

Mutt's An Unlucky Bird; He Couldn't Even Win on a 1 to 100 Shot

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COMMUNICATIONS.

Game Protected. I write to answer in a general way some questions that are asked me many times, also to explain that since last spring the new game and fish commission do their work on a much different plan. First, the game warden does not get any part of a violator's fine, but work on a flat salary, and there is a law that when a warden learns or sees a violation and does not prosecute if he is fined \$50 and loses his job. Again there is no warden that has the authority to excuse a man that violates the state laws. The warden is a fool who gives the people a chance to hold a club over his head. There are some men who seem to think that those people who live back in the mountains should be allowed to kill game at will. In this they are wrong. Although a man may know that there are several deer on a few thousand acres, but in a general way the warden know that the deer are fast following the road of the elk and buffalo. They also know that these people who live in the mountains are responsible for the most of this destruction. There are men who will put up the argument that the law was made for the city man and the open season was placed when he could best get out to hunt. This is wrong to a marked degree. If the season was open in the winter the game would be poor; if open in the spring would be its breeding season. So it is open at the only time of the year when it is fit for food. Why are so many of our wealthy men buying large tracts of land for a private hunting and fishing ground? Because they can see that we are going to destroy all of this natural history, so they are getting ready for the future. There seems to be no one looking after the life of this game and birds except the mealy game wardens, who are looked upon in contempt. The game laws were made for the people who like to hunt and fish. It looks to me as though they should try to help the game warden and get good service. If there were no game laws in this state the game would long since have been a thing of the past. There is quite a movement on at the present time in regard to getting some elk for these reserves. If Oregon does get some of these elk and that poor mountain dweller kills one then you can put up that old mountain argument for him—he was just getting a little fresh meat for his family, or it was the first one he ever saw; he thought it was a deer; he has always been a game protector, etc. Again, you will meet a man who will put up the argument that if there were no bounty paid for wolves and panthers this would protect more game than all the game wardens. This would give men a good excuse to go into the mountains when the snow was on and they would kill a few more deer out of season, for my experience has led me to know that these panthers do not kill as many deer as these people would like to make us believe. When man first came here to this country there were thousands of deer and there were panthers in proportion. No one knows how long they had been here together. Any man knows, who has ever ridden over an old sheep range that has not been used for sheep for 15 or 20 years, you can see plenty of sheep skulls that have laid there all of this time and they have not decayed. Then if the panther kills so many deer, why do we see so few deer skulls in the mountains? There is a bounty offered. The law says any person other than a game warden who informs on a violator gets half of the fine, which would be \$25. Now, these two-legged animals are killing more deer out of season than the four-legged ones are. Why not try for this bounty? Although I will admit that a bounty paid on panthers that would justify a man to try for them would be quite a help, and I also think it

would be more effective to pay a good bounty on the coyotes, as they get many fawns while yet small and this would benefit the people more in a general way. Still we are encouraged to learn that there are no more than one-third of the violations committed at the present time, compared with two years ago. The game department has thoroughly made up its mind as long as the statutes stand as they are we will do our best to protect this natural history, and every effort will be made to elect men to our offices who will continue to prosecute a person who violates any of our game laws. GEO. HARGADINE, Game Warden. Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. 50c. NOTICE TO MINE OWNERS. All persons who are desirous of securing space in the Medford Mining Jubilee Book on the mineral resources of southern Oregon and northern California, to be issued Feb. 1, 1912, should immediately call upon or address C. W. Patterson or Guy T. Thrasher, Nash hotel, Medford, Ore. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Rear Admiral Moore of Yerba Buena naval station here has complained to Mayor McCarthy that an enlisted sailor in uniform was denied a seat at a local theater. The tar donned civilian clothes and got the seat. Hence the kick. OAKLAND, Cal.—Frank Ogden, son of a superior court judge, has appealed to that tribunal for a writ of mandate compelling the board of education to reinstate him in high school, from which he was expelled. (Paid Advertisements.) FOR CITY TREASURER. Inasmuch as Leo L. Jacobs has declined to again run for city treasurer I hereby offer myself as a candidate for that office at the city election to be held in January. GUS SAMUELS. FOR COUNCILMAN FROM THE THIRD WARD. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for councilman from the Third ward at the coming city election. J. T. SUMMERVILLE. CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN FROM SECOND WARD. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for councilman from Second ward at the coming election to be held January 9th, 1912, in the city of Medford. A. E. WYNKOOP. CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN FROM FIRST WARD. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for councilman from the First ward at the coming election to be held January 9th, 1912, in the city of Medford, Oregon. L. G. PORTER. FOR COUNCILMAN FROM THE FIRST WARD. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for councilman from the First ward at the coming city election. J. W. MITCHELL. CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILMAN FROM THE SECOND WARD. Whereas Councilman Wortman of the Second ward has decided to retire I hereby announce myself as a candidate to succeed Mr. Wortman in the city council of the city of Medford, Ore., at the coming election to be held in said city on January 9th, 1912. EDWARD C. IRELAND. MONEY TO LOAN. MONEY TO LOAN—\$1200 on improved city or ranch property at 8 per cent. Address Box 75, Tribune. 246 FOUND. FOUND—Lady's gold bracelet. Apply 146 S. Holly st. 246

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