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PLEA FOR SONGSTERS. Spare the Birds Urges Oregonian -House Bill Feared.

Those who are interested in bird life—a constantly growing throng—look with apprehension at the possible passing by the state of House bill No. 367 says and editorial in Tue day's Oregonian. This measure it is said is calculated to destroy the usefulness of the present law, enacted by the legislature in 1903, which is designated by W. L. Finley, bird lover and president of the Oregon Audubon society, as a "model bird law." The amendment proposed to this law gives any farmer, gardener or orchardist the right to kill any songbirds if these are found taking his fruit.

It will readily be seen that this is a menace to bird life in Oregon that is both cruel and wasteful—the first because the bird is entitled the beauty and joy of his brief existence, and the last because he is in reality the farmer's best friend, in that he lives and brings up a voracious brood each year that feeds upon insects, bugs and creeping things which prey upon fruits, vegetables and grains. That songbirds "occasionally take a bit of fruit" is conceded. But what of it? The amount that they consume or spoil is infinitesimal compared with the whole, and he is a churl indeed who would grudge the blithe little songster an "occasional bit of fruit" with which to wet his tuneful throat or vary his insect diet, while worse than a churl—a ruthless and ungrateful creature indeed—is he who would take a bird's life for eating cherries or berries or taking a flying bite at a summer apple.

As toll for the relatively few cherries or berries taken, the bird while raising his voracious brood, takes an insect or a worm to his nest, every few minutes throughout the day, and close observers like Mr. Finley note that a single robin or a chirping sparrow destroys in a season hundreds of cut worms, grasshoppers, ants, larvae and harmful insects.

But it is not the songbirds alone that the bird-lover seeks to protect from overzealous law-makers, urged on by farmers who do not know the value of their feathered friends. The proposed bill permits the indiscriminate slaughter of owls—the most harmless and unobtrusive of birds, and withal one of the most useful. To be sure, these birds occasionally visit a hen roost in order to supply the clamorous owlets in the nest with a taste of chicken, but they kill hundreds of moles, rats and mice to one chick, and are Nature's check to the overmultiplication of these pests of the root crops and of the granary. Any farmer knows what pests moles often prove and how difficult it is to destroy the burrowing creatures. Owls find the task a congenial one, and one suited to their own nocturnal habits, as the mole is himself a night feeder.

The plea of Mr. Finley that House bill No. 367 be not passed by the senate is based upon these facts and other succinctly set forth. Ignorantly or bunglingly framed by someone who knows nothing of bird life beyond the most casual observation, it discriminates against and allows the farmer, orchardist or gardener to shoot the "apple bird"—a new genus in ornithology, as stated by Mr. Finley, and which may mean a robbin, a cedar waxwing, a chickadee, a tanager or any bird that may happen to be about an apple tree. It may be hoped that state senators will hearken to this plea and refuse to sanction this wholesale permit to destroy songbirds and other feathered friends of the farmer which has been, no doubt, unwittingly given by the House, or that, failing in this, the governor

will come up to the help of the weak against the mighty by a veto of the bill.

The Missouri Girl Tonight.

The Missouri Girl contains all the elements that go to make up an enjoyable evening's entertainment. A good strong plot with intensely interesting dramatic situations, novel specialties, peculiar dances, the very best scenic and mechanical stage effects, and the most ludicrous situations ever seen in one play. The company is the pick of the profession; no "sticks" to bore you, but every one an artist in his line.

This attraction will be seen at the opera house tonight. 18

STILL THEY COME.

Oregon Enthusiasm Increasing—
Many Come on Cheap Rates.

The enthusiasm which is manifested by the various commercial bodies throughout the state of Oregon, particularly those holding membership in the Oregon Development League, in presenting to thousands of people asking for Oregon facts and opportunities, will certainly result in adding enormously to the population of the state.

Last Thursday night Astoria, the oldest city in Oregon, held a meeting under the auspices of her Chamber of Commerce, and raised \$6,480 in less than an hour's time. This was \$6,000 in cash for advertising, and the \$480 represented forty new members at \$12 each. There were numerous subscribers of \$300 per year and \$180 per year, many at \$120 and \$60 per year, all payable monthly, and among the latter were three ladies.

Thousands of letters are being received by all the different organizations. Oregon City, Li-Grande, Albany, Corvallis, and many other points are doing their part.

