

## FEEDING THE BIRDS SQUARES OUR ACCOUNT

"Feeding the birds in snowy weather is only squaring our accounts with the birds," says Professor G. F. Sykes, zoologist of the Oregon Agricultural College.

"The few handfuls of grain thrown out for the birds during the recent snow storm will bring the best returns of the year. Many a little bird-guardian, robin, blue-bird, siskin, gold finch or Junco, who came months ago to clean up the weed seeds of last season or to catch the cutworm and leather jackets lurking in the turnip or grass fields, was going about hungry and with cold feet. Many of them also have perished with the cold.

"An examination of the stomach contents of birds during an open winter shows them to be at such a time entirely beneficial. In one robin's stomach were found 210 March fly larvae, and a China Pheasant had eaten 673 larvae at a single meal. These grubs resemble cutworms and are a serious pest on root crops, grass and alfalfa. Moreover, five Juncos were found to have destroyed in a single morning 275 May weed seed, 101 wild grass seeds, and 301 pigweed seeds. Thus the Juncos, together with the siskins and green-backed finches, make away with millions of noxious weed seeds in the course of an ordinary winter season.

"With the snow deep on the ground the birds were having a hard time. They have no deep seated hostility towards us even though we have chided

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some of them for helping themselves to cherries or wheat during the summer. So they may be encouraged to take food put out on the window ledges."

In his bird-feeding Professor Sykes has found that the covers of baking-powder boxes, lard pails, etc., make admirable food trays for putting out bird food. Small grain, cracked corn, wheat or barley, even rolled cereals, put out in such receptacles or in wooden troughs, may be placed on the window ledge, the roof or porch of out buildings or fence posts. Crumbs from the table, too, were appreciated by the birds, but these may also attract cats.

### GILBERT

The subject, "The Formation and Value of the Industrial Club" was discussed at a recent meeting of the Gilbert P. Y. A. The object of the work is to interest the pupils in farm, garden, and household pursuits. Pupils in any district in Oregon may organize an Industrial Club by making application to the O. A. C. which sends a constitution, by-laws, and suggestions for the formation of the club. Officers are elected from the club members and certain projects selected by the individual members. The projects come under the following divisions: Domestic art, science, Agricultural, Manual training, Poultry raising, Dairy management, Hog raising and Horticulture. These are the pursuits usually followed, although others are offered.

The club meets once a month and the members discuss the various problems that confront them in their work. The O. A. C. and the federal government send helpful bulletins which are read, studied, and discussed. Individuals in the community give their experiences and advice, and speakers are sent from the O. A. C., not only to discuss the various projects with the boys and girls, but to give practical demonstrations as well.

In the fall, a local fair is held where the members exhibit samples of their work. Small prizes are awarded the best exhibits. The best exhibits are then sent to the county fair, and from there prize-winners are shipped to the

State fair. The railroad companies carry these exhibits free of charge.

The club member feels that he has accomplished something as he can see immediate results of his work. Girls acquire a definite knowledge of canning, baking, and sewing. Boys, instead of being vacation drones, become very useful in the garden and on the farm.

This is the surest and best way of being home and at school together; of creating in the heart of the boy and girl a respect for things done with the hands.

The Gilbert Parent-Teacher Association will hold a meeting Friday afternoon of which matters previously mentioned will be taken up. A big meeting is expected.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES

The Doernbecher Mfg. Co., will build an additional warehouse in Portland.

Springfield Methodists will build a \$15,000 church.

The P. R. L. & P. Co., employed 2000 extra men keeping its tracks clear in Portland during the recent snow. The city of Portland employed 1000.

The S. P. Co., will spend \$50,000 improving its yards at Eugene.

The Swift Packing Co., of Chicago is organizing a \$1,000,000 livestock corporation in eastern Oregon.

### Magnet the Thief of Time.

The magnet is responsible for a great deal of trouble with watches, as any jeweler will tell you. Never go near a dynamo with a watch in your pocket unless you are sure that it is made of nonmagnetic material. This applies especially to the hair spring.—Farm and Fireside.

### Deal in Trousers.

The village innkeeper had been persuaded to lend a customer a pair of black trousers for funeral solemnities. The sad occasion was long gone, weeks had passed away, and still Mr. J. looked in vain for the return of his garments. They became urgently necessary, and he sent a messenger to demand them back again.

Said the messenger to the wrongfui detainee of the goods: "Mr. J. must have 'em. He's going to a funeral."

"They won't do for a funeral," was the reply. "I've been workin' at the quarry in 'em."

"What will Mr. J. do, then?" asked the messenger.

"Why, borrow a pair," replied the other. "Same as what I did."—London Tit-Bits.

