BEGINS CAMPAIGN FOR SCALP BOUNTY STATUTE

W. R. Mealey of Linn County Points Out Necessity for Legislation to Protect Game and Livestock —Circulates Petition Throughout State.

Wild animals, cougars, panthers, wolves, bears and other "varmits" are destroying the fast vanishing game of the state. William R. Mealey of Foster, Linn county, wants the legislature to put back an adequate bounty on these animals for the protection not only of the game, but the livestock of the country. He, therefore, has prepared a petition and a circular letter which he is sending out over the state. The petition is in the form of a memorial to the legislature asking that the bounties be established.

The letter sets out to the people of the state the reasons why the legislature should be asked to enact such a law. It is the purpose of Mr. Mealey to have the people of the state circulate the petitions among their friends for signatures. These signatures are to be presented to the legislature in the hope that it will take favorable action.

In setting out the arguments for the law, Mr. Mealey says:

"Mr. Taxpayer and Sportsmen—Your attention is respectfully called to the petition following this article, the same is self explanatory and we beg that you will carefully read and consider the facts herein contained.

"To the western man there is nothing so attractive as the desire to go on a hunting trip, the mighty mountains, the mysterious forests, the camp by the running creek or river, the fat venison frying pan, these are the influences that appeal to us, the call to the primitive as it were, out of the misty past, calling to us to once more draw near to nature and partake of her bounties.

Act Before too Late.

"The knowledge that we can go, when opportunity offers us a respite from our labors, enjoy ourselves and satisfy our desire for sport and recreation for a season; or that the ranchman can supply himself with the choicest of meat through a portion of the year, is a privilege that is dear to us; and it is the aim of the petition to perpetuate these opportunities we so much prize, to preserve our heritage for future years, before it is too late, for without the gamey black tail or mule buck the mountains would lose their chief attractiveness for the sportsman; and the valley lands without the beautiful imported pheasants, the piping native quails and bob whites and the foot hills without the bush pheasant and blue grouse, would be a dreary country indeed, especially for a true Oregonian.

"We fully believe that the figures relative to the destruction of deer by varmints, as given in the petition, are none too large. This is about what it figures up to: 26,000 deer destroyed by wild beasts, averaging 60 pounds of dressed meat each, makes 1,690,000 pounds of dressed meat. Twenty-six thousand deer hides at 50 cents each foots up to $13,000, bringing the entire account up to $148,700 in this state for one year. How does that read? Don't you think it is time something was being done to stop this slaughter? You may think the proposed bounty which we are endeavoring to have the state offer for the scalps for the different animals, as enumerated in the petition, too high. In answer to this objection we will ask you to figure up what it costs to feed a wolf or cougar for a year. You will find that, figuring from our former estimate, it will cost $296.40. How does that suit you? Do you think we can afford to pay $25 each for their destruction? and as for the rest of the deer destroying animals; we feel assured the proposed bounties which we ask the state to offer, are none too high.

Bounty Not Excessive.

"Now as to the bounty which we ask the state to pay for the scalps of coons, skunks, digger squirrels and crows. To those who are not acquainted with the habits of these pests, the same may seem excessive; but to those who have had an opportunity of studying their modes of obtaining a living, it is very moderate indeed, for these bird killing, egg sucking vermin are so numerous it is a wonder any young birds are hatched out or reach maturity. Taking all things into consideration, although we have nothing to figure from, still we judge if the truth of the matter were fully known the loss caused by these depredators would be a surprise to all.

"We have touched on the coyote problem for it is a question that intimately concerns only one class of people, notably those who are interested in the sheep industry. It would probably be a hard matter to pass a law that would suit all conditions in different parts of the state and besides this, our one aim is to preserve Oregon's game, which concerns all citizens equally.

"Now, to sum up our argument to you, in order to obtain your signature to the petition, we will say that all the statements made in this letter or in the petition are deducted from 25 years of observing experience as hunter and woodsman in different parts of the state, and from much conversation with old western men, whose opinions on these matters cannot be doubted.

