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## A PLEA FOR THE BIRDS

THE VETO AX HELPS SOME.

It Would Be a Crime to Kill Off the Pest Destroyers—Letter From Albert O. Yates.

If I mistake not, a bill was passed by the recent legislature allowing birds to be killed, as it is claimed they destroy the fruit. Fortunately the governor killed it with his little hatchet. It would have been the worst law that was ever framed. There will always be birds killed even with the existence of a law and such a law would induce wholesale slaughter. Nothing would suit the small boy better than to have the privilege of shooting every bird he sees. There is enough of that work going on now. What if the birds do eat some of the fruit? When trees are properly cared for there should be always a surplus for the pest destroyers. Years ago the people of France thought the same thing, and enacted a law to kill all the small birds. It was only a year or two and the law was changed, for the killing of the birds brought on a famine through the destruction wrought by the pests. Years ago, in Oregon, there was no kick coming about the birds, and there was fruit in abundance, equal to the best we have now a days. The robins are fond of cherries, but for all that, a law was made to prevent the killing of them. I have watched what they call the cherry bird at work clipping off the bloom just like a pair of shears would do it, and the ground strewn with the bloom like snow. I always note that the tree has plenty of cherries and I have no doubt they are a finer fruit because they have more sap to draw from. Spray your trees and prune them, that is what you want to do. Then you won't begrudge the feathered tribe their little feast. We need myriads of the fly-catching species here, such as swallows. We need the beautiful songsters to make more beautiful our Oregon spring. We need the cuckoo, the thrush or mavis, the linnets, the finches, such as they have in England. Take a trip over there in the beautiful spring time and listen to the songs of the feathered chorus. Look at the sky lark, as he soars for a mile above, singing the sweetest strains to his mate as she sits on her nest in fields of clover or grass. "Hark hark, the lark at heaven's gate, sings, When Phoebus begins to rise." Watch him descend, swift as an arrow almost down to his little home, to hear the praise of his little mate. If people would take more interest in the birds it would be better. Can there be anything more elevating to the mind than to hear the sweet songs of the birds as you lay 'neath some tree near a pretty stream, listening to the "song of the brook." Why is it that Oregon is lacking in all such feathered species? It was the first thing I noted when I came to this country. No music of the birds, no songbirds, only a note or two from the meadow lark to enliven the seasons of spring and summer.

It is to be hoped that steps will be taken to introduce such feathered songsters, as they are pest destroyers as well and richly pay for the fruit they eat. What were they created for but for such purposes and to relieve the monotony of the silent forests and glades. To listen to the beautiful music brings with it a spirit of contentment, otherwise not experienced by the stillness of the wilds of nature.

ALBERT O. YATES.

The Eugene Register says: "If any class of business men ever had good reason for the formation of a trust with a view of advancing prices, the Press of this country presents that justification at this time." On account of the repeated advance in the price of paper, ink, labor, etc., with no corresponding increase in the prices of newspapers,

## COLONIST RATES NOW ON SALE

ARE YOU READY FOR THE CROWD?

Cheap Rates to All Oregon Points From All Over the United States.

Special Correspondent.  
Portland, Oregon, March 4, 1907.—The colonist rates from all points in the United States to Oregon went into effect March 1st, and the sale of tickets from many centers was larger than ever before. It has not been generally known that these tickets were on sale from the cities on the Atlantic coast, and from all points in the South. The fact that tickets can be bought at any time now until April 30th, from New York City to almost any point in Oregon for \$50, from Buffalo for \$42.50, Pittsburg for \$41, Cincinnati and Louisville for \$38, and Memphis for \$37.50, and that these same rates are available at every country town in the territory surrounding these cities, will bring thousands of people. These rates are being advertised by the various railroads throughout the United States, and this, augmented by the special effort of the Portland Commercial Club Oregon Development League campaign, will certainly put this state to the forefront and result in a largely increased population.

Beginning in the latter part of February, citizens of Portland and other places in Oregon were buying tickets for their friends in the East, and this can be accomplished by depositing the cost of any ticket with any agent, throughout the entire state of Oregon. The business men and property holders of the city, and indeed, are exceedingly enthusiastic relative to these low rates and are liberally subscribing their money to advertise the resources of Oregon. Large display cards "All Roads Lead to Oregon" are being shown in the windows of the stores and offices of Portland, which give the details and particulars of the colonist rates, and there is no subject that is being more thoroughly discussed. Never until the present occasion has Oregon taken full and complete advantage of this opportunity to get increased immigration, and now that the rates are available from such a vast portion of the country, every commercial organization in the state, by inducing the people of the state to write letters to old friends and old home papers, in which they will give good and sufficient reasons why Oregon is the state in which to settle.

Safety in Train Operation.

Having decided long ago that an ounce of prevention was worth several pounds of cure in the operation of a railway, officials of the Northwestern line at last have forced their trainmen to adopt the same point of view. The announcement that not one of the 1,625 "surprise tests" made on the road in the last year had disclosed one instance where signals were ignored is practically opportune at a time when the public mind has been filled with accounts of disastrous railway accidents in all parts of the country. So long as man plays a part in the operating of railway trains, the possibility of accidents must remain, for "the best sometimes forget," but it seems that the Northwestern has reduced this possibility to the human minimum. The series of tests, the ultimate purpose of which was to increase the safety of passengers, was conducted during the last year. As stated, not one of the 1,625 "surprise tests" failed. They consisted of 614 Hall block and 1,011 distant signal experiments. In not one instance did the engine crew ignore the signal. Not content with this, the operating officials conducted more than 1,500 additional tests on points of less importance, such as audible, slow and stop signals. In only sixteen instances were these warnings ignored.

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## BOSS RUEF TAKES A SNEAK

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The Notorious Boss Hiding in the City—Judge Dunn Orders His Presence in Court.

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