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### PROTECT THE BIRDS

The destruction of great numbers of native birds which are the natural enemies of insects has at last aroused the law makers. The fight is now The fight is now being waged in congress by bird lov-ers, scientists and farmers on the one hand and the millinery interests of New York, Boston and Philadelphia on the other hand.

The point at issue is the passage of a provision in the Tariff Act, which prohibits the importation of "aigetes" and the plumage of other wild birds into this country, except ostrich plumes and the feathers of domestic fowls. The Ways and Means committee has reported favorably on this section of the Tariff Act, but the wholesale milliners have combined and are using every effort to defeat it.

The trade in plumage of native birds is now illegal in some states, but not in others. As long as the government permits the importation of goods which are contraband in cer-tain states, it is practically impossible to prevent the use and sale in others.

"If our school children, teachers and bird lovers will write immediately to their senators and congressmen asking them for their assistance in the passage of this measure, we can at one stroke accomplish one of the greatest steps in wild bird protection that has ever been taken. can save untold numbers of our song. insectivorous and plume birds from one end of the nation to the other," said Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson, Secretary of the National Association of Audubon Societies.

"The demand for plumage of wild bi-ds for millinery purposes during the past twenty-five years has grown to enormous proportions. In an ef-fort to supply the markets, our woods, fields and sea coasts have been combed systematically by plume hunters to get bird wings and breasts to use in the millinery trade. Many varieties of birds are in the best plumage during the breeding season and they are killed at this time and the young are left in the nest to die of starvation.

The investigations of the Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture shows that the greater number of our wild birds are of benefit in protecting crops," continued Mr. Pearson. "This fight is clear-cut and we believe the farmers, fruit-growers and others throughout the country will raise their voices against the millinery trust which seeks to depopu-late the bird world."

POPULATION OF NEW YORK CITY IS 5,332,000.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The population of New York City is 5,332,000 persons, according to the latest figures compiled by the New York City Health Department. The official cen-sus of 1910 recorded a population of

Times' Want Ads bring results.

## Results of Egg Laying Contest

two great egg-laying contests. One was held at Stors, Conn., at the Connecticut Experiment Station, and 490 hens contested. The other was held at the Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station, Mountain Grove, Mo., where 655 hens contested. Following is an extract:

"The champion laying hen in the Missouri contest was 'Lady Showyou,' a White Plymouth Rock halling from Illinois. This hen laid 281 eggs during the year. She lacked but one egg of equalling the best official record made in this country, which was 282 eggs laid by a Barred Rock at Guelph, Canada. Lady Showyou's eggs averaged a little over two ounces Guelph, Canada. each, a total weight of 35 pounds for

her year's production.
"The heaviest layer in the Connecticut contest was a S. C. Rhode

"There were 41 hens in the Connecticut contest that laid over 200 perience, eight of which shall have eggs each during the year, the been in Oregon, or are graduates of eggs each during the year, the average of these high producers being 223 eggs per hen. One hen out of twelve entered in both contests laid over 200 eggs. In the Missouri contest the average for 59 hens laying over 200 eggs was 215 eggs per hen. "The 665 hens in the Missouri contest laid an everage of 134 eggs per hen."

test laid an everage of 134 eggs per ben. The 490 in the Connecticut contest laid an average of 153 eggs per hen. The contesting hens came from nearly every section of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, also many hens from England were in the Connecticut con-

"The Australians are in advance of the breeders of this country in breed-ing for egg-production. The leading pen in the Connecticut contest averaged 214 per hen, and in the Missaw a tent. Approaching quietly, souri contest 208 eggs per hen,, but he drew near enough to hear voices. the leading pen in the Australian con- Creeping still closer he listened intest, which recently closed, averaged tently. 250 eggs per hen. Also, in the same Australian contest, 360 hens gathered came s from 60 different breeders made an average of nearly 200 eggs per hen for the entire 360. But they been conducting these contests in that country for ten years or longer, and the people have been educated to breed for egg production. The average farm hen does not lay more than 80 eggs per year at present. If than 80 eggs per year at present. If and flies are so thick that they we can raise the average to even 150 make father swear. So often we're or 160 eggs per hen, we can double fooled by the harbingers vernal, the or treble the profit in poultry to thos:

MAN WITH TOOTHACHE IS KILLED FOR BURGLAR.

