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The Little Birdies

OF all the friends of mankind provided for in the arranging of this great universe, the wild feathered songsters probably ask the least in return for the good they do.

The robin that twitters in the tree by your bedroom window, whose joyous music puts you in a frame of mind that bodes a happy day, would fly away if you should go to him with food. He is satisfied with what Nature provides.

The humming bird, flitting from flower to flower, in return for the nourishment he takes, eats the bugs that would destroy the blossoms.

The canary, one of the greatest of songsters, would ask nothing if not cooped up where he is unable to search for food. Taken from the great outdoors and penned into a space a few inches square, the joyous spirit he shows under such a change of circumstances is one that might well be an inspiration to mankind.

Even the English sparrow, despised as he is, is a scavenger of no mean ability.

In return for being left alone, with no desire to intrude themselves where not wanted, a great majority of the feathered animals spend their lives in ridding trees and flowers of the bugs that would destroy them.

Yet we are told there are boys in Cottage Grove who with sling-shots are killing and maiming these friends of theirs. A broken wing or a broken leg means a life of suffering for these little animals. To kill one is to destroy a harmless creature, whose death can benefit no one and whose only purpose in life is to be useful.

The good book says that none of these can fall unknown to the power that created it, which undoubtedly means that he will not look lightly upon wanton destruction.

It is not at all likely that the little boy who speeds a stone that lays a little body quivering think of its cruelty; his parents have not explained it to him; probably he does not expect to hit the mark; but he will hit the mark once in a while, frail wings and legs will be broken; a useful life will be crushed out or a harmless creature will be left to suffer agony, and its joyous song changed to a chirp of despair. How much better it would be to build them little houses where they might lay their tiny eggs free from danger and rear their little fledglings where felices and other enemies could reach them not.

PEACE DOVE ALIGHTS

With but a few feathers awry the peace dove has secured a footing, and Cottage Grove's perfect reproduction of the recent Roosevelt-Taft campaign is no more. The Sentinel's 1100 readers have some rights in the case. A number have expostulated with us and we confine our remarks about our contemporary this week to stating that the publisher has acknowledged himself to have been misinformed in the charge he made against The Sentinel of an infraction of the law.

PAYING LEGISLATORS

A bill providing salaries of \$10 a day for legislators is before the Legislature. For a 40-day session that would be a salary of \$400. The present \$200 hardly covers expenses of members while attending the session, which allows nothing for time given and neglect of private business, not to mention the expenses of two campaigns and time given while the Legislature is not in session. To be a member of the legislature is now a luxury which only a few can afford. The salary should be such that anyone might aspire to the position. Considering the nature of the business and expenses incurred, \$10 a day is little enough.

THE SUPERVISORY LAW

The school supervisory law will remain in force two years longer at least, the bills to repeal it having been defeated in the Legislature or indefinitely postponed.

The fight on the law has demonstrated conclusively that there is considerable enmity towards it. Most of the argument used against it can be simmered down to a belief on the part of its opponents that it does not give enough for the money it costs. There

seems to be no desire to hinder in advancing the cause of education at a fair price.

If the charge against the law is true, the defects should be remedied. They must be to prevent its ultimate defeat in a state where the people can propose and pass their own laws.

If the charges are not true, it is up to the friends of the law to push a campaign of education concerning what the law is doing.

At any rate, the law will have been in force four years and that is long enough to test it out. The Sentinel believes it will in that time have shown up to pretty good advantage. If it has not, it will deserve to have something done to it.

SUGGESTION

A New York man sat in his room and read a magazine story of a man committing suicide by gas. He closed the magazine and turned on the gas and was discovered next morning, dead. The doctors say it was a case of auto-suggestion.

There would seem to be a great field for this kind of thing. When father arrives home for supper, mother could contrive to get into his hands a magazine containing pictures of lawn mowers, dilating gloriously upon the joys of outdoor exercise, and the neighbors would soon be wondering why pa was so blithe and elastic up and down the front yard.

By hanging in every room the old time motto about "Early to Bed," father might be auto-suggested into staying home evenings.

Any clever woman ought to be able, by this method, to induce her husband to rock the baby, to cut the kindling wood, tackle a hash dinner without complaint, buy her a bonnet cheerfully, and walk through a woman's convention with his head down.

But come to think of it, a clever woman can do all these things without resort to the methods of auto-suggestion.—Ex.

Geo. H. Baxter, who established the Creswell Chronicle a couple years ago and has conducted a creditable sheet, has sold the business to Chester Noland, who gives promise of following in the footsteps of his predecessor.

The sunshine is nowhere so glorious as in the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette. It is worth peering through a day or two of mist to see.

When all the saw mills in the Grove country begin to send forth their music, no one will care whether the lost chord is ever found or not.

Vulgarity is a very low-order of humor, but some papers will dig it out of its resting place of 25 years.

Cottage Grove's commercial club is becoming more representative every day.

Watch Cottage Grove's smoke!

EARNs GOLD WATCH FOB WITH SONG

Students Clever Work on the Glee Club Rewarded by Pendleton Round-Up Association.

