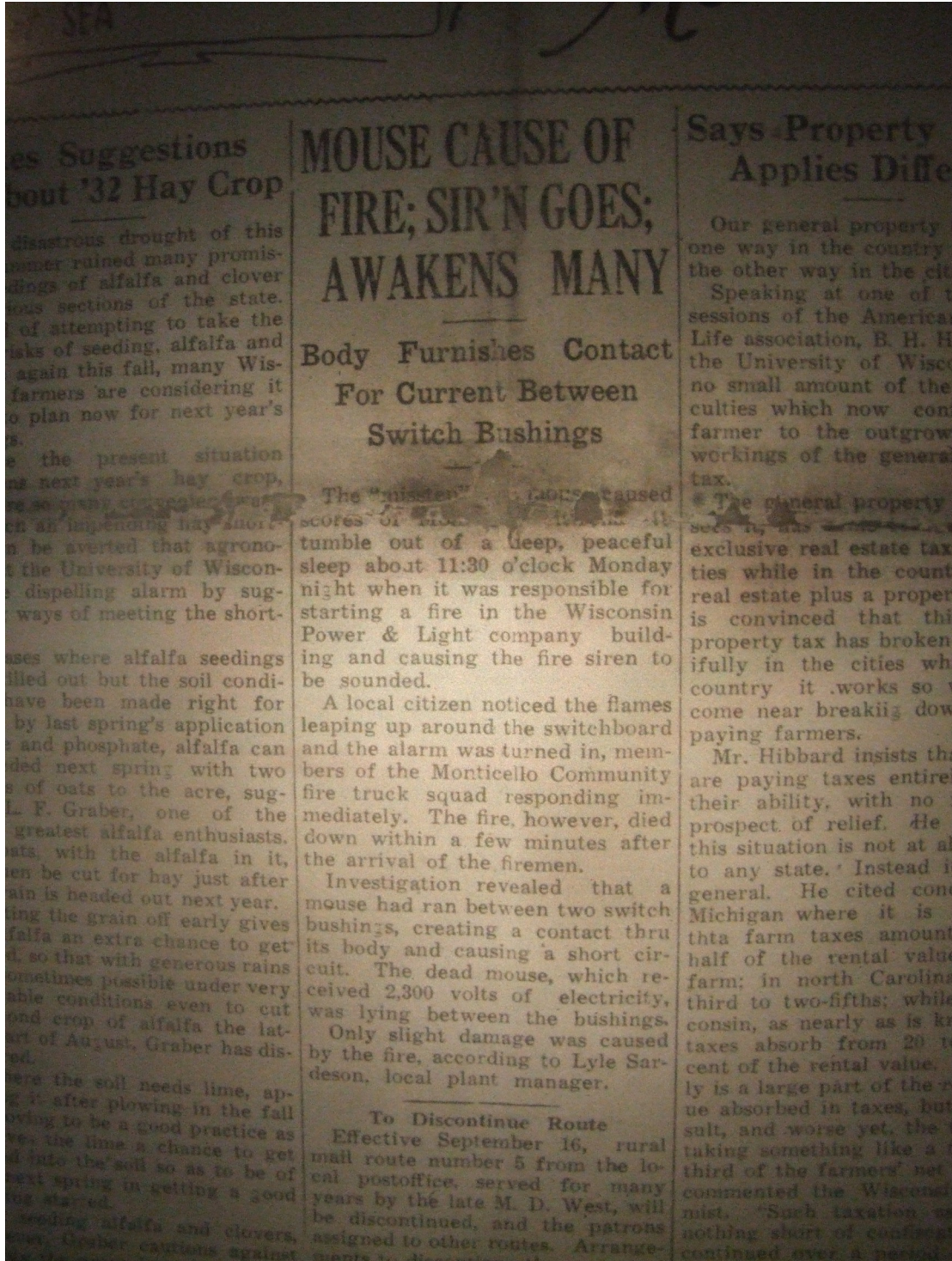


From the Monticello Messenger 1931 Mouse causes short circuit and sets off own fire warning.



**es Suggestions
bout '32 Hay Crop**

disastrous drought of this summer rained many promising seedings of alfalfa and clover in various sections of the state. In attempting to take the place of seeding, alfalfa and clover again this fall, many Wisconsin farmers are considering it to plan now for next year's crop.

In the present situation of the next year's hay crop, so many crop failures from the University of Wisconsin are dispelling alarm by suggesting ways of meeting the shortage where alfalfa seedings failed out but the soil conditions have been made right for alfalfa by last spring's application of lime and phosphate, alfalfa can be seeded next spring with two crops of oats to the acre, suggests L. F. Graber, one of the greatest alfalfa enthusiasts.

With the alfalfa in it, it can be cut for hay just after the grain is headed out next year. Cutting the grain off early gives alfalfa an extra chance to get established, so that with generous rains and sometimes possible under very favorable conditions even to cut a second crop of alfalfa the latter part of August. Graber has discovered where the soil needs lime, apply it after plowing in the fall. It is a good practice as well as the lime a chance to get into the soil so as to be of use next spring in getting a good crop of alfalfa and clover.

Graber cautions against

**MOUSE CAUSE OF
FIRE; SIR'N GOES;
AWAKENS MANY**

**Body Furnishes Contact
For Current Between
Switch Bushings**

The "miserable" mouse caused scores of fire alarms to tumble out of a deep, peaceful sleep about 11:30 o'clock Monday night when it was responsible for starting a fire in the Wisconsin Power & Light company building and causing the fire siren to be sounded.

A local citizen noticed the flames leaping up around the switchboard and the alarm was turned in, members of the Monticello Community fire truck squad responding immediately. The fire, however, died down within a few minutes after the arrival of the firemen.

Investigation revealed that a mouse had ran between two switch bushings, creating a contact thru its body and causing a short circuit. The dead mouse, which received 2,300 volts of electricity, was lying between the bushings.

Only slight damage was caused by the fire, according to Lyle Sarsdson, local plant manager.

To Discontinue Route
Effective September 16, rural mail route number 5 from the local postoffice, served for many years by the late M. D. West, will be discontinued, and the patrons assigned to other routes. Arrangements to discontinue

**Says Property
Applies Differ**

Our general property tax is one way in the country, the other way in the city.

Speaking at one of the sessions of the American Life association, B. H. Hibbard of the University of Wisconsin, said no small amount of the fault lies with the farmer to the outgrowth of the general property tax.

The general property tax is an exclusive real estate tax while in the country real estate plus a property tax has broken down in the cities where it works so well. It comes near breaking down on the paying farmers.

Mr. Hibbard insists that farmers are paying taxes entirely beyond their ability, with no prospect of relief. He said this situation is not at all general. He cited conditions in Michigan where it is that farm taxes amount to half of the rental value of a farm; in north Carolina, a third to two-fifths; while in Wisconsin, as nearly as is known, taxes absorb from 20 to 25 percent of the rental value. In many places, a large part of the value is absorbed in taxes, but the result, and worse yet, the taking something like a third of the farmers' net income, commented the Wisconsin farmer. "Such taxation is nothing short of confiscation continued over a period