The school superintendents throughout the state, as well as the teachers, are at work, and County Superintendent B. L. Milligan, of Malheur county, suggests that all should get busy and do all possible to stir up the school teachers and pupils to cooperate with the Oregon Development League in advertising our great state and the cheap colonist rates which begin March 1st and continue until April 30th.

One of the best known citizens of Central Oregon, in conversation on the street in Portland, remarked that the whole state was ablaze with interest on the subject of the colonist rates, which were being utilized now for the first time by all the people of Oregon as a reason for writing letters to their relatives, friends and acquaintances in distant states, to whom they are presenting the opportunities of their particular locality.

OAC Appropriations.

A Salem dispatch in Tuesday evening's Telegram says: The senate has taken up House bills on the first and second readings. These are being referred to committees, and late this afternoon, after action on the Governor's veto, the senate will get down to passing them.

The only one enacted by the senate this forenoon was the appropriation measure. Johnson called House bill 142, providing for the betterment of the OAC, making an appropriation of \$60,000 for 1907 and \$65,000 for 1908. The bill came from the House making an appropriation of \$73,000 each year. With this amendment the bill was enacted. This sum is in addition to the \$25,000 fixed by law for maintenance.

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AN ENCOURAGING REPORT.

As to Freight for Branch Railroad
—Another Meeting Held.

According to previous arrangements there was another enthusiastic meeting of citizens of Kings Valley Tuesday afternoon at the McCallum hall, held for the purpose of hearing reports of the committees appointed two weeks ago to gather statistics as to the freight available for shipment from Kings Valley.

It will be remembered that Joseph Hirschberg, president of the Airlie railroad, has interested himself in a branch line to run through Kings Valley and on to Blodgett, there to connect with the C. & E. Mr. Hirschberg promises to use all his influence with the S. P. people to secure such a line, failing in which he insinuates that he may do something along that line on his own responsibility, providing a promising showing be made as to available freight. A message from Kings Valley Wednesday stated that the committees reported very favorably after having made a very thorough canvass of Polk and Benton county sections adjacent the territory which would be tapped by such a branch railroad and the following committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Hirschberg: D. B. Weir, H. M. Lacey, Lou Ritter, W. A. Gellatly and H. Seifert.

It is confidently believed and most ardently hoped by residents of the valley that the statistics secured may prove sufficiently encouraging to Mr. Hirschberg to warrant his further interest in the project of a branch road.

At present Kings Valley mail is much delayed in reaching its destination, freight is handled at great disadvantage and the people are shut off from the outside world in many ways, all of which would be speedily changed by a branch railroad line.

In making the canvass for freight statistics every product of the farm that would naturally be marketed was taken into account at the various ranches visited—grain, fruit, vegetables, butter, eggs, poultry, and a multitude of other products.

Kings Valley people are progressive and intelligent, and have gone about this railroad proposition in a manner that speaks encouragingly for that community. It is hoped that their hopes may be realized.

It Will be Unique.

What gives promise of being a unique affair is scheduled to take place at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening, Feb. 27th. It will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society, and invitations have been sent out which read as follows on the inside of the folded sheet:

"This birthday party is given to you
We hope you will come,
And propose if you do,
An agreeable time;
Some good things to eat,
And 'mid other attractions
A musical treat.
"Enclose in this wallet—
Or whatever you call it—
As many bright coins
As the years in your age;
We hope you're a sage,
And with greeting most hearty
Feel sure you will come
To your own birthday party."
A tiny envelope is enclosed with the invitation as a modest suggestion to "dig up."

His Funeral.

The boat Wednesday morning brought to Corvallis the remains of the late M. W. Henkle, uncle of George Henkle of this city. Death occurred in Salem on the 18th at the advanced age of 83 years.

The body was taken from this

city to the Newton cemetery where services were conducted by Rev. Bonebrake of Philomath and interment was made.

Deceased was a miner by trade and followed mining in California, Nevada and Idaho. He has many relatives in this section but had not been here for 50 years his last visit having been made to Corvallis kin folks in 1857.

MAKING HAY.

Useful Information for Benton
Farmers—Quick Process.

