

Frank Bryant, game warden of Yakima county with the able assistance of Charles Wenner was on the streets yesterday soliciting subscriptions from Elks and sportsmen and such business men as are interested in an effort which the county is putting up to get a couple of carloads of elk from Montana to be released in the county.

It costs \$5 a head to get the elk and Mr. Bryant and the county commissioners and others interested have thought that 50 ought to be released in Yakima if any proper effort is to be made to propagate the animals here. Mr. Bryant met with unusual success in his efforts and will probably leave the city this morning for Montana to procure the animals.

Western counties have taken great interest in the distribution of elk by the federal authorities and various towns and counties in this state and Oregon are taking advantage of the opportunity to restore elk to a country where originally they were numerous according to all indications.

Mr. Bryant will get young animals, aged two and three years and those that are in the best physical condition. Postmaster Lemon, Senator Jones at Washington have aided Mr. Bryant in securing details for distribution--the Yakima Herald, January 10, 1913.

Sports

Elks

Postmaster W .L. Lemon is in receipt of a telegram from Senator Wesley L. Jones who is now in Washington D.C. The telegram read:

"Permit will be granted for fifty elk. "ill advice you later."

✓The welk which will be shipped out of Yellowstone park where there is none too much forage for those already there will be released in the hills near Bethel ridge, free to wander about and graze without fear of molestation.

Referring to the matter yesterday Mr. Lemon said:

"There will probabably be a closed season on these elk from five to ten years in order to make sure of their multiplying It is very possible, however, that in a bout five years an open season of possibly ten days will be declared in which each hunter will be allowed to shoot one and only one buck.

I say buck because it is a well known fact that an old buck very ofte kills a good many young ones in a season and for that reason the open season would be for the killing of bucks only--" The Yakima Morning Herald, January 5, 1913.

Game Warden Frank Bryant is expected to arrive today with a carload of elk which he secured in Yellowstone park for distribution in this county.

It is thought that there will be 40 elk in the car. They will be sent to Naches City and unloaded and hauled by ~~sleighs~~ sleighs to the Scott Stevens place ten miles above Naches where they will be corralled and fed till the snow is gone and then turned in the hills-The Yakima Herald, January 23, 1913.

Because of the impossibility of feeding the elk which Game Warden Frank Bryant is bringing to Yakima county at the Northern Pacific corral at Spokane, it has been necessary to delay the time of arrival of the animals here.

The elk, being in need of rest and food, were brought to Pasco and unloaded in the railroad yards there and fed and cared for at the Pasco stockyards. They were at Pasco last night and will be here today in time to be taken to Naches this evening-The Yakima Herald, January 25, 1913.

Game Warden Bryant, after a remarkably hard trip arrived in North Yakima at 11 o'clock Saturday night with a consignment of Elk which are to be released in this county to forage for themselves

All things considered, the animals arrived in excellent condition and a number of old stock men who inspected them at the stockyards where they were unloaded were surprised to see them appearing as strong as they did.

The total cost of the importation will be about \$600 of which half is paid by subscription by public-minded citizens and the other half is taken from the game fund of the county. Mr. Bryant procured forty-four cows and six bulls and lost three of the cows during the trip.

Some of the animals sustained more or less injury from others of the band owing to the nervousness of the animals which frighten and run at the slightest provocation tramping down the weakest. The elk were fed at Missoula, Spokane and at Pasco and Mr. Bryant reports that two were injured at Ritzville when the cars were switched. He found that unloading and feeding and loading up afterwards was a monumental task as the animals had to be forced out one at a time and put up strenuous objections to being separated for a time from the balance of the band, choosing to remain in the cars. Several of the animals showed considerable temper and it was with the greatest difficulty that the shipment was brought through in as good condition as proved to be the case.

On Wednesday or Thursday the elk will be taken to Naches from where they will be taken a few at a time in racks to the Scott Stevens place where they will be fed in corrals until the time is propitious for releasing them.

reserve in Oklahoma.. The satisfactory results are responsible for the 0000 sending out of larger numbers this year.

Mr. Preble thinks that the establishment of winter feeding ground which shall be protected from grazing by other stock is an essential in attempts to keep the herd increasing--The Yakima Morning Herald, Tuesday, January 28, 1913.

Game Warden Frank Bryant and his band of elk started from North Yakima last evening on another leg of the course they are making for the Scott Stevens ranch and the wild of the Naches.

They left here about 4 o'clock over the ~~Naches~~ Naches railroad and at Naches City the western terminus of the line, there were in waiting a number of teams to start into the hills with a portion of the animals.

It was not the intention to attempt last evening to get the elk all started but merely to take a sufficient number out of the car to give to the balance some degree of comfort during the time they must remain in the car awaiting transportation by wagon from the station.

Mr. Bryant encountered what spectators termed a great deal of trouble in loading the elk at the stockyards but he completed the work in something under three hours and said the task was easy compared with the battles the animals had put up on previous similar occasions. They seem to be arriving at a better understanding of what is wanted of them and while they are mighty dangerous beasts with which to mix, they can be handled all right by one who knows how.

Various old stockmen of Yakima who saw the elk on their arrival and again just before their departure for the Naches declared themselves well pleased with the condition in which they were and saw no reason why they should not thrive on the hills of Yakima county. Mr. Bryant says the conditions here are almost identical with those in the country where he got the animals and so far as a brief observation goes this is good elk country.

