

INTERESTING STORY OF SEAL INDUSTRY

Seal Fur Industry Now a Government Monopoly—Herds are Increasing since Government Made Regulations Concerning Catch.

Editor's Note: When Captain W. F. Stromberg of the U. S. Coast Guard service was in St. Helens last week, he told interesting facts of the seal fur industry. Captain Stromberg, who until last month, was in command of the revenue cutter Albatross, returned to Astoria last week from a five-months cruise in Alaska waters and almost to the Japanese coast. He has been going to Alaska more or less regularly in the Alaska coast for the past 12 years and his service in the seal and the industry were of such interest to us that we asked him to jot down some of his observations for the benefit of our readers. He hurriedly wrote the following interesting story which we are sure our readers will enjoy.

The fur seal industry, with the exception of the few taken by the natives Indians, is, far as the average American is concerned, a government monopoly.

This was brought about by a convention entered into by Japan, England, Russia and the United States, approved in 1910 or 1911. Under the agreement the signatory powers had themselves to prevent their nationals from engaging in pelagic sealing north of the 55th parallel north and to including the Yellow Sea and Sea of Okhotsk.

Prior to this the Pribilof Islands, the home of the American fur seal, was leased each ten years to a private concern who paid to the government stated annual rental and a stated amount per skin taken and in addition subsisted, clothed and cared for the natives of the islands. These natives in turn performed all the necessary manual labor incident to sealing. This concession included any land sealing. All Americans were forbidden to engage in pelagic sealing. By treaty the British and Canadians were permitted to seal anywhere excepting in the zone sixty geographical miles from the Pribilof Islands. All other nations so doing could take seals anywhere at sea—the three-mile territorial right of the United States being respected.

As in all other arrangements the natives Indians, under certain restrictions were allowed to take and sell seal skins. The restrictions were: 1. They must hunt in open canoes, no more than five men in each boat. 2. They must catch them by spearing—no firearms being allowed. 3. They must not seal from larger vessels. 4. They must not be under contract to deliver their catch to any person or firm.

Since 1911 the herd on Pribilof Islands increased from 100,000 to 105,000 in 1922, despite the fact that in 1910 fewer than 10,000 skins were taken, while in 1922 2,500 skins were taken by the government.

The drying and preparation of the skins is now done under contract by Foxton & Co., of St. Louis. Formerly only London furriners could do the work properly.

The skins are sorted into grades and sold at auction. As a concession for the curtailment of the privileges of sealing the United States pays 15 per cent of the annual catch at the net value thereof. Definite guarantees are made in case the government takes no skins in any given year.

Each of the signatories pays the United States 15 per cent of the value of any fur seals that may be taken in their respective possessions.

There are many peculiar traits of seals of seals that are not generally known. The young must be taught to swim, and watching the mother seal give the swimming lessons on a fine sunny day is quite interesting. First she will pick out a shallow pool of water and bring the pup to it and without warning will slap him off the rock into the pool. The little fellow will struggle and when he becomes tired the mother will rescue him. The next swimming lesson will be in deeper water and the same performance is repeated. A little later the mother will get the pup on a rock near the water's edge and without warning give him a slap which will send him into deep water. The cub will struggle and at the proper time, the mother goes to his rescue, diving beneath him and letting him rest on her back. However, if the pup becomes lazy and stops paddling the mother sinks and lets the cub fight to keep on top, but always stays close by to give aid in case it is needed.

The young seal or pup will die on the rookery if its own mother cannot be found before it is three months old as no other mother seal will adopt it even though her own pup may have died. Their exact winter habitat is unknown. They make their first appearance in the vicinity of the Pribilof Islands about March 15 and gradually working their way up the coast reach the Pribilof Islands from May 10 to June 15. They breed on these islands. No female seals are taken. Only the four-year-old males or bachelors are killed.

The control of the islands is under the bureau of fisheries. The direct management is under a superintendent who resides on St. Paul Island while an agent resides on St. George 5 miles southeast of St. Paul Island.

Until recently the skinning operation was held to be a specialty, but the past two years the skin is received about the same as that of a fox, rabbit or skunk. The meat is being processed for various by-products, fertilizer and glycerine being the principal among them. On St. George the meat is salted away and fed to the blue foxes in winter time.

GEORGE

Our Boy Reporter

Fare an warmer loss you get up early or get home late the chief and you now. That's what he says pretty near every morning when he gets down to the office.

Jim dash
I can swim an cum all an join the rock cross after your name like you do in school swim times when you fall down spells or something. Mrs. Ross an Mrs. Burdham an Mrs. White to the bed of it for the ladies an Mr. Thompson's bed of the hall business for the county.

Jim dash
Mister Art Steele which is a newspaper man also's married now. The chief he says him an that time when he emu here to get his glory ticket to get married with the chief he kidded him an told him the best way to handle them is treat them raff till they get out of your hand. It was Malvina Lewis which lives up to Clatskanie also an Mister Steele he's rarin the Chief, which is the name of the paper an the chief and well Steele you will have 2 checks.

