestock and poultry is the big job to which a state wide conference of farmers, college and federal officers and mixed feed manufacturers' New Year's day at Farmers' Week. Production, storage and feeding forage under Oregon conditions will be given attention throughout the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Otley were up from their home on the lake the fore part of this week. They were up to consult a physician on account of Mr. Otley's health.

