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Rancher Catches Coyote Eating Cow & Half-Born Calf

Last week's Enterprise Chieftain tells of a rancher on Swamp Creek, a few miles north of Enterprise, who has some well-documented proof against coyotes.

The paper stated that it had been generally felt that coyotes were not too damaging to the cattle herds of the county because cattle are big enough to ward off their attackers if the occasion arose. But cattle are not immune from coyote attacks.

Larry Morse was traveling around his ranch last week checking on things. He came upon a small draw in a field where the stock had been removed - all except one which had been missed. This cow was down in a draw and a coyote was having a meal from her tail end.

Rancher Morse said that he had seen three coyotes in the vicinity earlier but thought they had been chased off. After running off the coyote that was chewing on his cow, he investigated and found that at least this one coyote, and probably the others he had seen earlier, had eaten the front half of a half-born calf.

When the second half of the calf did not come out of the cow as was expected they began eating away at the birth canal of the cow to get at the yet unborn half of the calf.

The cow was still alive but was down in a helpless condition and could not ward off her attackers. Dr. Fred Bornstedt looked the cow over and decided that she could be saved so she was loaded into a truck and brought to the clinic in Enterprise where the remaining portion of the calf was removed by cesarian section.

Tuesday last week must have been a good day for the coyotes and a bad day for the ranchers. On that day Norman Lovell of Imnaha called the Enterprise paper stating that the coyotes had gotten into his sheep on the Imnaha River.

He said he had been with his band of sheep until nearly midnight the evening before and they were in a pasture enclosed with a wire mesh fence, between his house and the river. The next morning he found that coyotes had removed a pole he had placed across a small opening under a portion of the fence. The canine teeth marks were in the pole. Then they had gone in and picked out a choice lamb, very neatly slit its throat and dragged it over to the opening but were unable to pull it through the fence before being frightened away.

Mr. Lovell said that he did not see the coyotes but the evidence was incriminating due to the method of the kill, the teeth marks, and the foot prints in the soft ground.

The Gazette-Times has been deluged for a couple of years with pleas from folks who viewed with alarm the slaughter of coyotes which they seemed to think is something of an endangered species. We feel sure no one wants to wipe out an entire species but we feel certain that ranchers losing stock would very much like to protect their property and maintain a reasonable balance of nature. The wily coyote has confounded lots of predictions and amazed lots of us by managing to survive and even thrive in populous areas. We are quite surprised at learning of a rather determined movement on to outlaw all hunting, to say nothing of trapping. This writer no longer hunts nor traps but these folks are stepping on a raw nerve of boyhood memories.

In any event, we maintain a rancher has the right to protect his livestock and his livelihood.

With Jack Sumner

REPORT FROM SALEM

The pulse of legislative action has quickened in the past week. After an early period that saw some of the most thorough study and toughest questioning of bills that many veteran observers can recall, the House has already passed more than 100 measures.

But just counting the number of bills we've voted up or down on the floor of the House is meaningless. You wind up with a very narrow view of the total picture.

It's not the number of bills that counts. It's the caliber of the bills enacted into law that's really important. At this point I should indicate that many of the bills are being acted on in committees. About 70 bills have been tabled in committees. This action increased quite rapidly this past week and I look for it to continue at a high rate.

It should be emphasized that in many cases the Legislation does more of a service to the people of the state by not passing bills and certainly not scrambling to see how many bills can be passed by some early point in the session.

This was a game previous legislative leadership played in recent sessions. But if you were to go back and look at some of the bills they passed through the House under the "numbers game" you'd agree that volume is no measure of legislative achievement.

Much emphasis has been in the news media recently discrediting the new majority party and it's "freshman class" as being the factor contributing to a "slowsession". I would like to expose another view on this subject.

The Legislature could be moving with even greater dispatch this session if we weren't faced with a number of frivolous bills being introduced by minority party members.

One Republican actually introduced a bill that names the rain beetle as the "state bug." And as if that weren't ridiculous enough, one of his colleagues suggested that the honey bee would be a better state bug.

All this fuss over a beetle versus a bee may have been created for comic relief, but the point is it still interferes with the serious work of the Legislature. Coupled with other delaying tactics, it at least has made many observers wonder how the minority party keeps a straight face when it complains that things aren't moving fast enough.

An excuse for this action could be that the minority party members find themselves in a different role than from past sessions. Apparently finding themselves with idle time and a feeling of not being responsible for the actions of this Legislative session they are working continually at embarrassing the new majority party.