### Largest Hydraulic Lift Lock.

The largest hydraulic lift lock in the world is at Petersburg, Canada. It consists of two great steel boxes of pontoons, moving up and down between guiding towers. When a boat moves into one of the two pontoons the lock gates are closed behind it, and water is pumped into the other pontoon until it becomes heavier than that containing the boat, which then, being overweighted, rises bodily into the air until it reaches the level of the upper canal. The boats are lifted a total distance of sixty-five feet, the gates and capstans being operated entirely by hydraulic power. The time of lockage for boats is about twelve minutes, the actual time of the vertical lift being one and one-half minutes.—St. Nicholas.

### Be Prepared.

Daniel Webster once told a friend that his great speech in reply to Hayne, which is the high water mark of modern eloquence, but which at the time was supposed to have been delivered without preparation, had been substantially prepared long before. When called upon suddenly to reply to the fiery Carolinian's attacks, which so alarmed the New Englanders at the capital, he was entirely at ease and ready for the fray, for, as he said, he had "only to turn to his notes tucked away in a pigeonhole" and refresh his recollection. "If Hayne," he said, "had tried to make a speech to fit my notes he could not have hit them better. No man is inspired by the occasion. I never was."

### The Liberty Boys.

The name of Liberty Boys is the name by which the Sons of Liberty of the American Revolution were familiarly known. They were the men who fought the first battles of the colonists, who opposed the stamp act and participated in the Boston tea party. A flag hoisted upon the flagstaff that stood beside Liberty tree, in Hanover square, Boston, was the signal at which they assembled.

### A Giant English Oak.

Winifarth oak, according to reliable testimony, was 700 years old at the time of the conquest. William surveyed it closely before making his famous remark, "Could I live to be but one-fourth the age of this tree the world would be mine."

### Ending the Argument.

"There are always two sides to a question."

"Quite so. And I don't like a fellow who insists on expounding both of 'em."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Sure to Lose.

Gillet—See here! Did you tell Scott I'd been cheated again? Perry—No; I merely said you had made another of your characteristic investments.—Sat. Eve.

Chance generally favors the prudent.—Joubert.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Tuesday will be Washington's birthday. Legal institutions and banks will take a holiday.

FOR SALE—Choice Seed Potatoes. John Lennox, Ramapo Station, Lents, Ore.

Mrs. J. B. Flock of Westwood, Calif., is spending the winter with Mrs. D. H. McKinley.

Pat Morgan has returned to Lents to live after a four years residence in California.

T. H. Drake was the first successful fisherman of the year. He caught two fine trout Wednesday in Johnson Creek.

\$37.50 Vulcan 7 burner gas range, for sale cheap; nearly new. See Walsh, Foster Road, Lents.

Geo. Held, drowned Feb. 16 in the Willamette, was a former Happy Valley farm boy. His death will be felt by many of his early friends.

Mrs. Campbell, wife of the Mentone storekeeper, was taken to the hospital Monday morning, suffering from paralysis.

Report from Victor Hickman at Lebanon states that his mother died the 8th of February at that place and that she was buried at Albany.

Mrs. Nygaard was the recipient of a friendly surprise Wednesday evening from members of Eureka Rebekah Lodge. A very enjoyable time is reported.

Shiloh Circle will hold its next meeting Saturday evening. The meetings have been somewhat irregular of late and the Saturday evening meeting should be a rousing reunion.

The Columbia Fireworks Company are contractors for the display to be put on by the Oregon National Guard next Tuesday evening at Multnomah Field. They promise something fine.

The Western Shoe Repair Machinery Company is the name of a new enterprise in our midst. They have decided to establish themselves in connection with T. M. Walsh in his shop on Foster Road.

The Lents Campfire girls will give an entertainment Friday afternoon and evening at 3:30 and 7:30, Feb. 18. The program will consist of songs, Indian dances and a playlet covering historical incidents. Prices 5 and 10 cents, afternoon; 10 and 15 cents in the evening.

W. H. Powers, formerly of Lents, now living in Corvallis, is attending the Laymen's convention this week and while doing so called on Lents friends this week. He spent Monday night with I. F. Coffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogbury entertained the "Run-Around Club" one evening recently, quite unexpectedly. All report a most enjoyable time and chances are the doctor and wife will have another call.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweet were victims of the "Run-Around Club" last Saturday evening in impromptu party. The Sweets were not caught unprepared, having helped on several similar occasions. About ten couples were present.

Slabwood Bill informs the public that he will move his slabs to the old location across from the postoffice, near the library, where he will be more centrally located and better prepared to supply the slabs. He will have a phone in a few days, when you may call for wood, coal or briquettes.

Mrs. Finley McGrew entertained the G. C. E., Methodist Ladies' Sewing Club, Monday evening. The ladies brought their husbands and had a very interesting time. The occasion was converted into a valentine social and fun ran high. The club enrolls about fourteen members.

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