

THINKS MONSTER AT HAY SPRINGS MAY BE A WHALE

EYE-WITNESS SAYS IT SPOUTED WATER TWENTY FEET.

Mysterious Inhabitant in Alkali Lake Causing Great Speculation Among Residents.

There must be something to these tales of a deep sea monster inhabiting one of the alkali lakes near Hay Springs. Reports of some mysterious denizen of the deep have been coming in thick and fast during the past three or four weeks, and finally the Hemingford Ledger has struck an eye-witness who has not only described the fearsome sight, but has permitted himself to be quoted.

The trouble with most of the reports heretofore has been that they have been too indefinite. The Ledger's eye-witness gives amazing facts, not only as to the dimensions of the monster, but as to his activities. The mystery has been the cause of some outrageous speculations as to the nature of the brute, and up until this last description, The Herald has rather favored the hypothesis that it might be a mermaid. At any rate, read the latest dope on this absorbing mystery. It is but fair to say that the Hemingford Ledger's editor believes the animal is a gray whale, such as are found off the Pacific coast. The Ledger says:

"A more definite description of the large water animal discovered in the Alkali lake is given this week by Arthur Johansen who was in town Fri-

day. Arthur has a quarter section of land lying near the lake and to the west and while at the west end of the lake about 2 p. m. Thursday saw a monster animal lying on the surface of the water and about 300 feet from where he was located. He was first attracted by a warning snort from the horses, and casting about to ascertain if possible the reason, discovered the animal as above stated. Almost immediately after, it emitted a spout of water straight up some 15 or 20 feet which came down in a spray, and then as if having sighted the intruder with a long angling stride it disappeared. "I could see for more than twenty feet the angling waves on the water where it was going," he said.

"When asked to describe the size and appearance of the animal, said that he did not have time to study the matter but judged that it must be about 10 feet long and 2 or 3 feet broad. It was of a dark grayish color and apparently very active.

"From the description one must conclude that it must be a gray whale which is said to be off the Pacific coast. It is of a fierce active disposition and difficult to capture. Much of the whale bone that is used is taken from the gray whale. It is one of the few sea animals that spout water and its carcass is valuable from the amount of whale bone it produces.

"Following Mr. Johansen's report there were eleven auto loads of sight-seers who went out to the lake to investigate, but as a gray whale can only be persuaded to show up with tempting bait and quiet surroundings no one in the party got a glimpse of this much-discussed object.

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Ex-Emperor Charles' chef is in the United States looking for a job. This is the cook whose king left.

Grasshoppers a Serious Problem in Scotts Bluff and Morrill Counties

Wholesale extermination of grasshoppers to save alfalfa and other crops from destruction is being undertaken in Scotts Bluff and Morrill counties, under the provisions of a new Nebraska law which authorizes the state agriculture department to form "pest eradication districts."

Poison is to be spread around the sides of every field of alfalfa, along the fences and small areas of waste land adjoining cultivated fields, on the banks of irrigation and drainage canals, laterals, and ditches, and anywhere else that furnishes a natural harbor for the insects to breed and lay their eggs.

An eight-foot strip of ground surrounding each alfalfa acreage will be covered with a poison mixture made up as follows:

White arsenic, 1 1/2 pounds, and sal soda, 2 pounds, boiled in two gallons of water, then mixed with one gallon of cattle molasses for sweetening and 1/2 pound anise oil for flavoring, the whole compound being stirred into forty pounds of bran, making a damp mash to be sown broadcast by hand.

The fine flakes, it is claimed, do not adhere to vegetation but fall to the ground, so that it could be spread in pastures without endangering the live stock. Grasshoppers are attracted to it by the sweetening and the anise seed fragrance. After some have eaten and died, others come and feed on their carcasses, succumbing in turn. Thus the poison gets in its work completely.

Agriculture Secretary Stuhr has just returned from western Nebraska, where he conferred with farmers and organized Scotts Bluff and Morrill counties as separate pest eradication districts. Land owners and tenants

instructed to put the poison mixture out not later than August 20. As this is the start of the egg-laying season for next year's hatch of grasshoppers, it is hoped to get rid of the insects to a large extent for the coming season as well as this one.

If any especially bad spots show up next spring, vigorous measures will be taken there to get rid of the pest. Penalties are provided by law on any persons who neglect to carry out instructions. The land owner in all cases pays for the poison, while the occupant of the land is required to spread it. The mixture costs about \$2.20 per 100 pounds.

Grasshopper devastation is being experienced on both irrigated and dry lands, but especially on the former, since the same kind of crops are grown one year after another under irrigation. The insects which work on irrigated acreage are different from dry and varieties, being chiefly the yellow differential, the two-striped and the Rocky Mountain genuses. All three of these are large in size.

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OH, WILLIE, WILLIE.

Little Willie had been hearing his father boast to his friends of his new car and its ability to take the steepest hills. At the Sunday supper table he suddenly astonished his parents by demanding:

"Pa, does the Lord Almighty own a Rolls-Fierce too?"

"Great Scott, no, son. Whatever put that into your head?"

"Well, at Sunday school we had a hymn that went, 'If I love Him, when I die He will take me home on high.'"

Recent court cases prove that the girl you left behind isn't as dangerous as the letters you left behind.

Rail Labor Board To Announce New Rules This Week

The first of new rules governing working conditions of railways of the country, to replace the national agreements established during federal control, will be laid down by the United States railroad labor board this week, it was announced Saturday.

Just before making this announcement, the board rendered a decision defeating an effort of union representatives to extend the period during which the national agreements are to remain in force. This decision denied all applications for further hearings on separate disputes involving working rules.

The substitute rules now to be prescribed by the labor board will apply on such roads as have not reached agreements with their employees. Reports indicate few if any, roads have been able to "get together" with their employees on a complete new working code.

Following public hearings extending over many weeks last winter and at which both sides introduced voluminous testimony, the railroad labor board on April 14, decided that the national agreement against which the railroad executives had protested should terminate July 1, 1922.

The same decision directed rail officials and employees' representatives to meet in conference at which substitute rules might be agreed upon. When, on July 27, few agreements had been reported, and the board had been unable to prescribe new rules, the labor board indefinitely extended operation of the national agreements.

The employees' representatives were heard this week in protest against the proposal to establish the piece work system in railway shops. A decision will be rendered later.

ANGORA

Miss Leota Henderson, Mrs. R. T. Ely and daughter, Emily autoed to Bridgeport Saturday in the former's car.

Mrs. Joe Morrill and little son of Bridgeport are spending a few days with relatives here.

J. K. McFarland of Grand Island was in the vicinity Saturday attending to business for the Grand Island business college.

Miss Eunice and Ida Boodry returned from their trip to California Friday. They report a very pleasant time.

Nelson Elliott and Ralph Sherlock have their threshing machine in running order now and are threshing in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. David Boodry of Bridgeport spent Sunday with the farmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Les Boodry.

Little Ruth King entertained a few friends at a birthday party Thursday evening. A very enjoyable time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. George Venell and children autoed out to the Lewellyn home Saturday evening, returning Sunday evening.

Miss Helen Dunn of Bridgeport spent Sunday with Miss Leota Henderson.

Owing to the disagreeable weather Sunday, the Melbeta team failed to arrive for the ball game. The fans were entertained however, with a game between the regular team and the scrubs. The score was 17 to 10 in favor of the regulars. Batteries for Angora, Dove and Rodgers, for the scrubs, F. Sherlock and Lawrence.

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