

THREE COUGERS HERE, SAYS ANIMAL EXPERT

Stanley Jewett, who is at the head of the federal department in this state for the eradication of predatory wild animals, was in this city recently, and made the statement that there were not more than three cougars in Tillamook county. A government hunter by name of Fairboy from Yamhill county, with a pack of hounds, is now camped up on Wilson river, and is after a cougar that has long been ranging in the Wilson river section, and occasionally making a kill of domestic animals. Thus far, the wily cougar, which is presumed to be an old one, has eluded the rifle of the hunter. The dogs have been on its trail several times, but it refuses to tree, and when closely pressed fights and then runs. It has been chased from the Wilson river over on to the Trask, and still bids defiance to the government hunter and his pack of hounds; but sooner or later, the wit of the man, and the persistence of the dogs will run the old timer to earth. Then, according to Mr. Jewett, but two cougars will remain. But there are hunters in this county who say Mr. Jewett hasn't counted all of the cougars in Tillamook county, and that in stead of three of those animals in the county of "many waters," there are dozens of them. It is a well known fact that cougars are difficult to count; and you do not always see the tracks of all the big cats. That they see you if you happen in their range, goes without saying; but seeing them, is altogether another question. However, Mr. Jewett says there are only three cougars in this county, and that is official until more are discovered.



SURPLUS WAR MATERIAL NOW BUILDING ROADS

The Congressional enactment that surplus war material, useful in the construction of roads, be given to the several states for that purpose, has worked out to such good effect that more than \$300,000,000 worth of trucks, tractors, shovels, graders, digging machinery, concrete mixers, and other instruments useful in road construction, are now actively at work in the several states carrying out the policy of Congress to further road building by the resources of the nation as well as those of the states. Proponents of the idea that the present Federal Aid plan, by which the Government gives money to the states to match their appropriations for road building, is but the forerunner of the day when the National Government will build, own, control and forever maintain a back-bone system of national highways, find in this cooperation of the National Government but another reason for the Nation to take over the building of from 100,000 to 200,000 main north and south and east and west highways. It is contended by friends of this idea in Congress that if the Nation

can give valuable property to the states to build roads, and give national money to the states to help them build roads, there is neither moral, legal, economic or political reason why the Nation can not give the whole cost of a main trunk line system to the states, thus nationally binding the states closer together in a closer brotherhood for the better unity and preservation of the whole body politic.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

The Polk County Observer is of the opinion that now is the opportune time for Polk county to give more attention to the construction of permanent roads. It says: "Admittedly Polk county is lagging behind in the building of permanent roads. The county is free of debt and has money in the treasury. Other counties went wild over road building programs, while Polk held its head. A result is that Polk county is prepared to finance a real road building campaign, and now knows what roads are essential to the upbuilding of the county and keeping the trade at home." It is generally admitted that it would be a fine thing to have more permanent roads in Polk county. How to raise the money for an elaborate construction program is another matter. Polk taxpayers seem to be adverse to the assumption of a heavier tax burden, at the present time at least, and any attempt to float a bond issue would not prove popular. So, as far as we can see, there is no possibility of spending more than the available road funds for this year, and this will not permit any extensive road improvement. We are heartily in accord with road improvement. It spells progress. Yet on the other hand there appears no justification for assuming a bonded obligation for this purpose. Pay as you go is just as sound logic for a county as it is for the individual. The state of Oregon is paying out nearly two and one-half millions yearly in interest on its road bonds. Let us hope that Polk shall continue to keep her financial slate clean.—Independence Enterprise.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY WILL BE OFFERED

"The Gypsy Rover," a romantic musical comedy, written by May and John Dodge, will be given Friday evening, April 4, in the high school gymnasium, under the direction of Miss Helen Church. The comedy in three acts, is built around the character of Rob, later known as Sir Gilbert Howe, of English nobility. Rob is stolen when an infant, by his nurse, Meg, who later becomes the wife of Marto, a gypsy. Rob grows to manhood amongst the gypsies, believing Meg and Marto to be his parents. Rob falling in love with Lady Constance, capture, imprisonment, and final triumph and success hold the interest until the end.

Following are the musical numbers:
Act I
1. Overture H. S. Orchestra
2. See the Light in the Distant Sky Chorus
A Gypsies Life for Mine Rob
3. So come my Friends and Sup with me Rob and Chorus
4. Long, Long Ago Meg

- 5. Fairyland Rob and Children
- 6. Gypsy Land Zura, Sinfo, Chorus
- 7. Ah, to the Happy and Gay Constance
- 8. 'Twas Here that I Dreamed of You Constance and Rob
- 9. Nothing Beats a Hunting Day Sir George and Chorus
- 10. Thank you for your Kindness Sir Geo., Constance, Chorus

- 1. Bind the Tresses of the Bride Chorus of Girls
- 2. Listen, Lady Fair Constance, Rob
- 3. Merry Robbers Sinfo and Rob
- 4. Moon, Moon, Moon Nina Jerome, Chorus
- 5. They Say Girls Can't Keep Secrets Constance and Girls
- 6. It's Just Love Constance, Rob and Chorus
- 7. Take Him from My Sight (Finale) Sir Geo., Constance, Rob, Chorus

THE NETS KEPT WORKING

Fred McKinley, the well known real estate man, has a farm out on Tillamook river, near this city. During the high water this winter, he left his salmon nets out on the rack, and that night the river came up pretty high, and overflowed the ground on which the net racks were located. Going out in a boat, Mr. McKinley pulled in the nets for fear they might get snagged, when he heard a familiar splashing. Investigation showed a big, fat steelhead entangled in the meshes of one section of the net.

Astoria terminals handled 4,000,000 bu. wheat past season.
Hood River—City council to buy park tract.

GRAND CHANCELLOR SENDS OUT LETTER

Grand Chancellor, C. W. Barrick, of this city, state head of the Pythian lodges, has sent a letter to the Oregon delegation in congress, seeking relief for the disabled veterans of the world war in Oregon. With each letter sent to senators and representatives in congress, is a resolution which was adopted by Cosmopolitan Lodge

Victor Mathews
Nina, Sir George's daughter
Lulu Thurman
Capt. Jerome of the English Army
Eugene Hamrick
Sir Loby Lyon Cyril Ware
McCackle John Geinger
Lackey, to Sir Geo. Werner Abplanalp

The chorus made up of Gypsies, Dames, and Squires are: Elizabeth Neff, Luella Hollet, Edith Norberg, Helen Kiehm, Ruth Mathews, Corine Stranahan, Octavia Ware, Veda Smith, NeVelle Smith, LeVelle Baker, Gwendolyn Harris, Irma Austin, Edwin Glad, Lester Makinster, Sheldon Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, Carol Smith, Donald McGee, Joe Heyd, Guy Thomas, Walter Severance, John Geinger, Eugene Hamrick, Cyril Ware.
Children of fairyland: Lowell Carver, Enid Bennett, Junior Stanley, Mary Jane Richards, Kenneth Plank, Ermaleta Idle.
The students of the high school have been practicing for over a month, and the entertainment promises to be one of the best of the school year. The music is delightful and catchy and the play interspersed is one of real human interest.—Contributed.

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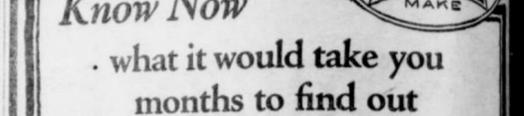

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