

254 PREDATORY ANIMALS SLAIN

June Death List in Oregon of "Pests" Given in Detail; Large Hunting Force Active.

SALEM, July 20.—(Special)—Mute evidence of the determined efforts of the state department to wipe out the predatory animal in Oregon is contained in the following article, called the "hunters news letter," a report issued regularly by the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Biological Survey, and the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and Game Commission, cooperating.

During June, 22 hunters worked 635 days and took 1 bear, 29 bobcats, 224 coyotes, a total of 254 predatory animals. No unborn were reported. Fifty-nine badgers, 131 porcupines and 4 skunks were taken in the course of the work, but no fur was saved and the animals were not counted.

An average of 12 predatory animals per man per 30 days was taken during June in the district and an average of 13 for the men working in the eastern part of Oregon. The best catch was made by O. A. Philbrick, who accounted for 50 predatory animals. Those who took the average or more are:

O. A. Philbrick, Wheeler County; 30 Days; 1 Bobcat; 29 Coyotes; Total 30.
O. E. Knotttingham, Malheur; 20 Days; 6 Bobcat; 16 Coyotes; Total, 22.
R. C. Fulkerson, Wasco; 27 Days; 1 Bobcat; 18 Coyotes; Total, 19.
J. N. Matteson, Morrow; 29 Days; 1 Bobcat; 18 Coyotes; Total, 19.
Alfred Andrews, Lake; 30 Days; 4 Bobcat; 14 Coyotes; Total, 18.
E. Fulkerson, Wasco; 26 Days; 2 Bobcat; 16 Coyotes; Total, 18.
H. P. Severance, Crook; 28 Days; Bobcat, 0; 16 Coyotes; Total, 16.
A. J. Sullivan, Malheur; 30 Days; 2 Bobcat; 11 Coyotes; Total, 13.
Chester Hight, Wasco County; 29 Days; 0 Bobcat; 12 Coyotes; Total, 12.
Beginning with August 1st, all animals will be called adults.

Each hunter should make a careful check of all the government traps in his possession and report to this office giving the number of each kind and size. Only government traps

should be reported on.
Be very careful to prevent forest fires and give all help you can in putting them out, or reporting to the nearest Forest Ranger those you cannot handle.
We are anxious to secure the skins and skulls of any foxes which the trappers may catch. These should be prepared by skinning and salting and saving the skull, as given in your instructions for the preparation of specimens.

Early this fall, there will be several new men added to the force and it is going to be up to each hunter to make a good showing.

We received report that Joe Fins found seven poisoned coyotes in the territory poisoned by hunter Snyder last winter. Chester Hight accounted for five coyotes that had killed twenty sheep a short time previous; this is an excellent piece of work and the kind that counts.

During the past fiscal year, the hunters worked 5421 1-2 days and took 13 bears, 307 bobcats, 2425 coyotes, 10 mountain lions, a total of 2,755 predatory animals not counting 27 unborn bobcats and 195 unborn coyotes, and a large number of animals poisoned but not found. In addition, 357 badgers, 969 porcupines and 48 skunks were taken in the course of the work but not saved nor counted. Included in the catch are 421 poisoned coyotes, and 6 poisoned bobcats. The best records of poisoned animals found are: A. J. Sullivan, 74; Barrett, 70; R. C. Fulkerson and O. E. Knotttingham, 48 each; and W. A. Sutherland, 40. Interested stockmen donated 144 horses and mules and a large number of cattle and other animals for poison stations.

The average for the district for the fiscal year is 15 predatory animals per man per month, and 17 for the men working in eastern Oregon. Those who took the average or more during the year are:

H. W. Dobyns, 116 Days; 2 Bear; 10 Bobcats; 117 Coyotes; Total, 129. Average per month, 23.
Harold Abalt, 195 Days; 9 Bobcat;

166 Coyote; Total, 175. Average per month, 27.

Fred Peterson, 90 Days; 4 Bobcat; 76 Coyote; Total, 80. Average per month, 27.