An authority on the subject of hay making and farming in general has the following words of value to farmer friends which may be put to practical use during the next "haying" season:

The best hay is made without rain and with the least possible amount of sunshine. If it were possible to cure hay in the shade, the quality would be much better. The curing of hay is a process of drying and of fermentation. Hot sun tends to stop fermentation which produce hay of good quality.

From what is said above it is evident that hay should remain in the swath only until dry enough to rake evenly in windrows; that most of the curing should take place in the cock rather than in the swath or windrow; and that just as soon as it is safe to so, it should be placed in the rake or mow. With fair weather and hot sun, light crops may be raked soon after mowing, often in two or three hours. Heavier crops, especially when green, require more time. When the growth is heavy the swath is often packed so closely to the ground from its own weight and the pressure of the wheels of the mower that the use of the tender is necessary to dry it out evenly.

There are some successful men who put up hay by what is termed the "rapid process." With good haying weather the method is about as follows: The grass is cut in the afternoon. Being unwilling, the first night's dew does not injure it. If the crop is heavy the tender is started the next morning as soon as the dew has dried off, and the hay is gone over as many times as possible during the day. Just before evening it is raked and cocked. The hay then stands in the field for two nights and a day until the dew is off the second day. The cocks are then scattered and aired especially the bottom portions of them, and the hay is hauled to the mow during the day. It thus requires two days from cutting to hauling. The hay is scattered evenly in the mow so that it may all settle alike and exclude as much air as possible, and is salted at the rate of ten pounds per ton. At night the barn is tightly closed to keep out damp air.

Have Granted Contract.

At a meeting held Tuesday night for the purpose of deciding the matter of granting a contract for a cannery in Albany, a Mr. Allen of Eugene was awarded the job and was also given the \$1500 bonus. He was successful in spite of the offer of Laselle Brothers of Albany, the well known fruit men, who also had submitted a bid for the contract.

During the discussions that took place during the evening it was given as the opinion of several that this section of Oregon is unsurpassed for the growing of small fruits and vegetables and that many more farmers would engage in the business and convert the Willamette Valley into one great garden if we furnish a market for these products.

The Oregon City packing company, which is the largest on this coast if not, indeed, in the United States, will take one half of the Albany cannery stock and Mr. Allen, the promoter, is to take the other.

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It Was a Lesson.

That the excessive use of whiskey can and does rob a man of his finer feelings and convert him into a being below the level of the brutes is too true for anyone to contradict, and never has the fact been more plainly demonstrated than at the S. P. depot in Corvallis, Tuesday.

When the Portland train pulled in and the freight and express was unloaded there was noticed a casket that bore the remains of some one's mother.

Usually such sights awaken instant sympathy from the on-looker, but in this case the horror excited among those who saw and observed was the overwhelming feeling, for accompanying the casket was a drunken, debauched son who carried in his arms three bottles filled with whiskey as he stepped from the train and staggered about trying to give directions.

Who he was no one here seems to know. The corpse was shipped from Portland and was transferred in Corvallis from the S. P. to the C. & E. depot and taken on coastward for interment.

At the C. & E. depot the drunken son lurched up to a man and proffered a drink, but with a look of disgust the man turned

abruptly away, remarking to a friend: "I have taken many a drink with that fellow in the past but this is the best temperance lesson I have ever had and I don't think I want any more whiskey in mine. That is his mother's body!"

A Sure Cure for Cholera.

Here is a sure cure for cholera: Mix a half pound of smoking tobacco in dry ground feed, moisten a little and then feed. This will be sufficient for fifty fowls. We have had cases so bad that it was necessary to put the feed down their throats, but it cured them, says a writer in Farm Journal, Philadelphia. Feed twice a week or oftener if necessary.

Chicks and Cackles.

The pullets, if they have been properly bred and fed, should now be doing steady laying.

You never saw a scrawny hen laying. It is the well fed hen, the one that looks neat and trim.

Rusty iron placed in the drinking water at this season serves an excellent purpose as a tonic.

It is a mistake to think that common or mixed chickens are more profitable than pure bred varieties.

Good birds cost high. Bear this in mind when purchasing new stock. Good ones are the cheapest in the end.

It is important that the interior of the houses, including the floors, be dry and that plenty of fresh air can get into the pens without drafts.

It is equally important that the droppings be gathered each morning, so that a good sanitary condition can be maintained.