

WILD FOLK YOU MAY MEET

Presenting One of Many Interesting Specimens of the Widely Diversified Fauna of the Oregon Country.

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"If you can't figure it out, laugh it off," might be the creed of the wandering coyote whose propensities for manufacturing sheer vindictiveness in large and satisfying quantities has made him quite famous. This one has just been captured, but the fact doesn't seem to carve any wrinkles of perplexity in his brow.

ALL that is furtive, all that is sinister is wrapped up in the tawny pelt of a living coyote. His viciousness and cunning have given him a fame which even overrides his less desirable traits. It might be said that he has won a curious honor for himself by his diligent fidelity to unadulterated meanness.

The range of the animal is estimated from the northern valley of the Mississippi river westward on the northern edge of the plains country to the Rocky mountains in Alberta, Canada. He is really a prairie wolf.

Quoting Stanley G. Jewett, leader of the United States bureau of biological survey for this area, "the coyote is beyond the question of doubt the worst predator in Oregon—or anywhere else for that matter. He kills indiscriminately and with utter abandon, although he is harmless to man unless

affected by rabies, a disease which he is utterly subject to at all times."

Coyotes mate in February and the pups are born in April. The average male stands a little less than two feet in height at the shoulder and measures approximately four feet in length. The ordinary weight is about 30 pounds.

Among the outstanding traits of the animal is his speed when running. It is little less than brilliant, and the animal is able to run at top speed for comparatively long distances. His feeding habits are omnivorous. According to Mr. Jewett, the coyote will eat anything that even faintly resembles food, from watermelons to sheep.

"I know of one instance in Oregon when coyotes almost bankrupted an eastern Oregon farmer when they invaded his watermelon patch," he illustrated. "They devoured the melons with evident relish, and made regular nocturnal visits to the patch."

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MEMBERS' FORUM LUNCHEON

Monday, Mar. 23

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William L. Finley,
Oregon's Internationally
Known Naturalist, will
speak on "Oregon's
Outdoors" and
Show His Wild
Life Pictures

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MUSIC

Marie Levin, KOIN Staff
Soprano. Accompanist,
Geraldine Franz

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