

OUR AMERICAN BIRDS

Popular Home Lessons in Natural History

THE BIRD OF THE WEEK
(BY LOUIS ALBERT BANKS)

(Cut out this block each week and you will soon have an interesting bird book of your own.)

THE SNOWY OWL

The snowy owl, by far the most handsome of the owl family, has his native habitat in the far north. His real home is up on that moss-covered tundra where the reindeer herds love to feed. He is a truly magnificent bird of prey. He is twenty-five inches long. He is a strong, fierce bird, very rapacious, feeding on small animals and birds such as the ptarmigan, grouse, and other birds, not fearing to tackle the Arctic hare that is twice his own weight. He is not entirely snow white but white-dotted with faint dots and bars of brown, but he looks enough like winter to make you shiver. When there is an unusual cold winter in the Arctic regions, there is sometimes migration of these great birds quite far south, overrunning Canada and the northern half of the United States. They have been known to go as far south as Long Island, New York. In the East, I have seen them, from a Pullman car, in Minnesota and in the bad lands of North Dakota. On the Pacific coast there have been times when they have invaded Washington and Oregon and gone as far south as Shasta in California. In 1902, one taxidermist treated twenty-two skins in New York state alone, all taken in that state. They nest on the ground, on mossy hummocks of a marsh, and have from three to five pure white eggs.

Advice to the Snowy Owl
(By Louis Albert Banks)

Up north there dwell a snowy owl—

He wore a sober monkish cowl; Still he was not a saintly priest— He liked too well a bloody feast. He liked to see Aurora play; He kept the summer very gay; He oft was seen with ptarmigans And not infrequently changed their plans.

He liked the taste of Arctic hare; Was fierce as any polar bear; He would not frown to eat a grouse. But, failing that, would eat a mouse. He liked a rat with furry feet— They're called up there the lemmings, fleet. Their feet so soft would make no noise. But snowy owl can end their joys.

And when he traveled far abroad, His beauty made men all applaud. It proved a dangerous sort of fame— They kept him south to their great shame.

They stuffed him on the mantel shelf And even traded him for pelts. He found his fame in foreign land. But there forever must he stand.

How many men have done the same! Have gone abroad to seek for fame; Have won applause in foreign lands, But found it only funeral bands.

Old, snowy owl, stay where you're put. Eat lemming rat with furry foot. Where oft Aurora brightly glows, In your own land of Arctic snows.

RODENT CONTROL
MEETINGS ARE AID
COUNTY FARMERS

The rodent control meetings held at the various schools throughout the county during the past two weeks under the supervision of J. F. Branson, of the U. S. Biological Survey, and J. C. Leedy, county agent, were well attended by both school children and adults in the different communities, the total attendance at the 31 meetings being 1575. Methods of exterminating the gray digger, mole and pocket gopher, as well as life history and food habits of these rodents, were taken up and discussed.

According to Mr. Branson, 13 species of gophers are found in the State of Oregon. However, but one or two are found in Douglas county, the white-tooth pocket gopher predominating. This is one of the smaller species of gophers, being rather brown in color and being distinguished from other gophers by its distinctly white teeth. These little animals spend most of their lives under ground and escape notice until the damage they do becomes very great. Alfalfa, clover, root crops of all kinds, grain, and fruit trees are injured by the activities of the gophers.

The loose fan-shaped mounds of earth thrown up mark the course of the gophers' tunnels, and the entrances are kept plugged except when the occupant is actually working, this habit being developed as a means of protection against the rodents' natural enemies.

Traps can be used to some extent, but on the larger farms this method is too slow and expensive, and, according to Mr. Branson, poisoning is usually resorted to. The most effective baits are sweet potatoes, carrots and parsnips. These bait materials should be peeled and cut into small pieces about three-eighths of an

inch in diameter and about one inch in length. The tunnels near the mounds are located by means of a sharp stick or other implement to penetrate to the gopher's runway. By probing around the fresh mounds, the runway can be soon located and bait dropped through the opening into the runway and the probing hole closed by use of clods and grass and covered by earth. The poison material used consists of one ounce of strychnine and one-eighth ounce of saccharine, dusted over 16 pounds of sweet potatoes, carrots or parsnips. If smaller amounts are desired, decrease the strychnine and saccharine in proportion. This material deteriorates rather rapidly and should be used soon after mixing.

