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COUGARS TAKEN ALIVE

UNIQUE FEATURE OF HUNTER
IN KOOTENAY.

People of British Columbia Astonished by Daring Performance of Charles Ordist—Fur Company Paid Him Sum of \$100 Each For the Live Animals.

FOR years past many hunters in British Columbia have hunted cougars for sport, finding it a fascinating and at times rather an exciting pastime. In addition it has its monetary benefits, there being a good bounty on the cougar's head and the skin fetches a fair price. But no hunter ever started after the big animals unless he was equipped with a reliable rifle so as to be able to bag them once they had taken to the trees. The only way a British Columbia hunter brings a cougar into camp is stone dead.

However, the other day Charles Ordist, a famous American hunter, crossed the line and took up quarters in the East Kootenays. He at once startled the inhabitants by announcing that he was going to take cougars alive, having been offered \$100 by a Kansas City fur house for every beast he took in this manner. Shooting cougars was too prosaic for Ordist.

Some people looked upon Ordist's announcement as a little Yankee-gusto, while others were afraid the man was suffering from a hallucination. It appeared like speculative venture with serious injury or even death, as the cougar measures between five and six feet from nose to tip of tail, and a female with one is rather a bad animal to pick trouble with. But Ordist talked about the cougar as though it were as small and harmless as a kitten.

The day arrived for Ordist to set out on his first expedition into the St. Mary's district and as he disappeared into the woods the watchers exhibited a certain uneasiness. He was accompanied by a pack of six dogs, highly trained and with a strain of bloodhound. A .32 long revolver was in a holster on his right hip. On his shoulder he carried a sack containing 120 feet of rope and provisions for himself and his hounds.

When well into the wilds Ordist unleashed his hounds and they sniffed about for a scent. On picking up a cougar's trail the dogs bounded off in pursuit, and on catching sight of their prey barked viciously. Not wishing to fight the pack the cougar took to the trees, and from a safe height snapped and snarled at the hounds. On coming up with his pack Ordist made ready to execute the job of capturing the treed beast. The ordinary hunter would consider his work practically done once the cougar took to the trees. A well-directed bullet would soon bring the brute down. But with Ordist the real work only begins with the treeing.

Boldly the hunter climbed the tree. As he ascended the cougar in alarm climbed to the topmost branches, where it clung with all fours, and spit and snapped in fear of falling among the hounds. In this precarious position the attention of the animal was diverted from Ordist to the baying hounds. Cautiously the hunter climbed to a level with the cougar, and with the assistance of a long stick passed a noose over the animal's head and immediately drew it taut. Quickly Ordist slipped to the ground and attached the rope to a simple device which permitted of a straight down-haul.

From then on there was a chance of a little excitement, even the intrepid Ordist was willing to admit. If the rope broke the hunter would have had to rely upon the accuracy of his revolver to save him from injury. More than once on his expeditions Ordist has faced such a contingency, but his gun has never failed him. However, as long as the noose remained taut the hunter had a stranglehold on the cougar. By strenuous heaving the beast was forced to relinquish its hold on the branches and slowly was lowered to the ground. The frantic pawing finally ceased through the strangling effect of the noose. Immediately the animal touched the ground Ordist roped it securely and when its strength revived it was helpless to battle on.

In this manner Ordist has captured 85 cougars. Altogether he had 400 cuts in his belt, having shot 315 when the situation became too acute to permit roping.—Toronto Star Weekly.

Happy Occasion.

Mother—What's the matter, darling?

Child—P-p-pa hit his finger with the hammer.

Mother—Don't cry about that; you should laugh.

Child—I-I-d-did.

Louisa Ann Ballard

Waterdown's oldest and most highly respected resident passed away at her son's home here on Monday, September 13th, in the person of Louisa Ann Ballard, wife of the late Abraham Baker. Deceased was in her 94th year at the time of her death, and leaves to mourn the loss of a kind and loving parent, three sons, George of Hamilton, Albert of Detroit, Isaac of Waterdown, and two daughters, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Barnes of Hamilton.

Deceased was the eldest daughter of the late Geo. E. Ballard of Toronto and was married to the late Abraham Baker in 1844, seven children blessing the union of whom five survive. She moved to Waterdown the 14th of April, 1845, and has resided here continuously ever since.

