

BOUNTY LAWS GREATLY NEEDED

Depredations of Wild Animals Cost State \$800,000 Each Year.

SMALL BREEDERS STOPPED

Former Bounty Law Repealed at Time When Coyotes Were Nearly Exterminated, and Work Will Have to Be Done Over Again.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 6.—(To the Editor.)—There is now in every Western State a well-defined sentiment demanding that property shall be protected, and to this end we witness throughout all of Oregon a determined move on the part of all our rural population to secure the passage of a bounty law upon predatory wild animals.

In the demand for the passage of a bounty law we find the farmer, poultry-raiser, cattle-breeder and sheep-breeder all united in deploring the constantly increasing loss of poultry and livestock as a result of these predatory pests. Oregon once a more serious menace to the result of its operations these predatory animals, particularly the coyotes, were nearly exterminated, but through the shortsighted policy of our Legislature the law was repealed just at a time when its enforcement would have been the least expensive and of the greatest good to the livestock interests of the state. The coyote had been a more serious menace to the law being allowed to remain in force, the cost to the state would be insignificant and the resulting gain to the stock interest would have amounted to many millions of dollars. Since the repeal of the bounty law these destructive wild animals have been rapidly increasing and are now a more serious menace to the stock industry than they were 15 years ago.

It is estimated by people in a position to judge that the loss to the poultry and livestock breeders of this state through the ravages of wild animals amounts to fully \$800,000 a year. This is an enormous sum, but its total does not represent all the injury that is done to the state by these plagues, for the coyotes have been an important factor in discouraging hundreds of small breeders from engaging in the livestock industry in this state. As a rule the sheepman is the only sufferer from predatory wild animals. Nothing could be further from the truth, for while the loss to the sheepman from the source is very heavy, the cattle-breeder and poultry-raiser and general farmer are also heavy losers.

Coyotes Raid Poultry Yards.
Throughout Eastern Oregon hundreds of farmers have found it impossible to breed or keep poultry of any kind because of the destructiveness of the coyotes. This is a severe embarrassment to the small farmer, for when he is compelled to purchase what poultry and eggs his family consumes, the expense becomes burdensome, to say the least. The profits that might accrue to him from the raising of market poultry and eggs. Over all Eastern Oregon fresh eggs are always at a premium, and the small farmer who has been driven from the poultry industry by the constant raids of the prowling coyote.

At the last meeting of the Oregon Wool-growers' Association fully a dozen cattlemen who were present told of the great loss of calves that they were sustaining through the depredations of coyotes. Many of them referred to losses of older stock from cougars, but it was the consensus of opinion among these cattlemen that the coyotes were their most serious enemy. Through the efforts of the cattlemen-breeders have come to realize the importance of their loss, for the loss of a few calves is now of more importance to them since the herd has been reduced than it was a few years ago, when Government grass was more plentiful than it is today. It can be substantiated that fully 100,000 sheep are killed by coyotes in the State of Oregon every year. Of course, wildcats and cougars cause some loss to the sheepman, but it is of no importance compared to the loss caused by coyotes. At lambing time fully 50 per cent of the Oregon coyotes live upon a diet of Spring Lamb for more than two straight months. Unfortunately, the coyote does not select the delicate, scrawny lamb for his meal, as it is always the big, fat, healthy lamb that strays farthest from his protecting mother and thus falls a prey to the ever-present coyote.

Strayed Sheep Easy Prey.
In a range country it is always impossible to herd sheep without occasionally losing a small bunch that drifts from the herd and are not missed until the next morning. In a section where coyotes are scarce these lost sheep could remain out for several days without being molested, but now, with coyotes as thick as they are, he is fortunate indeed to obtain the return of any live sheep from a lost bunch. The expense of the sheep-breeder are greatly increased because of the added help needed to fight coyotes from his flock.

No matter what may be said about the sheep breeder he has done more to keep down predatory wild animals than all other agencies in the state combined and were it not for his efforts along this line, the sheepman in Eastern Oregon and all other range states, they have persistently poisoned, have trapped and employed hunters to rid their ranges of coyotes but their efforts have largely been nullified because the others interested in their section have failed to do their part. Many of the larger farmers have no concern in the destruction of coyotes and allow them to breed and live upon their farms.

We hear much stress laid upon the fact that the coyote is a friend of the farmer and fruit raiser because he keeps down the rabbit pest, but I want to say right here, and without fear of successful contradiction, that the coyotes have never destroyed enough rabbits in any country to be of any consequence whatever. The only time the coyote destroys any rabbits is at nesting time and before the young are able to run, but the number so killed is so slight as to be of no consequence whatever.

