

Wild Game In Catherine Creek District Described

(By Jack Hunter)

This territory lies on the north, from the ridge on the north side of Little Creek, to its head, crossing the Little Catherine Creek, going east to the head of the Little Miam river, then crossing China Gap and Burgess Butte going south along Big Creek, down close to Medical Springs, thence westerly to the Park going south again to the edge of Antelope valley, near Telescopo, following the timber ridge, passing Raymo Flat including Badger Flat, west of Kanger Rock, going north, crossing the Union-Medical Spring road, below the Gateway ranch, on to the point of departure on Little Creek ridge back of High valley.

Running close east and west, main Catherine Creek flows nearly in the middle of this territory, while at the forks, it is about in the center. This makes a plot of mountains and streams of about 125 miles by 20.

It is best reached by auto from Baker and La Grande, through Union, then up the Catherine creek road, auto being to reach a point within one mile of the forks—the center of the place described. The distances are—Baker 47 miles; La Grande 32 miles; Union 14 miles.

There are four species of deer, which makes their permanent home here. The largest kind, as well as the most numerous is the Mule deer, so named for its long ears much resembling a mule. They are extremely large, dressing as high as 400 pounds. Up to four years old, they have an excellent and tender meat, but older they are not so palatable unless when fat.

I have seen a large band of these Mule deer where they had their "yarding" place one winter, up at the head of Buck creek on the main ridge, at a point named "The Burnt Place." They had selected a place barren of trees, but surrounded by tall black pines, making a most comfortable shelter; the snow being 12 feet deep, they had tramped it down to about four feet from the surface. I stood on the edge of this well made bed ground, counting them up to 250 when I lost the count, as they continuously moved, as if the inside animals wanted to come on the outside to watch me. This was the grandest sight I have ever contemplated in the wild. I could see their trail, well beaten, coming in and out, but no deer started to run away. I am positive that there was all of 250 in the band.

This place is the native home of this band of Mule deer; about five miles from my place, directly on the main ridge. They run from that point to every direction, but make their home at the "Burnt Place."

The next in size is the deer, commonly called the "Flag-tail" deer. They will dress about 150 to 200 pounds. Their home is on the north side of the North Fork west of Little Creek, and opposite Buck creek, about two miles above the Forks.

The next bunch is also a very pretty deer, known as the "Black-tail" deer. They will dress from 100 to 150 pounds. I counted 75 of them on a trail, going one behind the other, much as sheep trails. Their home run is around the "Black Pine Springs" south of the South Fork, towards the "Park."

The fourth species is the common little "Cotton-tail" deer. They are in two bunches. One bunch of about 125 make their home back of the "Old Johnson Cabin," directly north of the Thompson place, on the main creek.

The other bunch of about 50, have their home back of the Padlock ranch, extending to Raymo Flat including Badger Flat. These little animals will dress from fifty to 100 pounds. Occasionally a buck may go as high as 125 pounds.

In the fall of the year, after all the activities of the sheep and cattle men have subsided, the deer come and take possession of their native land. During the nesting season they are scattered and scattered, but they invariably come back to their "yarding" places, after their love affairs are settled.

One kind of very seldom seen, but any other kind will come and show are in evidence; then they bunch up together in large bands, sometimes being all together. They range all over the country, but go back every night to the "Burnt Place." When they are ranging on the south slope of the north side hill, their main trail passes about one mile from my place. At about sunrise or during the night by moonlight, they come down, returning in the evening sometimes making a run of fifteen miles. They do this up to about February 15th and March 1st, but in open winters they do not bunch up at all.

They readily come to understand when they will not be molested. We have passed within five yards of deer lying down, and they never moved. We have seen them from the windows of the cabin, feeding like so many sheep.

For the hunter who desires to get a deer during the open season, providing that he has the time and can shoot, would do well to inform himself as to the places not allotted to the stock raisers for pasture, and he should pick out a place at least five miles away from any sheep. Every hunter whom we have directed from here has returned with a buck. Of course there is a chance to run across a buck at any time and place because there are always some of

the older heads who are continually taking a run across country to take the "day of the land" to see if it is safe to return home.

There is a freak deer, not seen by many, but has been seen enough to verify the case. I saw it once. It is a coal black animal—so black that it shines; and it is as wild as it is black.

We had a large deer which the kids named "Stub-toe" after one of Newt Newkirk's story deer. One of its toes was broken off, plainly noticed in its tracks, the spread of which measured four inches at extreme point of its toes. This splendid animal was killed within one-half mile from the Hall ranch by Martin Wood of Union, last fall. It had seven points. It took two men to hang it up to dress.

We have now a much larger deer, which has given a good run to many determined hunters. A young Indian from Umatilla reservation ran after it, two years ago, about 80 miles, sighting it only once during the run. It is still at large, having seen its tracks this winter. They measure 63 inches. His antlers are tremendously large and must be freakish, having many points.

I have also seen eight antelope, in the summer of 1920; and 28 elk, in the winter of 1921. I have seen elk in bunches of 4 to 10 occasionally every year. I came upon one which was feeding with the cattle, close to the creek. I took it for a Jersey cow until it raised its head and ran away. I could have touched it with my fishing rod.

Hoboes Kick Through With "Conscience" Fare

(By The Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Mar. 2.—Hoboes sometimes do pay full fare afterward for their breakfast and box car excursions, according to officials of the Southern Pacific railroad general offices here, who state that the "conscience fund" of the company has become quite richer in the past year. Nor are all the contributions from hoboes; former employees and others who have stolen rides or property from the road have been driven by their consciences, officials say, to make restitution.

The contributions range from one cent to \$200. The penny remittance came from an employee, who stated: "I was overpaid one cent on my pay check and as an honest employee I return it."