The early spring months are best for poisoning gophers, as their food supply is short and the gophers will take the poison bait readily. About 75% of the gophers will be killed at one application. Care is taken in distributing the bait. A second application of the poison material will practically eliminate the gophers. A discontinuation of the formations of mounds will be evidence that the gophers have been destroyed.

Mr. Branson says that moles are easily gotten rid of by trapping, but that gray diggers must be poisoned and this is most easily done by using the poisoned barley distributed by the county agent in office and mixed according to the formula furnished by the U. S. Biological Survey.

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WILSON WANTS MORE CASH

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Huck Wilson, Chicago Cubs slugging outfielder, like Charlie Root, Cub pitcher, wants more money for performing in 1928 so he has returned his contract unsigned.

Root sent in his unsigned contract several days ago. Wilson, dispatched his yesterday.

Both are confident the salary differences can be adjusted and that they will be with the Cubs when they start their spring training.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY
TO RECEIVE \$81,208
FROM FOREST FUND

A total of \$189,252.90 has been turned over by the Federal Government to the State of Oregon for distribution to thirty-one counties of the State as their share of the annual national forest receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927. This is twenty-five per cent of the year's receipts from the fourteen national forests in the state, and is distributed to the counties for use on roads and schools.

Recent dispatches which appeared in Oregon papers under a Washington, D. C. dateline gave this amount as "\$13,233,092." This was an error. This figure is the total acreage in national forests in Oregon and not the amounts to be received by the counties. Under the so-called twenty-five per cent fund law, one-fourth of all national forest receipts is returned to the state, to be pro-rated among the counties on the basis of the areas of each national forest in each county.

A total sum of \$1,998,824.05 has been returned to the counties of Oregon for the fiscal years 1906 to 1927, inclusive.

Following is the segregation of the 1927 amount, by national forests: Cascade national forest, \$13,045.00; Crater national forest, \$52,430.50; Deschutes national forest, \$36,301.57; Fremont national forest, \$5,309.84; Klamath national forest, \$7,400; Malheur national forest, \$5,815.68; Mount Hood national forest, \$6,107.69; Ochoco national forest, \$3,868.00; Santiam national forest, \$4,224.26; Siskiyou national forest, \$1,418.22; Stenshaw national forest, \$4,353.87; Umatilla national forest, \$9,202.10; Umpqua national forest, \$1,394.77; Wallowa national forest, \$25,514.35; Whitman national forest, \$19,331.30. The distribution to counties is worked out by the state treasurer's office, and has not yet been given out for 1927.

In commenting on these figures, the District Forester's office says that the amounts depend on the amount of use of the various national forest resources. As timber sales and other national forest activities increase, these amounts become larger. It is further pointed out that since national forests are handled on a sustained yield basis rather than an exploitation basis, these county receipts should continue to increase in the years to come.

Totals received by the counties under this fund during the period from fiscal year 1906 to 1926, inclusive, are: Baker, \$145,065.14; Benton, \$136.98; Clackamas, \$40,290.47; Coos, \$5,159.96; Crook, \$48,213.94; Curry, \$25,342.17; Deschutes, \$40,158.08; Douglas, \$81,208.51; Grant, \$288,193.91; Harney, \$47,942.48; Hood River, \$13,981.17; Jackson, \$164,424.40; Jefferson, \$6,916.70; Josephine, \$28,975.66; Klamath, \$192,188.69; Lake, \$78,204.41; Lane, \$81,737.85; Lincoln, \$8,617.64; Linn, \$49,190.17; Malheur, \$1,097.68; Marion, \$19,626.88; Morrow, \$12,407.27; Multnomah, \$4,782.36; Polk, \$365.11; Tillamook, \$4,333.82; Umatilla, \$58,325.89; Union, \$115,568.49; Wallowa, \$233,991.87; Wasco, \$15,103.94; Wheeler, \$15,347.87; Yamhill, \$1,607.54.

DR. J. R. N. BELL,
CORVALLIS, PASSES
82ND BIRTHDAY

In a recent issue of the Corvallis Gazette Times appeared a very interesting article, written by Prof. John B. Horner, dean of history at the state college, and a former resident of Roseburg, commenting upon the 82nd birthday of Dr. J. R. N. Bell, who also was a former resident of Roseburg and who now resides in Corvallis, where his custom of throwing a hat in St. Mary's river every time O. S. C. boats the University of Oregon has attracted state-wide attention. Dr. Bell, while a resident of Roseburg, was editor of "The Independent," the predecessor of "The Plaindealer." Prof. Horner in his article says:

Dr. John Richard Newton Bell celebrated his 82nd birthday at his home in Corvallis last Wednesday evening, at which time many pleasant incidents of his life were recalled by the guests. Doctor Bell has a remarkable record. He started life as an "F. V." in Virginia exactly 82 years before the Wednesday affair. Upon completing his training, he conducted an academy where he won Mrs. Bell who had been his leading teacher in the school.