Jim dash
Judge White he told the chief he bored Mrs. White wood stay home from Montana the next time she wanted to go a way cruise he likes good cats.

Jim dash
Mister Blakesley was up to Salem a bout licks an then he went to see a show. It wasn't a movie it was cows an hogs an things like that.

Jim dash
Mister Quick's back also which is 70 years old an gain strong yet he told my father an he had when he gets to be 90 he is gain to start in lawn to play golf an tiddle d winks an things like that to keep you young like John D. Rockefeller he said. He said got time for it yet he said. He went to the show also for hogs an cows were Mister Blakesley went.

Jim dash
Mister Thomas which fixes nifes an tools with his auto pade Judge

Philips \$ 200 dollars an Mister Miller which is a friend of his an't be pade Judge Philips \$ 200 for fish machine in a still. The chief and Mister Wellington which is head sheriff told him Mister Miller was the manufacturer and Mister Thomas was the distributor he guessed.

Jim dash
Mundy all the Piskapull ministers will be here to start the company all over the county to raise munny I guess Bishop Sumner's cummin also. I can swim cum all to the meetin on Mundy night an if you ain't a Piskapull cum anyhow.

Jim dash
Mister Barnett was tecked head mizer but he said it was empty cause nobody would run with him.

Jim dash
Doctor Russell an Mrs. Russell they went to the show for cows an hogs also when they were married 26 years. Mrs. Russell told my mother she wanted to see a change of scenery so that's why.

CITY COUNCIL IN SHORT SESSION

On account of the mayor and council attending the school budget meeting, the session of the council Monday night was a short one, and only unimportant routine business was transacted.

Marshal Hooper reported on having made necessary repairs to various sewers and the request of a committee from the Congregational church that four loads of crushed rock be placed in the street in front of the church, was granted.

City Engineer VanGruboven was instructed to establish the corner and curb lines on West street between Columbia and Casneau and on the west side of Columbia street to the city limits.

The St. Helens Light & Power company were instructed to erect two light poles on Tualatin street between Klamit and Oregon and place a light on the pole at the corner of Tualatin and Oregon streets and the recorder was instructed to notify the company that unless the electric light pole at the railroad crossing in West St. Helens was not removed the matter would be taken up with the public service commission.

Prospector Was Elated Over His Find.

"Tanlae built me up so that I have regained my strength and energy and feel like a different person," said Henry Wilson, of Mineral, Wash., a well-known miner and prospector.

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DEER ISLAND CAMP BEATS GRAYS HARBOR

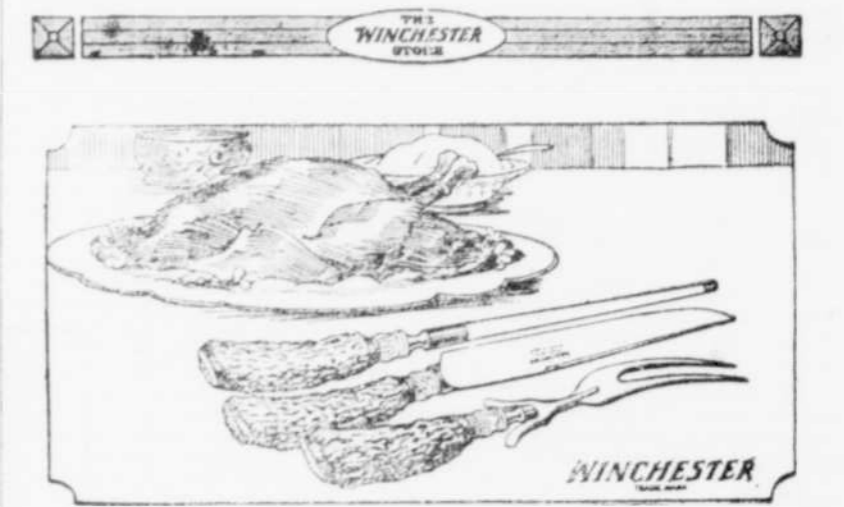
A news item from Aberdeen published in a Portland paper several days ago stated that an output of more than 1,000,000 feet of logs in five and one-half days with but one "logging side" was the record established by the Green Wood Logging company and that the loggers put out 122 car loads of logs in six working days.

While this is a good record and probably the record for Grays Harbor, it does not compare with the record made by the Deer Island Logging company last June. According to their records, one side at Camp 5 put in 133 loads in six consecutive days, the scale of the logs being approximately 1,330,000 feet, thus beating the Grays Harbor record by more than 300,000 feet. So far as can be ascertained the record established by the Deer Island camp sale.

has not been equalled by any camp on the Columbia river. The Deer Island camp and the logging road is commonly known as the "high ball camp" and officials and workmen alike take pride in such designation.

How Not to Take Cold.
Some persons are subject to frequent colds, while others seldom, if ever, have a cold. You will find that the latter take good care of themselves. They take a shower or cold sponge bath every day in a warm room, avoid over-heated rooms, sleep with a window open or partly open, avoid excesses, over-eating, becoming over-heated and then chilled and getting wet feet. Then, when they feel the first indication of a cold, they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy without delay and it is soon over.

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