A few years ago we had in Eastern Oregon a great rabbit pest but through the influence of an infectious disease 80 per cent of these rabbits died off. It was heralded through the press that they were dying of tuberculosis but such was not the case as investigation showed them to be seriously affected with a tapeworm disease. It would now appear that within the last three years this disease has almost disappeared and the rabbits are increasing again at a rapid rate and this at a time when the coyotes are thicker than they were before which shows con-

MULTNOMAH'S CRACK 125-POUND BOXER



OLMAR DRANGA, WHO WILL MEET BOXER OF THE SPOKANE CLUB IN PORTLAND NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT.

clusively that the number of rabbits depends in no manner upon the number of coyotes. All experienced men of Eastern Oregon know that this story of the coyote destroying the rabbit is a fake, for we all know that one coyote cannot catch an old rabbit, and in order to kill any at all, they must double team him. Now, everybody knows that a dog can catch a coyote and everybody also knows that a dog does not catch an average of one rabbit per month and this being true, how ridiculous it is to assert that the coyote, a slower animal, has ever been a factor in reducing the number of rabbits.

Rabbits Easily Kept Out.

This rabbit question is not a serious one for every gardener, fruit raiser or alfalfa farmer can absolutely protect his crops against rabbits at the small cost of three cents per foot for wire netting. For less than \$80, any 10-acre tract can be fenced so that it will be absolutely rabbit proof for all time to come. It would appear to me that it would be far cheaper for these farmers to build such fences than to allow this continual loss of almost \$1,000,000 per year from these depredations. The coyotes of Eastern Oregon have long since learned that the farmer's fat hen or the new Spring lamb furnishes a choicer and more delicate morsel for his morning meal than does the rabbit, and that they can be obtained at one-half the physical exertion.

The coyote problem is a most serious one west of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon, as for the last four years they have been increasing very rapidly and they are now one of the most important factors in retarding the development of that section. No district in the world can equal the Willamette Valley for the profits to be derived from the ownership of small bands of sheep, but with the present abundance of coyotes it is impossible to run sheep in many portions of the valley without most serious losses. The small farmer in the Valley with only 100 sheep cannot afford to keep a herder with them to protect them from coyotes, as does the larger flockmaster in Eastern Oregon. If the coyote pest in the Valley could be abated, I am sure that within three years the income from sheep in that section alone would amount to \$500,000 per year more.

Local Association Bounties.

These coyotes are so destructive that at certain places in the Valley local associations pay as much as \$25 for the destruction of a single coyote, but before these animals can be eradicated in the Valley they must be destroyed in Eastern Oregon. Every year thousands of coyotes follow the Eastern Oregon sheep to his Summer grazing ground near the summit of the Cascade Mountains, and



MISS MABEL BROWNELL, IN "THE GREAT DIVIDE," AT HELGIG THEATER TONIGHT.

from there over two-thirds of them find their way into the valleys of Western Oregon. This will be true every year until a bounty law is enacted which will reduce the coyotes of Eastern Oregon. Oregon has a game law and Game Warden, but if she has a sincere desire to protect her game birds and animals the enactment of a county law on coyotes, cougars and wildcats will do more for the protection of our game in a single season than our game laws can do in ten years. Cougars kill more deer in our mountains than all the hunters in the state combined. Eastern Oregon has been depleted of its game, and the prairie chickens are entirely eradicated by the coyotes alone.

It is frequently charged that bounty laws permit a great amount of fraud, but this need not be so, for such a law can be so constructed as to eliminate all fraud. S. W. MCCLURE.

ACTRESS TAKES HIGH RANK

MISS MABEL BROWNELL WINS GREAT POPULARITY.

Star in "The Great Divide," at Helgig Tonight, Under Long Contract With Henry Miller.

Miss Mabel Brownell, who essayed the role of Ruth Jordan in "The Great Divide," which was taken by Margaret Anglin during the Eastern run of this worthy play, was Margaret Illington's alternate in the trying role of Marise, in "The Thief," at the Lyceum Theater, New York, and many times had an opportunity to enact the role that has given her the American stage. Mrs. Brownell will be seen at the Helgig Theater for four nights, beginning tonight, with a special matinee Wednesday. In this, the long-awaited ideal American drama.