J. N. Matteson, 90 Days; 2 Bobcat; 63 Coyote; Total, 65. Average per month, 27.

Robert Demarie, 24 Days; 1 Bobcat; 15 Coyote; Total, 16. Average per month, 24.

Alfred Andrews, 249 Days; 1 Bear; 43 Bobcat; 121 Coyotes; Total 165; Average per month 29.

Chas. A. Moore, 43 Days; 2 Bobcat; 26 Coyote; Total 28; Average 29.

W. C. Snyder, 324 Days; 40 Bobcat; 178 Coyote; Total 218. Average per month, 29.

O. E. Knotttingham, 365 Days; 50 Bobcat; 144 Coyote; Total 214. Average per month, 13.

J. L. Braden, 41 Days; 3 Bobcat; 22 Coyote; Total, 25. Average per month, 13.

O. A. Philbrick, 320 Days; 12 Bobcat; 173 Coyote; Total 185. Average per month, 17.

W. A. Sutherland 219 Days; 1 Bear; 5 Bobcat; 116 Coyote; Total, 121. Average per month, 17.

Chester Hight, 208 Days; 1 Bobcat; 194 Coyote; Total, 195. Average per month, 15.

Sam Olmstead, 129 Days; 2 Bobcat; 56 Coyote; Total 58. Average per month, 15.

A. J. Sullivan, 352 Days; 1 Bear; 15 Bobcat; 162 Coyote; Total, 175. Average per month, 16.

The highest average for the year was taken by Harold Dobyns, who took 33 predatory animals per month. Snyder heads the list with the largest number taken, accounting for 218 predatory animals, 77 pups and 4 adults, in 29 days during April, and W. C. Snyder took 80 old ones in August. Hunter Frank Robeson is to be highly congratulated on having taken ten mountain lions in Coos County during the year, in addition to a good catch

of bobcats and coyotes for that section.
Many hunters came very near to making the average and the fact that they are not listed does not mean that they did not work as faithfully; in fact, many of them did as good work as any, for the territory they were in and the conditions they worked under, and their work is highly appreciated by stockmen as well as this office.

Rail Case Sustained By Washington High Court

OLYMPIA, July 20.—A general order of the department of public works reducing log rates on all railroads throughout the state an average of 12 per cent, resulted in reduction of railroad revenues about one half million dollars annually, was sustained by the supreme court today.

Train Hits Auto; Two Die.

PIERCEFIELD, N. J., July 20.—A. S. Curtis, 83, a farmer, his wife, Mrs. Emma Curtis, 65, and Arthur Fletcher, 45, another farmer, all of Hamilton, were killed here Wednesday when their automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania freight train.

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EXPECT RECOVERY OF BAKER YOUTHS

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With a fractured skull, William Rith, unconscious for the greater part of the last 26 hours, and Miss Marjorie Rosa, suffering from a fractured collar bone, and cuts on her head and hand, are in the St. Elizabeth hospital as a result of being thrown from the light touring car in tabulated the Snake river ferry appearance.

which they were driving Sunday afternoon when it overturned on the Oregon trail highway near the north city limits.

First Ferryman Dies.

LAKEPORT, Cal., July 20.—Morgan E. Payne, 83, who started and operated the first ferry across the Snake river on the overland trail between Elko, Nev., and Boise, Ida., and who deeded the land for the town of Morgan Hill, Santa Clara county, died Monday at his ranch near here.

Payne crossed the plains to Oregon both by an ox team in 1851 and later thrown from the light touring car in tabulated the Snake river ferry appearance.

The family moved to California in 1891 and to Lake county in 1919. The widow and eight children survive. One son, Ira Payne, is a director of education at the state teachers' college, Tempe, Ariz.

Sheep Tender Missing.

BEND, Ore., July 20.—Not heard from for three days, Frank Whitman, camp tender for R. N. Elliott, sheepman, is believed to be either lost or badly injured somewhere in the mountains surrounding Odell lake. Telephone reports received at Department National forest headquarters this morning told of Whitman's disappearance.



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