One fact is clear already this session: the 1973 "freshman class" of legislators is one of the hardest working groups ever sent to Salem. One veteran lawmaker, Rep. Howard Cherry, was impressed enough to caution House freshmen in a floor speech not to burn themselves out with their feverish pace. He told the young legislators to think of his advice as a "father-doctor" speech. In private life, Rep. Cherry is a well known physician.

If some bills appear to be moving more slowly this session, another reason is, of course, that more people than ever are taking advantage of the Legislature's open-door policy. Committee chairmen have been encouraged by the new leadership to schedule hearings to attract greater citizen involvement.

This factor will figure in our "final score" at the end of the session. And from the way things are shaping up, I'd say we're on

our way to a record of real achievement.

Again this week, I have enclosed to the editor a copy of action that has been taken in various committees to his use as he sees it. If you would be interested in any of this info please contact him.

If I can be of any assistance do not hesitate to contact me. Rep. Jack Sumner, 18-H State Capitol Bldg., Salem, Oregon 97310.

Report from Ken Jernstedt

Probably the most interesting development in the Legislature this week was the announcement by the Democratic leadership that the Legislature will be called into a special session next year to resolve the state's budget problems. They stated the reason as being that it is very difficult to project the budgetary needs of the state over the biennium and a yearly projection would be much more satisfactory and probably would shorten the regular sessions.

The move for annual sessions has been voted down by the people twice in the last four years but annual sessions seems to be the intent of the leadership at this point.

The action in the Senate this week included the passage of a bill making a male subject to the laws against prostitution; a joint Ways and Means Subcommittee recommended substantial reductions in the state's out-of-state tourist advertising budget. This budget has been under attack for the past four years by legislators and the public. The money is used to purchase advertising space in national magazines to attract visitors to Oregon.

The Senate Revenue Committee is concluding its work on the proposed tax revision and school finance plan this week. It is scheduled to come before the Senate for a vote some time next week. If passed by the Senate, it will go to a conference committee to resolve the differences between the House and the Senate on the proposal. It is scheduled to go before the people for a vote early in May. If you have any comments on this measure, please call or write to me here in Salem and I will take your views into consideration when I vote.

The Senate Environment and Land Use Committee is still considering Senate Bill 100, the state land use planning bill. It has proven to be quite controversial and is now undergoing a point-by-point review. One important facet of the bill that is being studied is the question of compensating landowners for loss of lands resulting from imposition of zoning or subdivision regulations.

The chairman of the Senate Education Committee has announced that legislation dealing with the definition and goals of education is dead in this session. The Education Committee has been hearing testimony since the beginning of the session on Senate Bills 1 and 2 which define a basic education and set goals for elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities.

I am always grateful to have the views and opinions of my constituents, so write me at any time about measures which concern you.

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCENCE!

55 YEARS AGO.....1918

The Heppner City Council has gone in for increased food production and soon the old hog law will be amended and the people of the city will be permitted to keep a pig in their back yard. Of course it is the intention of the council to see that every pig and pen is kept in a clean, sanitary condition. The Gazette-Times has moved. We are now located in our new home on Willow Street, in the Roberts building, next door to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph office. Heretofore, the tables in the dining room at the Palace Hotel carried bowls well filled with sugar, and the patrons were not restricted in the use of sweetening. Now, however, in carrying out the suggestions of the state food administrator, Manager Wilkins has removed the sugar bowls and hereafter each patron must be contented with two cubes of sugar for his coffee.

37 YEARS AGO.....1936

Oiling of the Lexington-Jarmon and Butter Creek-Echo market roads may be finished by wheat hauling this fall. Considered one of the most important links in the highway system of this section, this route provides a tie-up with the Hermiston short cut between the Wallula cutoff and the Heppner-Spray road, as well as providing a better all-year road to Pendleton. E.G. Noble, maker of the famous Heppner saddle, whose product has won renown among cowhands everywhere, will observe his fiftieth anniversary of saddle making April first. He entered the saddle shop of his father, the late George Noble, April 1, 1886, and continuously since has plied his craft in this city. A surprise party was given by the neighbors for Mrs. James Lindsay at their ranch home in the lone vicinity one evening this week. J.A. Sharp of Grass Valley has purchased the Sanitary bakery from Cecil Wise and will take possession Monday. The Wise family expects to leave soon for Toppish, Wash. Matt Kenny son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny, departed Sunday for Portland to be enlisted in Uncle Sam's navy. Carl F. Bergstrom, wheat raiser of the Gooseberry community, recalled St. Patrick's day as being the first anniversary of the occupancy of his new farm home.