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GOOD SPORT WELLS

Classy Events Promised for Inter-Club Meet.

MUCH INTEREST AROUSED

Multnomah Will Meet Spokane Athletic Club Next Friday Night. When a Good Card of Boxing and Wrestling Will Be Seen.

The last interclub boxing and wrestling tournament of the regular season will take place at the Multnomah Club gymnasium next Friday night, when the two premier boxers and the duo of crack wrestlers from the Spokane Amateur Athletic Club come to Portland for the purpose of trying conclusions with the mitt and mat artists of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, who have been developed by instructors Fred Rannick and Eddie O'Connell.

The card on that night promises to prove the most interesting journey in the history of the interclub events. Spokane is known to possess a number of splendid youngsters in each division, and, realizing that such is the case, the Multnomah Club classes have worked hard and faithfully to develop the men best qualified to uphold the honor of the winged "M."

The boxers who will defend the colors of Multnomah against the visitors will be Oimar Dranga and Gene West. The first named is an idol of the club, for he demonstrated that he was the best 125-pound boxer in the Pacific Coast last May when he defeated the prize of Seattle as well as scoring over the best youngster at that weight of the Olympic Club, Sam Grant, of the Chicago White Sox. Dranga is one of the most promising young boxers ever developed in Portland. He possesses none of the instincts of the embryo pugilist, and is a contented and unassuming competitor against any lad of his weight on the Coast, or for that matter, in any other part of the country.

Wins Many Laurels.

He is a splendidly built athlete and has frequently demonstrated his worth on behalf of the club. Incidentally he has displayed more class and sportsmanship than any other boxer in the Northwest, and, while it is admitted that he is pitted against one of the best youngsters ever developed in the Northwest, he has many admirers anticipate he will have little difficulty in winning his event. However, Dranga makes no such claims. He simply confines himself to the modest statement that he will do his best, and that is sufficient to guarantee that this match alone will be well worth the time and trouble to visit the club on the night of the interclub event. Dranga seems to have the happy faculty of never underestimating an opponent.

Gene West, the Multnomah Club's 125-pound crack, is one athlete who has earned the approval of the boxing enthusiasts for the reason that he is a glutton for real scrapping. In most of his battles he has been punished severely, but always comes back smiling and seemingly like the harder scraps the best. He possesses considerable science and is a phony on his feet, but when pitted against an antagonist who likes to mix it, he is always on the job and has proved himself to be able to give his good in return for what he bests his way. West will have a hard game next Friday night, but the fans are rest assured that he will account for himself creditably.

Stronger in Wrestling Division.

Among the wrestlers the club's representatives stand an excellent chance to clean up against Spokane. Yesterday morning this was demonstrated in one of the first matches in the night of the interclub event. Dranga was pitted against the Spokane bunch. Smith succeeded in defeating Swinney, but this match was one that will long be remembered by the club members. The defeated candidate gave his conqueror all that was coming to him, and the victory was well earned. Instructor O'Connell may be proud of his club's success for all of the trout events have produced some really high-class wrestling on the part of the ambitious mat artists who desire to compete in the main events against Spokane.

One more trout remains to decide the club's representative in the 145-pound class, and this event will be decided tonight when Ed Franks and Frank Smith in the final bout. The victor will be sent against the best man in the Spokane Athletic Club, and this honor insures that the match tonight will be a contest worthy of anybody's time to see. Both wrestlers are keen to gain the honor, and as both have been attentive students of O'Connell's methods, a first-class bout should be in order when they get together.

The Spokane team will come to Portland Thursday and will rest up for one day preparatory to the big tournament. Each club has been defeated in Seattle and have return matches with that club, therefore the entries are anxious to win in this instance in order to further their chances against the Elliott Bay bunch.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

SIX WEEKS hence McCredie, Casey and the other balltossers who will represent the two Portland clubs will begin reporting at Santa Barbara, where the preliminary Spring training stunts will take place.

George Schroeder is quoted as saying that he expects to depend upon Bill Hurley as the first baseman of the Tacoma club during the coming season. Schroeder had better send "Rough House Bill" to some remote place where he is not likely to displease the patrons of the game. Anyhow, what's the matter with Kellackey?

A Philadelphia paper, in commenting on Portland, says: "Manager Casey, of the Portland, Or., Northwestern League team, answers to the name of Pearl. Pearl Casey is about as much as Gladys O'Brien." Casey's handle, strictly speaking, is Perie Barnes, but even then it is not necessary to apologize to Gladys.

