

There is good reason for chagrin in this country that our Canadian cousins should have been allowed to forestall us in preserving buffalo from extinction and particularly that they have secured from private citizens of Montana the largest and best herd of pure bred American bison in existence.

But it is not the fault of the American Bison society nor of President Roosevelt that the herd was sold to Canada. It is simply that it did not take the Canadians as long to make up their minds that they were willing to spend \$116,000 for 150 buffalo as it has to get out lawmakers at Washington mildly interested.

The bison society has been active in urging the necessary legislation for the preservation of the buffalo and succeeded in getting the government to establish a fenced buffalo range in the Wichita forest reserve in Oklahoma. This range was stocked by the New York Zoological society. Six months ago the same society entered into an agreement with Prof. Morton J. Ellrod of the Montana State University under which he has made a careful examination of the public lands in the Flathead Indian reservation for the purpose of selecting and recommending the best range for a nucleus herd which the society hoped to establish. At the time it was expected that the animals desired might be purchased from the owners of the Pablo herd but it is too late to draw from that source.

Although the Bison society through its president and secretary seems to be chiefly anxious to bring about the sale of the Corbin herd in New Hampshire to the state of New York or failing in this to the United States government, it cannot be said that the society is not working earnestly and intelligently for the preservation of the American bison from ultimate extinction--
Recreation, August, 1907.

The work of rounding up the remaining buffalo on the Flathead reservation that were purchased by the Canadian government has begun again, after a lapse of several months and it is stated that the rounding up will continue until the entire herd is shipped to Banff, Alta. where the Dominion government has provided a pasture in the Canadian national park for 10,000 head. It is expected that the herd may eventually reach this figure.

Charles M. Russell, who was present at the roundup last fall has been invited to be a spectator again this spring at the guest of the Canadian government. Mr. Russell last fall made many sketches of scenes incident to the roundup and he may do so again this year.

The utmost difficulty was encountered in rounding up the buffalo. Day after day the cowboys surrounded groups of the animals and only three times in six weeks of daily drives were they successful in getting any of the buffalo in the corrals.

At last the owners of the herd adopted another plan. They built a fence especially constructed 26 miles long from the pastures to the corrals from which the buffalo were to be shipped and along this fence many of the buffalo were finally driven to the corrals and headed loaded and shipped to Alberta--The Yakima Herald, April 28, 1909.

Spokane, Oct. 18, 1909- Michael Pablo, a veteran drover of the Flathead country in western Montana and his crew of 12 picked riders are making preparations for the final roundup of the buffalo herd on the reservation.

There are fully 150 animals and they are the wildest brutes in the country. They escaped four previous roundups in the last two years and if Pablo and his fellows are successful in taking the animals to Ravalli the shipping point, they will have accomplished a task which is looked upon by cattlemen as being something out of the ordinary.

"This is my last roundup," said Pablo. "I am getting along in years and can't follow them as I did thirty or forty years ago. Still I love to hear the swish of the rope and the pounding of the hoofs. We expect to get most of them. They are to be delivered to the Canadian government while those that get away will be sold to the National Bison society and driven to the new preserve on the reservation.

Q We have made careful preparations for the drive and the boys believe they will deliver every animal but I am not so sure about that. The Canadian commissioner is now at Ravalli and will stay there until the herd is ready for shipment across the boundary."

Pablo has secured twenty of the best mounts on the range. They are animals of great endurance and are trained cow horses. The riders are also familiar with buffalo and are not afraid of anything on foot or hoof.

A boom has been thrown across the Joco river at a horseshoe bend thirty miles above Ravalli and big corrals and into the leading chutes. It is Pablo's plan to drive the animals from their range to the river, urge them across and it is

expected the boom will deflect them into the pastures.

Pablo though well along in years takes the most desperate chances and is always in the forefront when there is need of daring.

"If I do_n't take these chances I can't very well ask any of my riders to," is his watchword. "If my riders think I am afraid they will also probably become afraid."

Chelan, Oct. 25, 1909--One Theodore Roosevelt can find a job in the Lake Chelan mountains. In the wild, rugged regions around the headquarters of Railroad creek and the Lntiat river roams a monster silver tip.

His tracks by actual measurement are 9 by 14 inches in size.

Last spring one of the best hunters on the lake, a man who has killed hundreds of bears came upon this monarch of the forest, while carrying an excellent rifle and after admiring sizing up the animal let him go in peace.

This bear has often played havoc with sheep that have been pastored on his domain. It is said two prospectors were once treed by the brute. At first the men were in trees about 30 steps apart and the bear would walk from one tree to the other and alternately tell the uncomfortable gold hunters what he would do to them if he could get hold of them.

Once when the bear strolled off a distance, one of the men climbed down and ran to another tree farther away. This gave Old silver tip a longer promenade and the captives saw a chance of escape. First one and then the other would slide down and run to another tree, always managing to increase the distance between them until the bear got disgusted trying to keep tab on both and left.

The American Bison society has decided that the buffalo are no longer in danger of extinction.

The society has just counted 2,108 of the animals in various parks and private preserves of the United States and reports that they are doing well and increasing in numbers.

There are also a few buffalo running wild in the west and the hunters have got out of the habit of shooting them.