"What is the use of charging hunters for a license to hunt and passing a lot of game laws restricting hunters to certain seasons for hunting if the state does not as well protect the hunter in his rights by protecting the game in their native haunts from the ravages of ravenous carniverous wild beasts?

"This petition is being published in all parts of the state, so as to reach as large a number of citizens as possible, we want to get all than can be obtained. Let everyone who takes an interest in the preservation of Oregon's game cut out the petition, paste it on a sheet of paper and go out among your acquaintances and procure their signatures. Don't depend on somebody else but do it yourself and when you get all the names you can procure be sure to send them to the address subscribed below, by the 15th of January, 1909.

Talk to Legislator.

"Also it would be well for those that are so inclined to either speak or write to your state senators and representatives concerning the importance of this measure. If all will have the interest of our state at heart, will lend a hand for a short pull we will place one of the most beneficial laws on the statute books that has ever been enacted.

"Send the petitions to,

"WM. R. MEALEY,
"Foster, Or."

The petition as prepared for submission to the legislature is as follows:

"To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, in Legislature convened:

"Your petitioners, residents and taxpayers of the state of Oregon, would respectfully beg to call the attention of your honorable body to the fact that the game animals of this state, deer and elk, are rapidly disappearing, due in a large measure to the ravages of wild beasts, wolves, cougars or panthers, bears, lynx, wildcats, etc. It has been estimated by competent persons that there are now 500 cougars in this state and that they will each destroy a deer weekly; this will foot up the enormous number of 26,000 deer killed by these creatures annually.

"Now while the approximation of 500 cougars in this state may seem to be too large, still when it is taken into consideration that there are numerous wolves, which are equally as destructive to game as cougar, besides lynx, bears and wild cats, which destroy large numbers of fawns and young deer, it will readily be seen that the estimate of 500 carnivorous animals that live off the game is not too large, and that a wolf or cougar takes on an average of a deer a week has been attested to by too many experienced men to be doubted.

Bounties Too Small.

"We would beg to suggest further, that the small bounties which have hitherto been paid in this state for the scalps of destructive wild beasts have not been productive of any considerable good results, the reason being the bounties offered were too small to justify hunters in keeping trained dogs and making it a business to hunt for animals that the state offered bounties for, while whenever an animal was accidentally killed for which the state offered a bounty, the person who did the killing never failed to claim the bounty, thereby putting the state to a considerable expense and accomplishing no real good that would not have resulted had not the small bounty been offered.

"Again we would call your attention to the fact that coons, skunks, both large and small, digger squirrels and crows, in the nesting season, destroy great numbers of the eggs of game birds, both native and imported, and that suitable bounties should be offered for their destruction.

"Now in view of the above facts, taking into consideration the enormous loss occasioned by the ravage of game destroying creatures, not only on game but on domestic animals as well, we respectfully ask that bounties be offered by the state for their destruction as follows:

"For cougar $25, wolves $25, bear $5, lynx $2.50, wild cat $2.50, coons $1.00, large skunks $1, small skunks 50 cents, digger squirrels 10 cents, crows 10 cents.

"Believing that money expended for the protection of Oregon's wild game, one of the most attractive features of the state, is money well invested, we, your petitioners will ever pray."

LAND VALUES SOAR AND BANKRUPT IS MADE INDEPENDENT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 21.—Owing to the increase in land values because of the reclamation work near Mabton, Lewis Shattuck, who thought he was bankrupt and penniless, finds that he can pay all he owes and have several thousand dollars left. He had 80 acres at Mabton, which he thought practically worthless and over 300 acres of dry wheat land. Owing $7000, he filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, expecting the proceeds would not nearly equal the debts. The government work then began at Mabton and land values jumped to $100 an acre.