He got his fancy jewelry "for a song," did Bert Jerard, but it was not that kind of a song nor was it that kind of jewelry.

Jerard is a student at the University of Oregon, and, on the side, about the funniest man on the Varsity Glee Club. His "stunt" this year was a cowboy burlesque, done in full round-up regalia. It took well everywhere, but when the club reached Pendleton, where they are connoisseurs in these matters, it touched a truly responsive chord.

Now, Jerard is wearing a solid gold watch fob, with a raised carving of a bucking horse and the inscription, "To Bert Jerard, from the Pendleton Round-Up Association." The gift came as a surprise.

EARTH EDUCATION FOR SCHOOLS

Unique Turn in Back to the Land Movement.

Further expression to the sentiment in favor of "earth education" that is so strong throughout Oregon today, will be given February 12, which has been made Children's Day in the Country Life Movement. At that time schools of the state are expected to pay special attention to the subject of the development of Oregon's soil, the improvement of its farms and the betterment of country life generally.

Special programs will be arranged and in many cities and villages parades will be held by school children. The slogan decided on for the occasion is: "Better Farms Will Build the State."

TO HELP IN MAKING ATHLETES

Varsity Coach to Visit High Schools in Order to Prevent Evils of Incorrect Training.

Bill Hayward, the famous athletic coach of the University of Oregon, has arranged for a tour of the high schools of the state, lecturing on "Proper and Improper Methods of Track Work." Bill will take along his collection of Olympic game photographs and lantern slides taken at Stockholm last year.

"The idea," says Hayward, "is to give the boys some help and advice as to how they should go about their training. If they are going in for athletics, there is no reason why they should not do it right, and a few timely hints will bring about surprising results."

Last year Coach Hayward gave a talk before track season to the boys of the Eugene high school. It was such a success that other schools asked for the same thing, and this year's extended trip is a result. Arrangements have already been made at The Dalles, Hood River, La Grande, Pendleton, Baker City, Astoria and the three Portland high schools. The coach expects also to visit the Coos Bay district, and the southern and eastern parts of the state.

"The Shop" where good printing is done—The Sentinel.
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Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

Virtue is a fault with some people.

A woman gets suspicious when a man shaves off his moustache while she is away on a visit.

A Wisconsin woman is trying out her sixteenth husband. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

It makes a man feel like a sucker to see the kisses he has coaxed for wasted upon a little black and white pup.

You never realize how many men there are out of work until you start to do some outdoor job that is a little difficult of performance.

A North Dakota man went into the county auditor's office for a blank marriage license. The auditor said he only had hunting licenses for sale and directed him to the clerk of court. From the fact that he wanted it blank the chances are a hunting license was what he really wanted.

The girl who won't flirt is only teasing you.

A woman often finds herself well fixed financially after having failed in marriage.

Repentance comes readily when you see what your sin has cost you. Hold-up men report a very depressed condition of trade following the holidays.

Don't skim the cream off the milk of human kindness before peddling it out. Give some people a bite of an apple and there'll be no core.

When you hear a woman has educated her husband, it may merely be meant that she has been giving him "pieces of her mind" at various intervals.

What's bred in the bone makes that much less meat to the pound.

The powder and fire arms people can probably discover a silver lining in a war cloud, without the use of a magnifying glass.

Some people mourn away \$5 worth of time over the loss of a dollar.

Adam might not have stolen his neighbor's apple if he had known how much fruit his sin was going to bear.

A man will work hard for a soft snap.

The ordinary woman's vocabulary runs about 400 words—but some surprising results are obtained from intensive cultivation.

There are mothers who brag about how much the children look like their dad.

Time flies, but gets no further away from the lazy plodder than from the hustler.

It's peculiar how radically a woman's idea of interesting conversation will change as soon as she is married.

It takes all kinds of people to make a world—and yet the one we live on was made in six days by one person.

When a girl is caught red in the face after a train has passed through a tunnel, it is not always a sign that the smoke has choked her.

After a man has taken about twenty eye-openers, he should be able to see the error of his way.

The man with nerve hasn't nerves.

The photographer with the best reputation may never have made a photograph that looked like the original.

There are two stages in a man's life when he acts like a dunce. Once is when he is a boy—the second, when he has a boy.

If the truth were known, there are very few girls who pass 25 from preference without being married, and very few men who pass 30 without a feeling that a wife would be kind of handy to have around, to say the least. So what's the use of all this beating around the bush—better beat it around to the young woman's house.

Your wife isn't necessarily a jewel just because she requires such an expensive setting.

When an European bachelor nobleman tells his creditors to wait until his ship comes in, the name of some American heiress will probably be found on the passenger list.

A rule that works both ways is no loafer.

When a man subscribes to a campaign fund he thinks he ought to at least appear among the list of those who predict the election of the party ticket by a magnificent plurality.

The object of the "labor" movement is mainly "less labor."

Talks on Religious Liberty.

Prof. C. S. Longacre of Washington, D. C., International Field Secretary of the Religious Liberty Association, spoke Sunday night in the Armory. His address was a strong exhortation of any attempt on the part of the government to compel the observance of Sunday.

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