County Auditor W.B. Newcomb yesterday received a telegram from the auditor at Newport Bend O'Reille county asking details of the Yakima importation, cost, etc. as his county wants some for the northwestern part of Washington - Yakima Herald Feb. 1, 1913.

Twenty of the elk brought from Yellowstone by Game Warden Frank Bryant are resting in the corral at the Scott Stevens ranch in the upper Na-ches, four at liberty in Harry Griffin's field about a mile below the corral and the other 20 are still in the car at Na-ches City as the result of 24 hours of strenuous exertion on the part of Mr. Bryant and 12 men who were assisting him to get the elk from the car at Na-ches City in the corral at the Steven's ranch.

According to Mr. Bryant who returned to North Yakima last night the car containing the elk did not reach Na-ches City till 8 o'clock Friday evening. The elk were loaded in crates, placed on wagons and four animals put in each crate. Four wagons were loaded at midnight and started for the ranch.

The night was pitch dark and the crates were not very wsecurely made and all kinds of trouble was experienced in making the trip. Finally one of the wagons ran off the grade at the Harry Griffin ranch and the crate smashed to pieces and the four elk escaped to the field where they are now resting and feeding in bunch grass up to their knees. It was 8 o'clock Saturday morning before the elk were landed in the co rral.

The remaining 20 will be taken to the ranch today and the whole herd will be fed till the snow is gone when they will be turned loose. Bryant estimated that the increase of the herd will be about 40 for the season. The animals are fat and strong though they have lost 100 pounds each on the trip from the park to the corral-The Yakima Herald, February 2, 1913.

Washington, Feb. 10- Most anybody nowadays can discover a gold mine but Senator Jones last year discovered an elk mine up in the Yellowstone park and if the interior department had not found out how he was depleting the herds when it came to checking up Jones would have had nearly every county in the state stocked with these noble animals.

Before a hail was called however the senator had succeeded in getting from their habitat and safely stowed away in various parts of Washington 276 elk. These elk were shipped to Snohomish, Skagit, Garfield, King and the last shipment to Yakima county.

They extended over the time between February 17, 1912 to January 4, 1913 and to prevent Jones from getting all the elk it had the department adopted regulations December 18, 1912 which provided that not more than 50 head would be allowed any one state during a fiscal year.

Since January 4, however, Senator Jones has filed applications for Stevens and Walla Walla counties and these will receive consideration in the order received after June 10--The Yakima Herald Feb 11, 1913.

Because of the rapid increase in the elk herd in this county in recent years and the depredation they have committed in many localities, the local game commission will favor a short open season on elk as part of their program in sessions in Tacoma tomorrow and Friday with state and county game officials according to H.H. Lombard of the Yakima County Game commission. Porter Hotchkiss and James Henderson with W.B. Gummoe, county game warden, will attend. According to Will Lessenger, forest ranger, there are at the present time between 1,000 and 2,000 elk ranging over their stamping grounds on Cleman mountain. Depredations of beaver in this county have been considered by the game commission but these animals are protected by the federal government, Lombard said. The Yakima Republic, Dec. 3, 1924.

Eight foot fences composed of strands of barbed wire mean nothing to a band of hungry elk when the animals decide it is time for a meal. Between 35 and 40 broke into the William Carmack orchard in the Upper Naches last night and almost ruined the 40 acres of young orchard there.

"There seems to be only one thing to do and we are going to do it," said Mrs. Carmack. We have engaged a number of men with guns to spend the night at the place. We are leaving the fence down and hope the elk will come back this evening. If they do, we intend to have as many elk as possible shot. "We have appealed to the county game commissioners time and time again. They tell us that under the law they are powerless to protect us. Under these circumstances we will have to protect ourselves.

Mr. Carmack said that last year he planted five acres of trees and they were practically destroyed. "We built the fence, hoping it would stop them, but it was not high enough. The guns are our final attempt.--The Yakima Republic, Dec. 8, 1924.

When Yakima's game commission authorized the recent hunt against the predator elk in the Na hes it was fully within its authority in doing so according to the findings of two members of J.W. Kinney's advisory board who attended the star chamber hearing here in regard to the hunt.

H.E. Waterbury, retiring president of the Sportsmen's association made the statement public last night though he received it Monday evening, it is understood. Waterbury is of the opinion that the decision leaves matters about where they are, as there are three other members of the board to be heard from.

Section 90 of the state game code says that "The game commission of the respective counties may, acting through those authorized by them, destroy game/ birds and game or fur bearing animals when same become predatory and destrutive to property."

The Yakima game commissioners take the position that the elk hunt comes under this provision of the law and is fully authorized--The Yakima Republic, Jan 21, 1925.

Hunting elk will not be added to the sports to be enjoyed in the Yakima valley this winter according to a ruling from the office of the attorney general.

Members of the county game commission have looked with favor upon the idea of having a brief open season so that the hands of predatory elk in the Upper Naches might be diminished.

The attorney general, in an opinion to Sam F. Rathbun, state supervisor of game and game fish, holds that the law of 1923 "that no person shall hunt or kill at any time any elk" is in effect and that county game commissioners cannot provide for an open season unless permitted to do so by legislative enactment.

It will still be possible for game officials to kill elk in case the elk actually become predatory as was done last year under the former game commission--The Yakima Daily Republic, Sept. 30, 1925.