EUGENE F. LOUD DIES OF APOPLEXY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Eugene Francis Loud, from 1890 to 1902 representative in congress from the Fifth congressional district of California, died at his home in this city Saturday night, following a stroke of apoplexy. His last illness was very brief, and his death, though he had attained the age of 61 years, was quite unexpected. It is thought the recent death of his wife and daughter, both of whom have passed away within the last half year, hastened his end.

Mr. Loud was one of the charter members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He was also a prominent Mason and one of the foremost members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The decedent had a brilliant army record during the civil war.

He was one of the most ardent advocates of reform in the postal service in the interest of the elimination of wasteful policies and the extension of the service. His efforts for the bettering of the conditions of the railway mail clerks were especially effective.

Utah Teachers in Session.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 21.—The members of the Utah State Teachers' association have gathered here in large number for their annual meeting. The program is one of the best ever arranged for a convention of the association. During the three days' session addresses will be delivered by President Schurmann of Cornell university, State Superintendent Ackerman of Oregon and others.

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HINDUS TO WORK ON GULF COAST

Pasadena Man Would Import for Rice and Sugar Plantations.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—A well organized movement is on foot to start an influx of East Indians, principally Sikhs, direct from their native land to Louisiana to work on the sugar and rice plantations in that state. The first exodus from India will take with it 10,000 Sikhs, who are claimed by the promoters of the scheme to be one of the best classes of agriculturists that can be secured.

The announcement of this project was made public today by T. C. Crawford, a mining man, who registered at the Hotel Vancouver from London, England, but who is an American and who resides in Pasadena, Cal. The news was also confirmed by Teja Singh, the leader of the East Indians in British Columbia, whose organization scheme in British Columbia has become so complex and unwieldy that it has been necessary to send to India for an assistant leader.

In conversation with a United Press correspondent Crawford stated that in taking the Sikhs to Louisiana the promoters would take every precaution against an infringement of the labor act. The Sikhs, he believed, were absolutely necessary in Louisiana, as the negroes, he said, were deteriorating rapidly. He thought no better agriculturista than the Sikhs could be secured.

T. C. Crawford is one of those white men who have been converted to the Sikh doctrine and who have thrown their influence and ability into the organizing of Sikhs and other East Indians on the Pacific coast. Crawford states that his aim, in conjunction with Teja Singh and numerous others, is merely to assist the East Indians and not to foster sedition. He scouts the idea of a revolution in India and is well posted on Indian affairs, though he has never visited that country. He refuses to state the object of his visit to Vancouver, but while here has held numerous conferences with Teja Singh.

BOY HOLDS UP SANTA CLAUS

Since the Saint Will Not Help Him, Filberto Mosqures Helps Himself.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Because Santa Claus failed to stop at the home of Filberto Mosqures, a 13-year-old boy, last Christmas, the youth is being held today at the detention home on a charge of burglary. Fearing that his little brother Jose would be forgotten this year, as he had oftentimes in the past, Filberto took a large stone and broke through a glass door of a toy store yesterday. Filling his arms with cheap toys the youngster ran to his father's barn and there hid the plunder under some hay.

Playmates of the boy saw him break into the store and informed the police. When the officers called at the Mosqures home, Filberto confessed his guilt and returned the toys. He will probably be put on probation.

PLEA FOR PARDON OF ALLEGED REBELS

Chicago Men Say Dollmann, Nolan and Walsh Victims of British Secret Service.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21.—Sir Wilfred Laurier was asked today by a number of Irishmen of Chicago to use his influence with the governor general to pardon Carl Dollmann, John Nolan and John Walsh, sentenced to life imprisonment in Kingston penitentiary for conspiring to blow up the Welland canal at its principal locks in April, 1900.

The evidence brought out in the case by the law officers of the crown was that the conspirators were identified with the Clan Na Gael. A Chicago paper, in commenting on the question of pardoning the prisoners, states that they were "victims of the secret service system of Great Britain."