1 YEAR AGO.....1972

The Morrow County Grain Growers team took the championship of the Hermiston City League. They completed an undefeated season of 23 games. A new Boardman Lions Club is to be chartered April 29 at A.C. Houghton School with the Irrigon Lions as sponsors. The City of Heppner has received a \$12,500 grant from the Dept. of the Interior to renovate the municipal swimming pool. Congressman Al Ullman announced Thursday. Under the grant program, the city must match the \$12,500 with an equal amount in local funds. 4-H and FFA members receiving PGG trophies for showing grand champions at the Morrow County Fair were Bill Acock, Dave Daly, Mark Sargent, Kitty Bellamy, Ted Bellamy and Greg Greenup. Shelley Wolff named Heppner Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for 1972. Boys State delegates from HHS were Craig Munners, Charlie Pointer, Tom Cutsforth, Steve Rhea and John Sumner. Barbara Allstott and Dianne Mills represented HHS at Girls' State.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOGS

To The Editor: An open letter to the good people of Heppner:

Of recent weeks we have read of the dog problem in your little town and of the attending growing pressure to solve it. Those of you who have and enjoy the faithful companionship of your animal friends, please take note, before it is too late, of what happened in this small town of Pilot Rock.

Last November we were slipped a ballot which, to our astonishment, passed, whereas all dogs were to be under "control," whatever the strict legal interpretation this is to be.

Of course it turns out to be a leash law and that very fine line of freedom right next to it. This of course has resulted in the impoundment and killing of

many beautiful dogs. (There is no such thing to some people), many eleven dollar fines, a very disgusted police department and an uproar in the true Christian populace.

It will take a little time, the usual leg work and diplomacy, and probably a lot of money to reverse this intolerable repression and to offer a sensible, reasonable, humane and Christian solution instead, but we who care have already committed ourselves and set the wheels in motion.

We would accept all pets confined to large enclosures but the number of owners who would build a large yard fence for that purpose alone could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Of course the rest are shackled to the end of the damned steel chain, and al-

ready the police department here can relate instances of pity and brutality that you wouldn't believe concerning lack of food, water, shelter, sanitation and exercise. But this is only the beginning.

Consider the extremes to come of summer's heat and winter's cold. Some of the more sensitive owners will suffer along, too, for a while, and finally, as the lesser of two evils, amid their own quiet grief, will have their little friend put to sleep. Sounds better that way than to say "killed" or "death," though the end result is equal. Easier to tell the bewildered kids too. Of course this final solution will likely produce gloating and smug smiles from some, too.

Film at Nazarene Church Sunday Coming Soon



SEA ELEPHANT: A bull elephant seal records his opinion about being disturbed during his siesta. Attaining weights of 5000 pounds and lengths of sixteen feet, northern elephant seals are staging a slow comeback from the depredations of early whalers. Strangely enough, these complacent animals are troubled with a malady familiar to modern man; they have stomach ulcers! To film these rare creatures, Moody Institute of Science photographers traveled to Guadalupe Island, 200 miles off the Pacific coast of Mexico.

Rhea Creek Grange News

"Revenue Sharing" was the topic discussed during the lecture hour at Rhea Creek Grange at their regular meeting this past week, led by Freida Slocum, lecturer. It was voted to send a resolution to local organizations seeking support in asking the State Highway Dept. to do a better job in repairing the State Roads in this area. It was felt patching was not the answer to such severe breakup as there has been and that a complete cover was needed.

The Executive Committee is investigating materials and cost for re-roofing the Grange Hall. Plans are underway to start this job soon. The April meeting will start with a pancake supper for the Grange members instead of the usual potluck.

The Women's Activity Committee met at the home of Mrs. Bob Stevens at Hardman for their March meeting. Those attending were Evalyn Farnes, Pearl Wright, Martha VanSchoick, Velva Becholdt, Emma Drake, Marilyn Bergstrom, Mildred Wright, Dorris Graves, Ninon Rill and Mary Wright.

It was decided to order new curtains and blinds for the dining room and kitchen at the hall. Dorris Graves volunteered to caulk the windows as the panes are loose. Spring house cleaning time!

Pioneer Ponderings

BY W.S. CAVERHILL WATCH 'EM WORK!

According to reports of news-men covering the present session of our state legislature, the halls and rotunda of the Capitol are filled with visitors watching our lawmakers at work. Perhaps they need watching. With the overload of 2,000 bills introduced for consideration, the weary lawmakers may overlook some worthy proposal such as renaming all of Oregon's mountains, and designating our rivers by numbers instead of historical names, or requiring the owner of common stock to "churn" his portfolio every six months in order to keep the "market" active. A lot of good ideas can be lost in a smother of two thousand sheets of paper.