The late Mrs. Baker was born in Yorkshire, England, coming to this country with her parents when four years of age. She was widely known throughout the province, and was regarded by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance as a person possessed of many noble traits of character. She had been in delicate health for some time passed and had the misfortune to be deprived of her eyesight, but notwithstanding this terrible affliction she was always solicitous for the comfort and happiness of those around her.

Deceased was also a sister to Col. J. R. Ballard, C. O. R. I. B., Galway Ireland, who also survives her.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon last to Grace church service, interment being in cemetery adjoining the church. The Rev. H. J. Leake conducted the services at the house, church and grave. The pallbearers were, F. Staples, O. Van Egmond, F. Walker, E. Dix, H. Baker and F. Warburton.

Bereaved relatives have the deep est sympathy of all in their great loss.

Village Council Meeting

A special meeting of the council was called on August 15th. Reeve and all councillors present.

On motion of councillors Drummond and Crooker the clerk was instructed to have a repealing by-law prepared to repeal By-law No. 219 of the village of Waterdown and have a by-law prepared for the issuance of Debentures to produce \$20,000 for the completion of the new Public school.

On motion of councillors Griffin and Atkins it was resolved that this council hereby rescind the resolution passed on June 22nd, 1920, appointing a committee under clauses A and B of the Community Hall Act of 1920 for the management of the proposed Memorial Hall in the Village of Waterdown.

On motion the council adjourned.

On Monday evening, September 13th the regular meeting of the council was held for general business, the Reeve and all members present.

Communications were read from the Bell Telephone Co., re rates, and from the Ontario Municipal Electric Association.

Moved by councillors Crooker and Atkins that the interest on the \$20,000 Debentures to complete the new school be paid half-yearly at 7%.

It was moved by councillors Atkins and Griffin that this council wishes to oppose the application for

Warren-Mitchell Wedding

(From Weyburn, Sask., Herald)

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mitchell about five miles south of the city, when their eldest daughter, Margaret was married to Joseph H. Warren, of this city. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mr. James Warren, brother of the bridegroom acted as best man and Miss Mildred Mitchell, sister of the bride supported the bride.

The bride was dressed in a navy blue suit of gabardine with hat to match and blouse of maize georgette. She carried a large bouquet of roses and lilies. The bridesmaid was dressed in blue crepe de chene with hat to match. The bride's mother wore a gown of black satin.

A buffet luncheon followed the marriage ceremony at which Martha Hussey, Bertha Bower, Annie Brown and Elsie Metheral served.

The wedding gifts were numerous and costly. A piano was the bridegroom's gift to the bride, and he gave a string of pearl beads to the bridesmaid and a club bag to the best man.

A good fat check was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell to their daughter. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with roses.

The happy couple left on the evening train for Banff for a couple of weeks' honeymoon trip. On their return they will take up their residence on Fifth street.

There were about thirty-five guests present, nearly all of whom were relatives and a few friends. The guests from a distance were Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Macoun, and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Regina.

The Herald extends heartiest congratulations to the newly wedded couple and wish them happiness and prosperity in their wedded life.

Note—The bride, Miss Margaret Mitchell, was born in Waterdown, but went West with her parents about twenty years ago. John Mitchell, Waterdown, Dr. A. M. Mitchell Macoun, Sask., Ormond S. Mitchell, Weyburn are uncles and Mrs. Geo. Rohr an aunt of the bride.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Featherston of Erie, N. Y., spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Thos. Bowen, Dundas street.

Mrs. Cutter, Mill street, arrived home on Friday after spending a week in Toronto with her daughter and attending the Exhibition.

Increased rates for service of the Bell Telephone Co.

Moved by councillors Drummond and Crooker that the clerk be instructed to ask for tenders for 500 sq. feet of 4 foot cement walks in front of the new school, the same to be completed by Oct. 20, 1920.

On motion of councillors Crooker and Griffin the Waterdown and East Flamboro Agricultural Society was given a grant of \$25 for 1920.

The following accounts were passed and ordered paid.

Geo. S. Potts, 3 mos. salary as bell ringer, \$15.

John Smiley, 3 mos. salary as constable, \$18.75.

J. C. Medlar, 3 mos. salary Clerk and Treasurer, \$62.50.

The council then adjourned.

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