During the Civil War he spent four years trying to chase the Yankees out of the United States. After he realized that he was badly licked, he told the "Yanks" about it, and all were good friends ever afterwards.

Marries 3000 Couples
During his ministry in the M. E. Church South, he held every office in that denomination except that of bishop, but he had so much Scotch blood in his system that he afterwards turned Presbyterian. He built many churches and school houses and was very successful at taking up collections. Many were converted under his preaching, and he married 3000 couples all of which stuck except a few that blew in from Los Angeles.

He was a very active college regent and an active director he held the Oregon record when his last term of office expired. He

was railway commissioner, and John Scott comes up from Portland frequently to confer with the Doctor regarding Southern Pacific matters.

Prays for Wicked
He is the oldest Masonic grand chaplain in the world, and he has probably prayed more for wicked men than any other living preacher except Billy Sunday. He organized a grand lodge of Masons on Mount Moriah in the City of Jerusalem in 1911, and then went down into Egypt where he crawled up on the neck of sphinx as King "Tut" did thousands of years before.

Although Doctor Bell spends much of his time in his room, he is blossoming as a century plant approaching its hundredth year. He holds the honor of being the only pastor emeritus ever chosen by his last congregation. "Bell Field" on the college campus was named in his honor; and no man in Oregon has more friends among young people than this fine southern gentleman who is beautifully ripening at his home near the college that he dearly loves.

RADIO
PROGRAMS

COLLEGE STATION WILL
SPONSOR LECTURES ON
TRAINING OF CHILDREN

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—"Child Care and Training" will be the theme for three radio talks to be given on successive Thursday nights, beginning February 2, over KOAC, college radio station, by Mrs. Sara W. Prentiss, assistant professor of household administration.

"These talks are expected to be of great help to parents in understanding the way and rate at which children develop," says Mrs. Prentiss. "In education circles the child under school age at present has the center of the stage. Educators are impressing on the child the importance of his early environment or training and parents the country over are showing a greater interest in scientific problems arising in rearing their children."

Mrs. Prentiss is recognized as an authority on the subject, being much in demand for meetings of parents, especially mothers, in recent months.

SHOTGUN AIDS STATION
WHEN ICE LOADS AERIAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30.—A run loaded with buckshot was a big help to KEX, Portland, when a silver thaw coated its aerial with ice and caused it to collapse.

Managed Hugh Windmer borrowed the firearm from the police department and shot several rounds into the ice so that a steepjack could climb the towers to repair the broken wires. H. A. Bennett, the steepjack, slunked up the two 225 foot towers, wearing a helmet to protect him from falling ice.

He untangled and repaired the broken wires in an hour and a half.

Portland Stations
KGW, 481.5-6:45 p. m., concert trio; 6:45-7:30, Rotary club talk; 7:30-8:00, orchestra, with Stephen Gaylord, soloist; 7:30-7:45, Better Flowers lecture; 7:45-8:00, Travel talk; 8:00, Shell Oil company program through the Pacific coast network; 9, time signals; 9:10, KFI studio program, 10-11, KFI studio program, 10-11, KFI studio program.

KOIN, 319-5:15-9:30, topsy turvy time; 6:47, dinner concert; 7:15, amusement guide; 7:15-8:00, orchestra music; 8:10, musical features; 8:20-9, concert; 9:10, apostrophe faith orchestra; 10-11:30, dance frolic.

KEX, 239-6:45-8:30, announcements; 8:30-9, children's program; 7:30, dance music; 8:10, studio concert; 10-12, news.

Other Coast Stations
KOAC, Corvallis, Ore., 270-1-7 p. m., campus reporter; 7:10, 4-11 club meeting; 7:30-8, farm utility program.

KMO, Tacoma, Wash., 254-1-8:15 p. m., book chat; 8:15-9:15, musical program; 9:15-9:45, concert; 9:45-10:45, vocal and instrumental entertainment.

KHO, Spokane, Wash., 370-2-6:30 p. m., orchestra; 6:30-8:30, studio recital; 8:30, Shell hotel; 9:10, KGW concert.