LOS ANGELES, April 23.—Taken for a burglar as he passed the lawn of an adjacent residence in an effort to relieve a toothache, Harrison Del Ruth, a moving picture producer, was shot and instantly killed late last night by Jesse J. Johns, a neighbor.

## NEW EDUCATIONAL LAWS

Among the more important edu- an accredited normal school, or the cational bills passed by the last

authorize the school board to pur- stitute. chase books and furnish them free of charge to all pupils attending graduates of non-standard colleges school in the district.

2. After September 1, 1915, all school certificates, persons applying for teachers' certificates must have completed two years' work in an accredited high of all their children to the census school and attend a teachers' train- taker. ing class at least six weeks. This act will not apply to teachers who have had six months' experience instruction relative to the danger prior to September, 1915.

Provision is made for substituting a three weeks' Summer school for the annual institute. The schools. County Superintendent shall, on the the teachers of his county the ques-Island Red. She produced 254 eggs shall be held. All teachers of the legal and any action taken before which weighed 32 pounds. had at least 27 months' teaching ex-

look for food and he came cautious-

ly forth from his hiding place and

"Who in h-l's shy in this pot?"

It's not safe to bet that the win-

ter is over till the hens go to set-

ting and horses shed hair, till bees

are a-buzzing around in the clover.

wren, and wake from our dream to conditions infernal—the backbone

of winter is busy again; that fool-

ish old backbone, that impudent backbone, that heartbreaking back-

Who is the belle tonight?" asked she

As they stood on the ballroom floor.

He looked around the room to see,

And she speaks to him no more.

bone is busy again.-Walt Mason.

came sifting through the canvas.
"Thank God," cried the mariner

I'm in a Christian country,

looked around. Not far away

teachers' training class in an accredited high school. When the teachers HE current issue of Farm and Legislature, are the following:

Fireside contains the results of 1. Districts may by a majority school, thereafter such school shall vote, at a regularly called meeting, be held in lieu of the annual in-

Provision was made whereby can take an examination for high

Provides penalty for persons refusing to give the name and age

Hereafter all schools shall have regular fire drills and suitable

Hereafter all school districts make provision for night

None of the laws will go into petition of ten feachers, submit to effect before June 3, and any action taken by the district, or by the tion of whether or not such schools teachers of any county, will not be

L. R. ALDERMAN, Supt. of Public Instruction

### BINGER HERMANN'S TRIP

Hon, Binger Hermann leaves on a short business trip to Washington. D. C. He expects to see President Wilson while there and will also visit the House of Representatives, which he first entered as a member 26 years ago. He says not a single member now remains in that distinguished body who was there at coast of China, a mariner from Bos-ton, fearing he might fall into the vanced to the Senate, and the othvanced to the Senate, and the othhands of cannibals, concealed him- ers all have died or have returned self in the brush for several days. Finally hunger compelled him to to private life.-Roseburg News.

PENDLETON-Alleging cruel and inhuman treatment on the part of her husband, Pearl Cornwell commenced suit for divorce against C. Cornwell.

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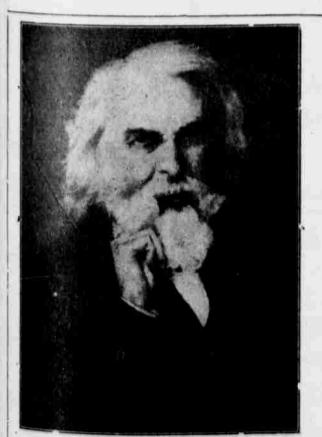
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