REJECTED SUITOR IN AMBUSH SHOOTS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Ely, Nev., Dec. 21.—Peter Gigosisich was identified today by Amelia Bogan, a 15-year-old girl, as the man who shot her and her companion, George Bretano, Saturday evening near here. Bretano is near death, two bullets having pierced his lungs. The girl was wounded in the high.

The girl said Gigosisich begged her to marry him and when she refused he became infuriated. It is alleged that he lay in wait at a point on the road where he knew the girl and Bretano would pass, and fired on them from ambush. When arrested Saturday night he admitted the shooting, the police say, but today he denied it.

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Inventor Arraigned and Formally Charged With Broker's Murder.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Harry B. Suydam, the curb broker who was shot last Saturday by John C. Lumsden, an inventor, died today. His slayer, who was held in the Tombs without bail, was arraigned today and formally charged with murder. He will remain in his cell until the verdict of the coroner's jury is announced.

NOBLE SCOTCHMAN TO WED MISS CAMERON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

London, Dec. 21.—The Honorable Ronald Lindsay, whose engagement to Miss Martha Cameron, daughter of J. Donald Cameron, late United States senator from Pennsylvania, has just been announced, is the son of the Earl of Crawford, the premier Earl of Scotland and head of the celebrated House of Lindsay. The Earl of Crawford is noted for his interest in scientific investigation and was formerly president of the Royal Astronomical society.

Miss Cameron, through her marriage to the Honorable Ronald Lindsay, will become allied with one of the grandest houses in the history of Scotland. Those who have read Sir Walter Scott's famous novel, "The Abbot," will recall the fact that it was a Lord Lindsay who was one of the commissioners sent to Loch Leven to compel Queen Mary's abdication. One of the Earls of Lindsay was implicated in the murder of Rizzio, the Italian secretary and favorite of Mary Queen of Scots, and another was one of the famous leaders of the Scots Covenanters.

The Lindsays were for a long time the feudal lords of the Hamiltons, and frequently intermarried with the royal houses of Stuart and Bruce. A number of Lindsays, and a Lord Crawford among them, took part in the American Revolutionary war. One of them lies buried in New Jersey, the tombstone telling his birth and lineage.

The Honorable Ronald Lindsay, the fiance of Miss Cameron, has visited America a number of times in company with his father, the Earl of Crawford, who of late years has cruised in American waters in his own yacht almost every summer, and has made several hunting trips to the Rocky mountain region.

Meeting of Corn Growers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 21.—Sioux Falls is entertaining for the first three days of this week one of the largest and most representative gatherings of progressive farmers that ever assembled in this city. The occasion is the annual convention of the South Dakota Corn Growers and Breeders' association, in which the farmers of a large section of Minnesota and Iowa also are interested. An exhibition of corn products and farm machinery is being held in conjunction with the meeting.

ROOSEVELT PRAISES HEBREW HEROES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 21.—The work of Jacob Riis' settlement received added impetus today from the reading of a letter of commendation and praise written by President Roosevelt to the settlement chairman. The missive was read by Rabbi Steven Wise of the free synagogue during an address dfelivered last night. The president, in part, wrote as follows:

"May I, through you, extend my hearty good will to the little Hebrew boys and girls who on Sunday evening are to meet at the Riis settlement. I wish I could be present, in view of the fact that it is to take the form of a Maccabean festival; for, as you know, the fine loyalty and valiant achievements of the Maccabees have always made them favorite heroes of mine. It is a good thing that Hebrew boys and girls should keep their pride in and admiration for their own heroes of early days; and such pride and admiration, instead of hindering them, will help them to the friendliest and most brotherly relations with all their fellow Americans."

LARGEST WOOL DEAL CLOSED AT WEISER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 21.—The largest wool sale that has been made this year has just been consummated at Weiser by the Butterfield Livestock campany for the 1909 clip for 16 cents a pound. Harris & Co. of St. Louis were the purchasers and 500,000 pounds were disposed of. The clip of 1908 sold for about 12 cents. In the aggregate the wool product of Idaho for 1909 will far exceed that of 1908.

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