

GIVEN HIGH HONOR

W. L. Finley's Work Recognized by Audubon Societies.

IS NATIONAL LECTURER

Portland Ornithologist Receives Appointment from Association as a Result of Work Done in Studying Bird Life of the West.

William L. Finley of this city, who has been appointed lecturer for the National Association of Audubon Societies, returned yesterday after a two month's trip to the East where he lectured in many of the principal cities in the interest of Audubon work.

The appointment of Mr. Finley as national lecturer for the Audubon Societies is in recognition of the remarkable work that Mr. Finley and Herman T. Bohlman have accomplished in photographing and studying wild birds in their natural haunts.

The work of the Audubon Societies, which are organized in almost every state, has been most important for the protection of non-game birds. In 1905 few states had laws protecting non-game birds, but in 1906 the number had increased to 24.

The National Association of Audubon Societies is the parent of the state organizations and now has an endowment of \$24,000 to carry on the work of bird and animal protection in various parts of the United States.

Mr. Finley is president, considerable time and money has been expended to protect the great colonies of sea birds on the coast of Oregon, and arrangements are now being made to give better protection to the great colonies of inland water birds that live in the lake region of Southern Oregon.

Few people realize that this region is the greatest breeding ground on the Pacific Coast for all kinds of water birds and here there is the most urgent need for protection.

The report of the Oregon Audubon Association on these conditions as they existed in Klamath County was made last year for the National Association after Mr. Finley and Mr. Bohlman had spent two months cruising about these lakes and studying conditions.

While in the East, Mr. Finley attended the congress of the American Ornithologists' Union at Washington. Here he gave two lectures on the life history of the California condor, and showed a large series of photographs that were secured in Southern California last Spring.

These two Oregon naturalists spent four months in studying and photographing a pair of these birds in one of the wildest of mountain regions. As this is the largest and one of the rarest birds that flies and as little has been known of it up to the present time, their work has attracted attention of the entire scientific world.

HORSE SHOW ETHICS.

Why Can't Portland Have an Exhibit Worthy of the City?

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—(To the Editor.)—With reference to the editorial in last Tuesday's Oregonian regarding the Seattle horse show, permit the writer to state, that he came here for the express purpose of witnessing this show.

For the past 27 years I have been a resident of Portland and have devoted a good part of my life to horses. I am a Portlander heart and soul and loyal to our splendid city—but let me assure you that Portland never could produce such a wonderful display of horses and turnouts as those exhibited in Seattle. First of all it was conducted in an exceptional manner, the crowds were of the "best," and that is saying a great deal for Seattle, for they really have good society here.

Then there is not a single turnout in Portland on a par with less than a hundred exhibited here. With the exception of the horse shows that I have witnessed in New York City, I have never seen the equal of a horse show anywhere to in any manner compare with the one in this city.

Take all of Portland's "people" and the many others of equal repute. What have they? Vehicles and horses that are messy-back and websteby to the limit.

As far as snobbishness the horse show referred to was concerned, it proved to be only a case of some one hating in who had no right to from any standpoint. He knew of this and was promptly and properly snubbed.

It would no more be possible to get up a horse show in Portland than in Albania or Balaclava.

AN OLD-TIME LOVER OF HORSES.

Bailey Criticizes Slover's "Poem."

Captain of Police Slover, during a lull in activities, wrote a "poem" one day this week, a copy of which fell into the hands of Captain Bailey, of the second relief. Bailey did not know that Slover was the author of the "poem," and consequently when he called the roll at headquarters at 11:15 Wednesday night he addressed his men on the subject, in Slover's presence, after reading the verses, as follows:

"This crime has been committed by some person unknown to me, and it is up to the members of the second-relief of police to solve the mystery. It is one of the worst cases I have had called to my attention for years and demands prompt action by the perpetrator is to be made known and placed in his proper light before the world. I shall not be satisfied until the culprit unravels the gaudy affair and proves that it is able to clear up even as dark a mystery as this."



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Soldiers Deny They Fired on Train.
PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 20.—Officers of the Fort Barrancas army post yesterday notified the attorneys of the electric car line that thorough investigation will be made, and if any artillerymen fired on the train they will be court-martialed. The soldiers deny that they fired into a train, and after a thorough examination today by officers of the Pensacola Electric Company it was announced that no bullet holes were found in any of the cars.

Arrest of Armed Italians.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—With the idea of discouraging the "Black Hand" and kindred organizations in this city, the police tonight arrested 14 Italians on charges of carrying concealed weapons. A special force of detectives was detailed to the Italian colony for the purpose of apprehending suspicious persons. Police Commissioner Bingham stated that he would enlarge the force of Italian detectives and make a determined effort to rid the city of the "black hand" class of criminals.

The Duke of Bedford has presented Lord Tavistock, his eldest son, with a silver-mounted motor car for his use while at Oxford University.