That for \$200 came from a religious institution at Ogden, Utah. It had been turned over to the institution by a man who said he had defrauded the company of that sum and wished to clear his conscience by donating it to charity. The religious institution decided it would be better for the man's conscience to make restitution to the corporation from which the money was stolen.

Six cents in postage stamps came from a child who failed to pay carfare. An Oakland, Calif., man sent ten cents, saying he had defrauded the Southern Pacific of that sum by sneaking past the gateman at the Ferry Building in San Francisco six years ago.

The fund was established in 1907. No effort is made to learn the identity of the contributors.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist.—Corner of First and Washington, Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Christ Jesus."

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room open to the public every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from two to four. All are welcome to attend our services.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—Our first session of the Bible School, Willis Wright, Supt., which meets at 9:15. Preaching hour then comes at 11, with communion immediately preceding the sermon. The C. E. societies, with Miss Lula Foster, Mrs. J. A. Williams and Mrs. Lelia Byers as superintendents, meets at 6:30, providing a place for everyone. Preaching again by the pastor at 7:30. Each of these sessions are worth attending. —O. W. Jones, minister.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Is it true, as some say, that reason and religion cannot keep house together? Is it true that if a man think deeply, he endangers his faith? What is there in the example of Jesus to give the denial to the statement that to become a Christian a man must ask his reason to abdicate her throne? We ask you to consider these and other similar questions with us in the forenoon service. Special music "My God and Father While I Stray" (Marston), solo and chorus, solo by Mrs. A. W. Nelson. Red Cross night will be observed in the Pleasant Hour service at 7:30 Sunday evening. The main address of the evening will be delivered by Bishop Wm. P. Remington of the Protestant Episcopal church. The high grade of music rendered in these Pleasant Hour meetings will be maintained by great choir of 22 voices. The regular choir of the Methodist church will be assisted by Mrs. Ray Fuller, Miss Schilke, Mrs. Landis, Miss Rohrer, Mrs. De Forest, G. S. Birnie, Ray Williams and Paul Knautz. A varied program suited to many musical tastes will be rendered. This service will be of real community interest and ought to be attended by all who have the welfare of our city at heart. No subscription for the Red Cross will be asked. Bible school with classes for all at 10:00. Claude Cooper, Supt. Epworth League at 6:30. Miss Elmore Fines, president. —G. H. Quigley, minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—"Human management of the affairs of the universe is failing. Without Divine intervention the world and its people will plunge into chaos. All that human power can do has been

done; man's extremity is God's opportunity. God alone can save this world," says a recent editorial in a Pittsburgh paper. Because we desire to allow God the rightful privilege of saving the world thru us, we are endeavoring to think imperially these days of the Lenten season. Another Lord's Day will find us thinking along fundamental lines as we worship tomorrow morning at 11 at which time a quintette will sing "There is a Land Mine Eye Hath Seen," by Crombiefield, while the minister will bring the message. At 7:30 Miss Isabelle Miller will be the soloist with choir accompaniment, and a male quartette will add to the evening music. Sunday school at 9:45 and Christian Endeavor at 6:15. Let us continue through the Lenten season with increasing interest in the Kingdom even as we allow God to speak to us. We will look for you at the services.—W. C. Ross, minister.

ISLAND CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH.—Through the Lenten season there will be a series of sermons on the life of the Christ. Subject Sunday morning, "The Personality of the Christ." Next Sunday evening, "All Eyes Toward the Christ or the Vision Splendid." Epworth League topic, "What Jesus Thought About Us." See Mark 16, 14-21 and John 15, 14. Bible study begins at 5:30. Miss Blanche Clark teacher. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

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"We have an interest in our town. The dear old place must not go down; We want to push good things along And we can help some, if we're strong At church next Sunday. Don't knock and kick and slam and slap At everybody on the map, But push and pull and boost and boom And use up all the standing room At church next Sunday."

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ZION ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.—Opposite high school on M. avenue. We send to all today a Lenten invitation. The Master calls to church. The Master calls to service. Come unto Me; Leave all and Take my cross and follow me. Preaching service 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "Follow Jesus to Kingdom Good." Rev. P. H. Kinsler, by the president of the United Lutheran Church in America, has sent a special message to all the congregations within the church. This message will be read at the forenoon service tomorrow morning. The public is most cordially invited to come and hear it. Mrs. J. G. Stitzinger will preside at the organ. The choir will sing. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mrs. H. Hegwood to speak to us. We will look for you at the services.—W. C. Ross, minister.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.—The revival meeting is progressing nicely, having good crowds and good interest. Sunday school 10 a. m. We have set the goal at 175 for next Sunday. Let everyone do their best for this preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by J. M. Johnson, P. E. Let everyone come to each of these services.—A. J. Starnes, pastor.

ROSE FESTIVAL TALK
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PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 2.—Portland's Rose Festival, the celebration held here each year in June, will hereafter be in charge of the Royal Rotarians, a local organization, it has been announced here.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Willard E. Butler superintendent. Plans have been completed for the Easter program. It is to be the best we have ever had in the church. Let all the school be present Sunday to learn of parts. We want one hundred in the classes next Sunday sure. Sermon at 11 a. m. Subject, "Strength of Character." Evening sermon, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Self Restraint." We expect a large attendance at both these services. Mrs. C. E. Happer, director of music, wants a full choir but expects the congregation to sing using the choir to lead. The Young Peoples Meeting will be at 8:00. A full program will be presented. Sunday only comes once in the week. The church is the best place to gain correct information about holy things. God requires true worship. You are invited to these services.—A. R. Sitton, pastor.

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