

out-He was stalking a fawn in covert.

All the hunts were progressing fa mously when there came a curious interruption. It was a peculiar growl, quite low at first. It lasted a long time, then died away. There was no opposition to it. The forest creatures had paused in their tracks at its first note, and now they stood as if the winter had come down upon them suddenly and frozen them solid. All the other sounds of the forest-the little whispering noises of gliding bodies and fluttering feet, and perhaps a bird's call in a shrub-were suddenly stilled. There was a moment of breathless suspense. Then the sound commenced again.

It was louder this time. It rose and gathered volume until it was almost a roar. It carried through the silences in great waves of sound. And in it was a sense of resistless power; no creature in the forest but what knew this fact.

"The Gray King," one could imagine them saying among themselves. The effect was instantaneous. The little raccoon halted in his descent, then crept out to the end of a limb. The coyote, an instant before crawling with body close to the earth, whipped about as if he had some strange kind of circular spring inside of him. He snarled once in the general direction of the Gray King. Then he lowered his head and skulked off deeper into the coverts.

The blacktail deer, the gray wolf. even the stately Tawny One, stretched in grace in his lair, wakened from sleep. The languor died quickly in the latter's eyes, leaving only fear. These were braver than the Little People. They waited until the thick brush, not far distant from where the bull elk slept, began to break down and part before an enormous, gray body

No longer would an observer think of the elk as the forest monarch. He was but a pretender, after all. The real king had just wakened from his afternoon nap and was starting forth to hunt.

Even his little cousins, the black bears, did not walt to make conversation. They tumbled awkwardly down

lowed, the breed had been practically wiped out. A few of them, perhaps, fied farther and farther up the Cascades, finding refuges in the Canadian mountains. Others traveled east, locating at last in the Rocky mountains, and countless numbers of them died. At last, as far as the frontiersmen knew, only one great specimen remained. This was a famous bear that men called Slewfoot-a magnificent animal that ranged far and hunted relentlessly, and no one ever knew just when they were going to run across him. He was apt suddenly to loom up, like a gray cliff, at any turn in the trail, and his disposition grew querulous with age. In fact, instead of fleeing as most wild creatures have learned to do, he was rather likely to make sudden and unexpected charges.

He was killed at last; and seemingly the southern Oregon grizzlies were wiped out. But it is rather easy to believe that in some of his wanderings he encountered-lost and far in the deepest heart of the land called Trail's End-a female of his own breed. There must have been cubs who, in their turn, mated and fought and died, and perhaps two generations after them. And out of the last brood had emerged a single great male, a worthy descendant of his famous ancestor. This was the Killer, who in a few months since he had left his fastnesses, was beginning to ruin the cattle business in Trail's End.

As he came growling from his bed this September evening he was not a creature to speak of lightly. He was down on all fours, his vast head was lowered, his huge fangs gleamed in the dark red mouth. The eyes were small, and curious little red lights glowed in each of them. The Killer



little blow of the massive forearm would be needed. The huge fange To the elk this smell was Fear itself. He knew the ways of men only well. Too many times he had seen members of bis herd fall stricken at a word from the glittering sticks they carried in their hands. He uttered a far-ringing snort.

It was a distinctive sound, beginning rather high on the scale as a loud whistle and descending into a deep bass bawl. And the Killer knew perfectly what that sound meant. It was a simple way of saying that the Monday evening. elk would progress no farther down that trail. The bear leaped in wild fury.

The bull seemed to leap straight up. His muscles had been set at his first alarm from Turner's smell on the wind, and they drove forth the pow-erful limbs as if by a powder explo-sion. He was full in the air when the forepaws battered down where he had Then he darted away into the coverts

The grizzly knew better than to try to overtake him. Almost rabid with wrath he turned back to his ambush.

(To be continued.)



# F. M. GRAY, Drayman. All work done promptly and I. O. O. F.

#### Jots and Tittles

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J. H. Thompson and family from the county seat visited here Sunday.

The Pollyanna club at Brownsville has suspended meetings for the month.

George Drinkard and wife and daughter Doris were in Halsey

A moving picture illustrating stockraising is traveling the county this week but gives Halsey the go-by.

night at the county seat and W. E. Githens and family were there Friday. Kenneth, Stone visited Eugene

over Sunday and was royally en-tertained by Mr. Howard, a brother radio expert.

John Standish, J. C. Standish and wife and Mrs. Mary Haves motored to Corvallis to spend Sunday with F. E. Taylor and wife. Poultry-culling demonstrations were attended by 28 people at Harmony, 13 at Brownsville and 7 at Harrisburg. We've no comment

In July E. J. Henderson's 217 Mrs. O. C. Karstens' 93 averaged 16.08.

