

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Former Bounty Law Repealed at Time When Coyotes Were Nearly Exterminated, and Work Will Have to Be Done Over Again.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particularly the coyotes, were nearly exterminated, but through the shortsighted policy of our Legislature the law was repealed just at a time when its enforcement would have been the least expensive and of the greatest good to the livestock interests of the state.

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.

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 coyote. 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.

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

Strayed Sheep Easy Prey. In a range country it is always impossible to herd sheep without occasionally losing a small bunch that drift 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.

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 prospect of being well nigh impossible 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.

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



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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.

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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.

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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 grouse, 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.

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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 local 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 pride of Seattle as well as scoring over the best youngster at that weight of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, in the interclub fight.

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 in his 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 events.

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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 events. Dranga seems to have the happy faculty of never underestimating an opponent.

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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.

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