Room 511, Beck building, is rapidly becoming the fanning headquarters. Here is found genial William H. Lucas, announced in a comfortable chair, and several more equally comfortable chairs ready for occupancy at any time. Besides the place is real cozy and convenient refuge from the icy blasts of the outer world.

According to Pee Bee (Portus Baxter), of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Dugdale does not want either Phil Geiler or Truck Egan, both of whom are said to have been offered to the Seattle magnate. With eggs 5 cents apiece and scarce at that, Dug probably needs the money to buy more hens for his Ballard Beach ranch.

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ABERDEEN GETS GOOD MAN

MANAGER ROWLAND COMES WITH FINE RECORD.

New Northwestern League Magnate Had Successful Career With Butte Three-Eye League Team.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Probably the most important change which has been made in the complexion of the Three-Eye League since the close of the 1908 season is the signing of Clarence H. Rowland, manager of the Dubuque team during the past year, to manage the Aberdeen team of the Northwestern League. Mr. Rowland leaves in a few days for the Northwest to take up his new work, and goes with the best wishes of everyone who has been in any connected with the affairs of the Three-Eye League.

In securing the services of Rowland for manager for the 1909 season, Aberdeen has made no mistake, for if there is an aggressive baseball man in the country, that man is Rowland, and here is a man who can size up a player and get the best possible out of him, that man is Rowland. He is a thorough baseball man, and a natural leader, and knows just how to keep his men in fighting trim from the opening of the season till the last ball has been tossed over the plate.

Rowland has been identified with the Three-Eye League for the last six years, having (single-handed) landed the first Three-Eye franchise ever held by Dubuque, 1903. Since then he has been in constant connection with the affairs of the Dubuque team and league. He is a wide-awake manager, is quick to discover the weaknesses of his opponents and even quicker to take advantage of these weaknesses.

Along with these other necessary traits in the management of baseball players, he has proven an expert in developing raw material. Such men as Frank Smith, a pitcher of the Tri-State

of managers of the major organizations, and has recommended a long list of players who have made good and are still making good in the major leagues. Among them may be mentioned Larry Doyle, of the New York Giants; Purcell, of the Chicago White Sox; Tom Tennant, of the White Sox; Dick Egan, of Cincinnati; Art Krueger, of Columbus, formerly of Cincinnati; Art Wilson, of the New York Giants; Swarna, of Pittsburgh.

Rowland always keeps in close touch with his players, is not offensive and overbearing like many men in like positions, but is a fellow whom they all like, consequently he is always able to get good work out of them. He is one of the best versed men in baseball in the country, regardless of what league they may be in, and it will not be at all surprising if another year or two sees him step higher up in the profession.

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Clarence H. Rowland, New Manager Aberdeen Baseball Team.

League, formerly with Cincinnati; Joe Beaver, of Peoria; George Hughes, of Portland; and "Dada" Cahill having received their first lessons from him. He is in close touch with a number

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ALBANY GIVES TO ITALIANS

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Collections for the earthquake sufferers in Italy were taken today in the Roman Catholic Churches of the Albany parish. Rev. Father Arthur Lane, rector of the parish, conducted the service. In the Lebanon Church and Rev. Father John Moran, the assistant rector, was in charge of the services here, in both churches good collections were secured to swell the relief fund.

NO ANSWER FROM O'CONNELL

Local Wrestler May or May Not Take on Young Hackenschmidt.

Young Hackenschmidt, who issued a challenge agreeing to throw Ed O'Connell, the Multnomah Club's clever instructor, four times in an hour recently, yesterday stated that if O'Connell delayed much longer in accepting the offer he would arrange for a match with Franklin, the Seattle wrestler, and pull the bait out here or in Seattle. Hackenschmidt claims that his offer is made in good faith and that he has his money posted, and therefore expects some kind of a definite answer from the Multnomah instructor immediately. He contends that, as he is on the ground,

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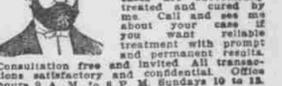
the expense of bringing him out here from the East, or arranging a match by wire, is eliminated, and above all, he reiterates his confidence in his ability to accomplish the handicap he has set for himself. O'Connell's intentions in the matter are not known positively, although he is said to have decided not to take on any more men heavier than himself, and in this decision he may be using the best judgment, although his many friends do not believe that Hackenschmidt can toss the arlie ex-Yale man as he boasts.

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