A \$100 cow belonging to J. C. Curry was crowded by other cattle against a water tank and a projecting piece of galvanized iron ripped a terrible gash in her belly. This was patched up and on Sat-urday she dropped a nice calf. The cow was turned loose and Monday evening was found lying

HALSEY ENTERPRISE

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## Voters of Linn County:

IT IS with full realization of the responsibilitles of the position C. IT IS with full realization of the response of county sheriff. Having been born and raised in Linn county, I feel that I am fully comversant with existing conditions. If elected I pledge myself to serve all the people of Linn county in performing the duties of the office. I have no interest to serve but that of the people, controlled by no clique or organization. I favor the strict enforcement of the law, believing that when laws are placed on our books they are to be obeyed.

#### W. J. MOORE.

Cecil Quimby spent Thursday meeting the foregoing requirements.

" Miss Pearl Carey has returned to her home at Eugene.

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Mrs. Dr. J. W. Cook of Browns-ville spent Friday evening with Mrs. Wheeler.

The Brownsville Good Citizenship league proposes to form a county organization.

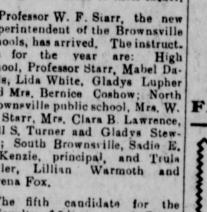
N. H. Bateman and wife of Brownsville visited at W. H. Н. Chance's Sunday of last week.

Charles Holloway and wife of Brownsville are visiting at the home of Otis Taylor at Corvallis.

Harrisburg walloped Eugene 4 to 1 Sunday at the former city and hens near Brownsville laid an won the baseball league pennant average of 16.9 eggs each and tor the upper Willamette valley.

As far as can be learned from the Harrisburg Bulletin's account it was those cancers of which he was alleged to have been cured at Brooton Springs that caused the death of Tilden Warden, proprietor of the Rowland store.

When Leonard Gilkey started for the Spokane Interstate fair with his exhibits of products he



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the hill to get out of his way. For the massive gray form-weighing over half a ton-was none other than that of the last of the grizzly bears, that terrible forest hunter and monarch. the Killer himself.

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Long ago, when Oregon way a new land to white men, in the days of the clipper ships and the Old Oregon Trail, the breed to which the Killer be-tonged were really numerous through the little corner north of the Siskiyous and west of the Cascades. They were a worthy breed! If the words of cer tain old men could be believed, the southern Oregon grizzly occasionally, in the bountiful fall days, attained a weight of two thousand pounds. No doubt whatever remains that thousand-pound bears were numerous.

But unlike the little black bears, the grizzlies developed displeasing habits. They were much more carnivorous in character than the blacks, and their great bodily strength and power enabled them to master all of the myriad forms of game in the Oregon woods. By the "ame token, they could take a full-grown steer and carry it off as a woman carries her, baby

It couldn't be endured. The cattlemen had begun to settle the valleys, and it was either a case of killing the grizzlies or yielding the valleys to them. In the relentless war that fol-

would have to close down but once.

The bear did not move a single telltale muscle. He scarcely breathed. The bull was almost within striking range now. The wicked red eyes could already discern the dimmest shadow of his outline through the thickets. But all at once he stopped, head lifting. The Killer knew that the elk had neither detected his odor nor heard him, and he had roade no movements that the sharp eyes could detect. Yet the bull was evidently alarmed. He stood immobile, one foot lifted, nostrils open, head raised. Then, the wind blowing true, the grizzly understood.

A pungent' smell reached him from below-evidently the smell of a living creature that followed the trail along the stream that flowed through the plen. He recognized it in an instant. He had detected it many times, particularly when he went into the cleared lands to kill cattle. It was man, an odor almost unknown in this lonely glen. Dave Turner, brother of Simon, was walking down the stream toward Hudson's camp.



The Killer Was Cross; and He Didn't Care Who Knew It.

was cross; and he didn't care who knew it. He was hungry too; but hunger is an emotion for the beasts of prey to keep carefully to themseives

The Killer moved quite softly. One would have marveled how silently his great feet fell upon the dry earth and with what slight sound his heavy form moved through the thickets. He moved slowly, cautiously-all the time mounting farther up the little hill that rose from the banks of the stream. He came to an opening in the thicket, a little brown pathway that vanished quickly into the shadows of the coverts.

The Killer slipped softly into the heavy brush just at its mouth. It was his ambush. Soon, he knew, some of the creatures that had bowers in the heart of the thicket would be coming that trail onto the feeding along grounds on the ridge. He had only to wait.

The night wind, rising somewhere in the region of the snow banks on the highest mountains, blew down into the Killer's face and brought messages that no human being may ever receive. Then his sharp ears heard the sound of brush cracked softly as some one of the larger forest creatures came up the trail toward him.

The steps drew nearer and the Killer recognized them. They were plainly the soft footfall of some member of the deer tribe, yet they were too pronounced to be the step of any of the lesser deer. The bull elk had left his bed. The red eyes of the grizzly seemed to glow as he walted.

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