

Time Grizzled Grizzly Killed by State Ranger

GLACIER PARK, Mont.—(Special)—Henry Thol, Montana state forest ranger, recently killed one of the oldest grizzlies ever seen in the Rocky mountains. While patrolling the country along the western boundary of Glacier National Park on his usual winter show-trip to protect deer from predatory animals Ranger Thol came upon the carcass of a deer. Huge bear tracks on the spot indicated this particular deer was not slaughtered by coyotes. Thol followed the tracks all day and shot the monster bear.

The hide of the bear measured eight feet from tip of nose to tip of tail and Thol estimated the live weight at over 500 pounds, and he was this just having emerged from a winter's hibernation. Old "Silvertip's" teeth were worn to stumps and several of the large ones contained cavities and appeared to have been abscessed. According to the belief of old timers acquainted with the habits of wild animals this indicated the bear must have been at least 40 years of age.

Thol said it a rare occurrence to find a bear which kills other game as these animals ordinarily prefer fish and vegetables and usually eat only the meat of animals killed by coyotes and mountain lions. However, occasionally a grizzly will kill his own meat when he cannot obtain berries and green food.

IDAHO EDITOR HAS GOOD WORDS FOR US

(Continued from page 1.) fertility and crops of all kinds and vast stretches of orchards yearly add to the growing wealth of the state.

The City Beautiful

Amidst this riot of natural beauty and cultivated loveliness the enterprising citizens of Salem are building a city which is destined to become famous as one of the most beautiful of the entire country. The state house grounds lie directly in the center of the city bounded on the west by the business district and flanked on the south by the campus of Willamette university, a splendid educational institution sponsored by the Methodist church of Oregon. East and north of the capitol grounds are homes, both large and small, but in all probability these will, within a few years, give way to business houses, as the rapid growth of the city already is serving notice that business shortly will be encroaching on residence sections and the possibility for growth toward the west is limited by the nearness of the river.

State House Grounds

The state house grounds are unique in the variety of trees they possess. Only in the grounds of the national capitol at Washington probably are to be found such a large number of trees brought from so many sources and countries. Located in the midst of illimitable forests and with a soil producing the choicest of fruit trees, the people of Oregon were not satisfied with trees indigenous to the native soil, but have gone far afield for trees to plant in the grounds of their state capital. As each tree contains a small metal plate giving its name, it is fascinating to walk past each of them and discover its origin. One will find the English hawthorne, the Chinese magnolia, the cedar of Lebanon, the smoke-tree, the Oriental sycamore, the Judas tree, the umbrella tree, the weeping mulberry, the golden twigged dogwood, the Irish yew and the yellow jasmine, and such a long list of other varieties that the only possible way one can remember the names will be to take a note book and jot them down. But, even though one fails to remember all the names, the memory of that hour strolling through these delightful grounds will always remain with one. The state house building is old and entirely inadequate. A newer building at the east end of the grounds houses the supreme court and some of the other governmental functions, but at that, there is a palpable need for a new and greatly enlarged building.