The bison society has been many years getting the wild animals into good standing, but the success is satisfactory.

Now the Wild Pigeon society may take courage and hope to reestablish these birds as safely as the bison in a few years --
Worcester Telegram, December, 1910.

Wenatchee, Dec. 18--Jimmy Fellhaber was killed by a cougar when he went to round up some strayed cattle, it was announced today after an investigation. His knife, indicating he had put up a fight was found at the bottom of a hill in the brush. Charles Shuttleworth, Okanogan cougar hunter, arrived today at the scene.

Wenatchee, Dec. 18--The body of Jimmy Fellhaber, 13, was found last night by a searching party north of Brewster in the hills with some of the flesh eaten according to word received this morning. It is believed the boy, who was sent on an errand, was either attacked by a cougar and killed or frozen to death. Cougar tracks were found near the body, it is reported.

According to Charles Shuttleworth, Okanogan cougar hunter, it is very rare, almost unheard of, that a cougar or coyote has ever attacked a human being. Jimmy Fellhaber was a Spokane boy and an orphan. His mother dying a short time ago. He had been working at the Robert Nash ranch near Brewster--Dec. 18, 1924.

Buffaloes

Edmonton, Alta. Aug. 3--The bulk of a herd of 1,600 buffaloes recently shipped from Wainwright National park to the Wood bison reserve on the fringe of the Arctic circle is on its way back home, trappers reaching here today said.

The animals are feeding their way through the northern woods, fording rivers and overcoming other obstacles. A large herd was reported in the vicinity of Fort Cippewayan hemmed in by Lake Athabasca and a maze of challenges and swamps--The Yakima Republic, August 3, 1925.

California

Grizzlie bear

Visalia, Nov. 4-The bear known in this region as "the last of the Grizzlies," roaming the Tulare county mountains is not to be made the target for cattlemen if efforts of the American Academy of Science are successful.

Members of the organization have offered to pay for any depredations which the bear may inflict on livestock, believing that it is the only grizzly left in the California Mountains--The Yakima Republic, Nov. 4, 1925.

L.V. McWhorter

L.V. McWhorter, who has for several years served as county humane officer and who was yesterday afternoon asked by directors of the County Humane Society at their meeting at the Chamber of Commerce to continue in the position from which he resigned some time ago will not consider the place under present conditions.

"I resigned because I received absolutely no cooperation from any of the officers connected with the work and was not allowed enough money to do effective work, only \$300 being appropriated this year," he says.

"The prosecuting attorney's office time after time has refused to take any action other than to authorize me to shoot a few dogs and horses. One case of a preacher who is said to have left his horse's harness on for three weeks straight was refused prosecution by the society. At one time the society did not even hold meetings for months at a time. I certainly can not be expected to serve again after the unjust treatment I have received," The Yakima Republic Nov. 17, 1925.

Crazed by hunger and throwing all of its natural discretion and fear of man to the winds, a large cougar came into the city limits of Wapato yesterday morning, went to the home of Alex McCredy and proceeded to kill everything in sight before it was brought down by a shot from a rifle in the hands of Marshal E.E. Cox.

The beast is one of the largest ever seen in the section of the country. It is a female weighing 116 pounds and measures 6 feet five inches in length.

The cougar tried to attack the inmates of the house first. "About 8 o'clock yesterday morning it tried to jump in the window of the kitchen," McCredy said, "But was unable to do more than break the window pane. Fortunately for us the kitchen window was a good deal higher than other windows..

Before the marshal's bullet had stopped the cougar's playful antics there were listed among the casualties in the back yard one chicken, one turkey, a duck and a yearling bucksheep--The Yakima Republic January 4, 1926.

displayed in a butcher shop later.

Cougars

Payment of \$20 bounty on the cougar caught on Alex McCredy's place in the town of Wapato is included in a warrant for \$108 received by the county auditor from the state this morning.

The warrant is in payment for all predatory animal bounty claims from Yakima county for the first quarter of the year.

In addition to the cougar claim there are 53 for coyotes at \$1 each three lynx at \$5 each and four wildcats at \$5 each. Claim for bounty on the other cougar caught in the Wapato district recently has not yet been sent in--The Yakima Republic, April 28, 1926.

Miscellany

William Hamilton of Yakima City killed a two-year-old bear in Union gap on Saturday last. It is said there are still two young bears in that neighborhood. 10-7-91

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Charles Lee of Yakima City estimates that there are now 600 swarms of bees, mstly Italian, in this county.

Eighteen months ago there were not more than 25 hives. 10-10-92

Miscellany

On Sunday a black bear made its appearance in the orchard of A.D. Eglin on the Ahtanum and made himself at home. Finally John Dittendoller and some of the boys with their dogs rounded him up and run him here and there until Dittendoller, thinking he was tired out attached him with a club.

Bruin wasn't so badly done for as supposed and gave his antagonist a wrestle, gaining the first fall. After bruin had Dittendoller down he commenced making a lunch off of his shoulder joint but the boys and dogs had been holding themselves in reserve and seeing the unfortunate predicament of their companion came to his aid so vigorously that the bear retreated to a tree and a rifle ball soon sent him to the happy hunting ground where dew berries, huckle berries and others are supposed to be perennial--. 8-22-91