To the Good People of Heppner: Re their dog problem. Advice is cheap and plentiful. One nice thing about it - when you get too much, you can always give some away. In this spirit I would like to tell you about how a town I once lived in solved their dog problem effectively, efficiently, and economically.

Nome, Alaska, population 2,800 is situated on the Bering Sea 40 miles from the Arctic Circle. There, dogs are useful, necessary and valuable as a means of transportation and as aids in hunting, and making a living.

But the surrounding tundra is the habitat of red foxes, many of them rabid. For this reason a stray dog is in danger for himself and for people as well. Hence these simple but strict rules:

- 1. Periodically a team of vets came in and give all dogs shots against rabies. 2. Owners keep their animals on their own premises and under their control at all times. 3. Any stray dog or dog "on the loose" is shot on sight.

In the year I lived there I never saw a stray dog. Dogs that were needed and really wanted were well cared for and protected. The useless and unwanted were disposed of without fuss or bother. One of the pleasant memories of my stay in that Northland was a bracing ride out over the frozen Bering Sea in a dogled drawn by eight beautiful Huskies. It was well worth the price I paid. Dogs have a place, but it takes sensible people to keep them in it.

I highly recommend the forthright common sense of the Arctic to the people "outside" as the Alaskans would say.

Sincerely, George Elliott Box 670 Pilot Rock

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Dubuques Have Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Toussent Dubuque entertained at dinner on Sunday. Guests were Mr. Dubuque's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Aldon Naylor of Yakima, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy, Jr., Pomeroy, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dubuque and Mr. and Mrs. John Dubuque, all of Pendleton.

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Public Notice

Notice of Bid Morrow County will accept bids for a 1973 model automobile of not less than 109 inch wheelbase with the following minimum specifications - power steering and power brakes, V-8 motor, air conditioning, automatic transmission, tinted glass, 4-door sedan, foam seat cushions. Bids will be opened Wednesday, April 4, 1973 at 10:30 a.m. at the office of the Morrow County Court at the Court House. c12-13

FOUND - Michelin tire and wheel on Juniper Canyon Rd. Call 989-8474. c12

SUPER STITCHERS The Super Stitchers met Monday March 19 at Ione High School, room 1. The meeting started at 9:30 a.m. and went to 4:00 p.m. They went out for lunch then continued sewing.

Vic Groshens Attends Game School

Vic Groshens spent a week at the Redmond Air Center to attend a Game School. Forty five OSP attended classes related to law enforcement. Had new game laws reviewed. The impact of some of the proposed game legislation was explained.

Forced to Move Take over payments on my 12 x 64 ft. GENTRY. Set up in Pendleton CALL 276-3611 Dealer

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD Mar. 24

Morrow County Gem & Mineral Society, 7:30 p.m., First National Bank Conference room. Mar. 25

Spring buffet dinner of Lexington Grange, serving 1-4 p.m. Pinochle 2-5 p.m. Benefit Lexington Grange building fund. Mar. 26

Adult GED class, Neighborhood Center, 9-11 a.m. Mar. 27

Lions meeting, 7 p.m., Beecher's Bistro (The's) in Ione. Election of officers. TOPS Club, Neighborhood Center, 7:30 p.m. Immunizations clinics at Boardman, Irrigon and Ione. Music fundamentals class, Heppner High School band room, 7-10 p.m. Mar. 28

Senior Citizens dinner, Grade School, 4:30 p.m. Mar. 29

Adult GED class, Neighborhood Center, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Senior Citizens social, Neighborhood Center, 2:30 p.m. Sponsored As A Public Service By RUGGLES-BOYCE Insurance Agency 228 Main P.O. Box 247 676-9625 If no answer call Ray Boyce 676-3384 Heppner ★★★★★★

School Lunch Menus Presented Through Courtesy Of Heppner Branch FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OREGON Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School Monday, March 26 - Hamburgers with homemade buns, pickles, potato chips, carrot sticks, dessert. Tuesday, March 27 - Chicken & noodles, savory peas, pickled beets, whole wheat rolls, pudding. Wednesday, March 28 - Mashed potatoes with ground beef gravy, cabbage salad, fruit, oven baked maple bars. Thursday, March 29 - Spaghetti with ground beef, celery & cheese stix, chocolate cake applesauce, French bread. Friday, March 30 - Fish sticks, oven broiled potatoes, cold tomatoes, plum cobbler, bread and butter sandwiches. Milk served with all meals.