

La Prath ①
Friday June 19, 1908.

La Prath said he made \$1200 in a day and a half on Lake Malheur in 1898. In 1886, 87, 88, and 89 he shot on Tulare Lake in California, often making \$400 and \$500 a day killing egrets. Whenever he could not make more than \$120 by nine o'clock in the morning, he would quit to seek better grounds. This shows that the herons were very plentiful at that time. In 1890 he said he shot at Clear Lake in Klamath County, Oregon where there was a small colony of American Egrets. He only made \$400 that season about Clear Lake, as the white herons were about exterminated.

A colony of White-faced Glossy Ibis on Malheur Lake is the only one known in Oregon. La Prath said he was offered twenty-five cents a piece for the plumage of these birds, but had never shot many at a time. They were formerly abundant at Tulare Lake in California.

In 1886 the first year he shot on Tulare Lake, he made \$8000 during the summer. In 1887, 88, 89 he continued to shoot, often making \$400 and \$500 a day.

In 1904 La Prath and Gable shot on the Lower Klamath.

Mr. La Prath ~~made~~ is a professional hunter; he is a French Canadian: began hunting in the early 70's and continued until two years ago. At that time he took up a claim near the Narrows where he lives with his wife and children. He is a good carpenter and painter, and from all appearances is now making an honorable living. He has shot for millinery market for many years and has hunted in Louisiana, Florida, the West Indies, Mexico, and up and down the Pacific Coast. He has not

Give up a good and picture of La Prath - he is evidently an interesting type of the plains hunter.

Klamath

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only followed the trade of plume hunter, but was for years hired by special parties in Spokane, Portland, Seattle, and San Francisco. He killed ducks and other wild fowl. He is acquainted with every large feeding and breeding ground for water fowl on the Coast. For years he shot grebe all through southern Oregon and California. He was one that helped exterminate the vast colonies that formerly lived through the northern part of Tule Lake. He has hunted both the Upper and the Lower Klamath, Tule Lake, Goose Lake, Clear Lake, Warner's Lake, Harney Lake, and Malheur Lake, besides others through California.

I thought I knew something of these lakes after summers of 40 years but Le Beach told me the exact location of every ^{large} colony I knew.