

OREGON COUGARS AND BOB-CATS ARE SLAIN BY HUNDREDS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF STATE

Adventures With Wild Members of Cat Tribe Declared of Interest Both in Literature and in Tradition. Pioneers Relate Experiences With Ferocious Beasts.



Unusual Picture of Two Lynx Playing.

BY ALFRED POWERS. "CONARNED cats and pesky panthers," was the alliterative way the Oregon frontiersman referred to bobcats and cougars. His negative attitude toward these predatory felines was justified by long and often bitter experience. Bobcats, lynx, catamounts, wildcats—panthers, cougars, pumas, mountain lions, by whatever terminology they go by, they are in the mind of the remote settler fit only for poison, traps and bullets. The government and state have come to agree with him, the former hiring hunters and trappers to hasten their quietus, and the latter by means of bounties encouraging their destruction. As a result of this stimulated slaughter, thousands of panthers and bobcats kick the beam every year. Annual mortality statistics run into important figures. Wandering stealthily with prices for their heads, these friendless beasts have their vital eaten up with burning poison; in the grip of tenacious traps they cry in futile pain, or pierced with unerring bullets they fall with heavy thud from the trees. Slaughter is recounted. One hundred and seventeen bobcats and two cougars were counted in 1920. In Coos county, 1927 bobcats and two cougars in Harney county, two brown bear hunters killed 16 wildcats in a few days. \$500 was paid in cougar bounties—such were some of the mortality reports of recent years which I took from my notebook. Fifteen hundred and sixty-four bobcats and nine mountain lions was one annual report of destruction by government hunters alone. In 1919 the state game protection fund paid bounties on 70 cougars, 27 of which were killed in Douglas county, 15 in Curry county, two each in Coos and Tillamook, four each in Lincoln and Josephine, six in Lane, and seven in Jackson. This by no means indicated the actual total, as a large number of cougars were killed for which no bounty was asked from the state game protection fund. I do not have the state report or the county reports for 1920, which would undoubtedly indicate a further wholesale decimation of feline ranks. Oregon Hunters Interesting. Probably no other state in the union has such an interesting group of panther hunters as Oregon. Hathaway Jones of Marial, Or., in 29 years of hunting has killed more than 400 panthers. Jack Warner of Coos county in five years killed 75 bobcats and 24 panthers. Jake Fry of Curry county, before closing his active hunting days that extended over a half century, had killed 1250 bears, and his retrospect included several hundred bobcats and panthers. John B. Hammerley of Gold Hill is a Jackson county hunter whose bullets have closed the careers of a large number of cougars and wildcats. It was said that Miss Catherine No-dine, who took up a homestead in Curry county a few years ago, used to derive a large part of her income while her farm was in its unproductive period by killing bobcats and getting the bounties on their scalps. Nimble of foot and of practiced muckamanship, she followed her shepherd dog through the Curry county thickets, and when the pursued cat took to a tree, once well-directed shot from her rifle brought him to the ground, and a deft bit of scalping established a financial obligation on the part of the county court. Game Is Guaranteed. John Warner of Powers, Or., formerly would guarantee from one to four panthers to anyone who would go out with him when he had his two famous cougar dogs, Grit and Foezie, along. Jap Hills of Oakridge has also been a Nemesis of mountain lions. Thomas Bashaw of Richland trapped and hunted cougars until he was 82. It is impossible to call the roll of all the cougar hunters, past and present, of Oregon, but the records of these I have mentioned will show what an effective warfare has been waged upon these destructive cats. There is ample evidence of the menace of panthers to game and of the

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TIES IN WASHINGTON HELD LOOSEST IN WORLD. Agreement That Can Be Dissolved on Almost Any Ground, Is Dr. Penrose's Definition. —WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman college, declaring that "marriage in the state of Washington is a looser tie than anywhere else in the civilized world," spoke on the subject of "Education for Parenthood" today at the Mothers' Congress and Parent-Teachers' Association state convention being held in Walla Walla this week. "It is a matter of convenience," he said, "an agreement which can be dissolved upon almost any ground." Dr. Penrose urged that boys be allowed to marry when they are old enough and wise enough, but not until they understood clearly the obligation of fatherhood and contemplated it as a duty. "No girl should marry unless she is ready to become a mother," he said. There are three prime considerations, he said: First, permanence.—A better understanding of the eternal nature of marriage ties. The girl of the present day frankly admits the possibility of divorce if she finds herself dissatisfied. We need to study again seriously and carefully the words of the marriage service. "Second, duty.—One of the striking tendencies of the time is the individual pursuits and interests even in the lives of the children. Parents need to enter into these interests and pursuits. Dancing loses its dangers if mothers and fathers are there, and the automobile ceases to be a menace if the whole family are enjoying it together. Family traditions and customs are a bulwark to temptation and a family gathering each day at family prayers or sitting together each Sunday in church are as safeguarded as by a moat and rampart from dissipation. This department has been growing and many students have become interested in this phase of commercial

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