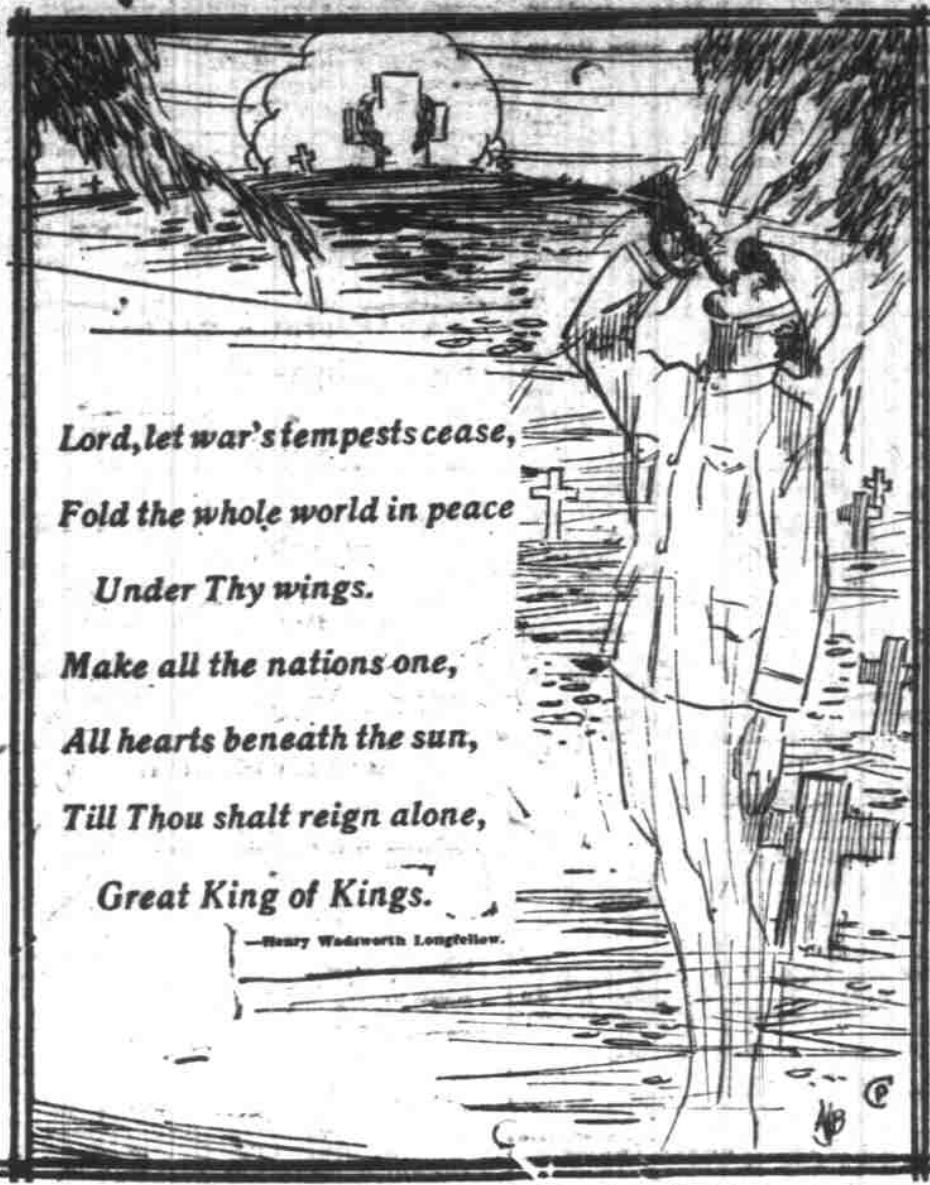
What Became of Governors

On the walls of the senate and house of representatives are hung oil paintings of past governors. In looking over the chief executives of the state during the years that have passed since the state was organized, one cannot help but note the large number who have not completed the terms for which they were elected. If they did not die they resigned—after being elected to the United States senate. Just which fate has been considered preferable this writer is not informed, but one or the other seems to have overtaken a large number of Oregon's governors.

Salem has a distinction which many state capitals do not possess, in that it has a large number of state institutions. States as a rule are jealous of the capital and, having located the seat of government there, forever afterward deny the city any institution. But it's different in Oregon. Salem not only got the capital, but she asked for and received eight of the state institutions.

Wonderful Resources With Willamette university, eight state institutions and the

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largest school for Indians in the west, Salem would be a center of population even if it did not have natural resources to make it prosperous, and when it comes to resources of soil, just look at this list of products: It produces wheat, corn, oats, barley and potatoes, just like other parts of the country; it is the center of the greatest hop industry in the United States. It produces immense quantities of flax and two big flax mills (the only ones of the kind west of New York) manufacture the product; it has great fields of celery and of peppermint, the latter being reduced to oil and essence. Its poultry and dairy production are enormous.

And, after all these things are enumerated, you come to the greatest of all—the fruit. The prune production is simply marvelous, and following that come Lambert and Queen Anne cherries, blackberries, strawberries, loganberries, pears, peaches, apples, English walnuts, filberts and all the rest. Is it any wonder that those webfeet are all swelled up on their country and that if you begin to tell one of them about Florida or California or even the Garden of Eden, they will interrupt you impatiently with "Yes, but did you hear about the fruit we shipped last year?" and quickly prove by statistics that there is not and never has been so favored a spot on the face of the whole globe as his own favored location. And when I had looked the country over, and became acquainted with its varied points of excellent, I concluded that I did not blame him for making a loud noise. He has a right to and would be ungrateful if he did not.

Other Attractions But even then the story is not told. Within a radius of 25 miles of Oregon's state house are 235 miles of paved roads and 1000 miles of graveled and macadam roads. The city has 32 churches and is the center of a population of educated and cultured people. I did not hear a single person complain of paying school tax while I was in Oregon. Eight canning plants furnish a tremendous market for fruit and a big payroll for the employes during fruit seasons. The city lays claim to having the largest proportionate strictly American population in the country. No foreign element, no Mexicans; only 30 negroes out of al-

Some may be found in abundance within a shorter distance than Caiman Prairie nirrods travel each fall to secure a deer. In fact, it is difficult to mention anything that makes life worth living but that Salem has it. No wonder the people are cheery. And no wonder the city is growing rapidly. It has something worth while to feel swelled up about and it has advantages which simply make it grow. But, in addition to all its natural advantages, it has a bunch of live, wide-awake, hustling residents who are not going to be caught asleep at the switch.

Great Willamette Valley

It is likely that some of the readers of the Courier will be inclined to chide the writer for waxing so enthusiastic over what he saw there and ask him if he has forgotten all the fine things he wrote about Florida, just a year ago. Not a bit of it. The things that were set down regarding Florida were all true, as we saw them, and that wonderful state is destined for a prosperity beyond the mind of man to estimate, but we were more than glad to visit Idaho's sister state and record the marvelous natural advantages and resources and the tremendous development which is going on there. It is one of the glories of this great nation that all of the excellencies are not located in one section. But truth demands that it be here recorded that in the passing out of great natural riches and resources, the Willamette valley received more than an average.

One manner in which our knowledge was broadened was in learning the pronounce name of this river and valley. We had been saying it like the "a" in "ah," but were instructed that the proper sound is like the "a" in "ham." A little bit of travel certainly adds a lot to a fellow's education in more ways than one.

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I have devoted considerable space to Salem for one reason—because what is true here is true to considerable extent of the entire valley. The capital city may have a little more than the average of natural resources, but the entire country from Portland up to En-

gine and beyond is greatly blessed with soil and climate which makes it tremendously prosperous. The length of our stay precluded our visiting all the points of interest, but we saw enough to make us certain that it is destined to be and remain one of the greatest agricultural sections of the entire country.

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