KFOA, Seattle, Wash., 447-6-6:30 p. m., children's hour; 6:30-7:15, studio program; 7:15-7:30, news; 7:30-7:45, floral talk; 8:00, concert through the Pacific coast network; 9:10, concert from KGW; 10-11, network concert.

KOMO, Seattle, Wash., 305-9-6:30 p. m., concert orchestra and soloists; 8:00, Pacific coast network; 9:10, orchestra and vocal music; 10-11, network concert; 11:30-30, dance music.

KFWI, San Francisco, Calif., 267-6:30 p. m., special dinner concert; 7:30, special features and announcements; 8:00, studio program; 9:10, "Jungle Jazz"; 10-11, dance music with solos by Gloria Del Rio.

KFI, Los Angeles, Calif., 463-5-6:30 p. m., quartet and soloists; 7:30, Music Fox hour; 8:00, network concert; 9:10, studio concert; 10, popular entertainment by the Metropolitan dance orchestra.

KGO, Oakland, Calif., 384-4-6:45 p. m., dinner concert; 6:45, "Winning" Happening in the World; 7:30-7:45, utility service; 8:00, network concert; 8:15, "The Pilgrims"; 10-11, Spotlight hour through the Pacific coast network.

KFRF, San Francisco, Calif., 454-3-6:30 p. m., sports talk; 7:30-7:45, concert by the Hawaiians; 8:10, blue Monday jamboree; 10-12, dance frolic.

KLX, Oakland, Calif., 508-4-30-7 p. m., dinner concert; 7:30-8:00, news; 8:00, dance orchestra; 9:10, Lake Merritt Jamboree.

KPD, San Francisco, Calif., 422-3

BODY MRS. MANNEY
RECOVERED FROM
LAKE WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29.—Missing since December 29, when the closed car in which she was sitting plunged into Lake Washington, the body of Mrs. Katherine Manney, wife of H. H. Manney, district governor for the Rotary club, was recovered today.

The automobile plunged into 30 feet of water when Manney attempted to crank it while it was standing on a ferry. The car had been left in reverse gear and immediately backed off the boat.

OAKLAND WOMAN
DIES AT EUGENE

EUGENE, Jan. 30.—Mrs. George McHugh of Oakland, Ore., died at the Eugene hospital yesterday at age of 41 years.

She is survived by her husband and four sons and four daughters. George McHugh, Mrs. C. H. Van Scholack of Heppner, Ore., James McHugh of Malaga, Ore., Frank McHugh and Edna McHugh and Mrs. Earl Higginbottom of Oakland and Mrs. S. O. Van Scholack of Cottage Grove.

Veatch chapel is in charge of arrangements and will send the body to Oakland for interment.

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GRAND OPERA AS
ROAD SHOW COSTLY

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Even grand opera may become a "road show" but it costs lots of money. In the case of the Chicago civic opera company, which has just started a transcontinental tour, it means \$1,280,000.

From Boston to the Pacific—Los Angeles, Fresno, Oakland and Sacramento—and then north and back eastward until Minneapolis is reached April 2, the company, which cost in Chicago guarantees \$350,000 this season, will carry the message of the operatic music makers.

Three hundred singers, musicians and stage technicians make up the personnel. Two special trains are needed to transport them and the costly scenic equipment, not forgetting Pagliacci's donkey and the goat that gambol in "Dinorah," nearly \$200,000 was required to pay for baggage handling on last year's tour. Forty trunks are required for the music alone.

The pigeon-blood ruby is the most valuable gem.

LODGE DIRECTORY
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regular communication
2nd and 4th Thursdays,
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Roseburg Lodge No. 1037 L. O. O. F.—Meets first and third Wednesday evenings of the month, Mason Hall, 218 N. Jackson street. Club rooms open 7:30 to 10 p. m. Visiting brothers welcome.

JOHN E. FLURRY, Dict. H. O. PARGETER, Sec. JNO. M. THRONE, Treas.

I. O. O. F., Philetarian Lodge No. 8.—Meets in Odd Fellows Temple every Friday evening. Visiting brethren are always welcome.

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Laurel Chapter No. 31, R. A. M.—Meets every third Tuesday of each month in Masonic Temple. All members requested to attend and visiting companions welcome.

L. M. LEHRBACH, High Priest W. F. HARRIS, Sec.

Roseburg Rebekah Lodge No. 41, I. O. O. F.—Meets in Odd Fellows Temple every week on Tuesday day evening. Visiting members in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

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