

Bird Cripples Live Under Big Handicap

As in the case of human beings, so in bird life there are those which for some reason or other are fated to go through life with certain handicaps.

Unfortunately, man is mainly responsible for bird cripples. Rabbit trapping, as carried on today, is responsible for damage to thousands of pheasants. No less than 50 per cent of those shot in a small wood recently had only one foot, but they had managed to survive and were in perfect condition apart from this damage.

Smaller birds often get a leg smashed, but seem able to get along without it by hopping on the sound one and using their wings. Not only will a starling just manage to exist under such conditions, but it will fight and scramble after food and manage to hold its own.

In wild-fowling it is frequently found that after large flock of birds has been put to flight a smaller number remain behind and seem loath to fly. If these were examined through a good pair of glasses, they will be seen to be the halt and the lame that have been damaged in some part of the body.

Nature has a rough-and-ready way of healing their hurts and many cripples survive for a time.

Few birds that are born cripples survive for long, for their enemies are many and the weakest are the first to go.

Doctor's "Pull" Landed Him in Mayor's Chair

The only doctor in Scrapville declared that he would like to be mayor, so he came out in the Scrapville Times with the following notice:

"Fellow citizens, I am running for mayor. I have no particular platform, no reforms to make, nothing to say against my opponent; I merely desire to be mayor of this town before I die. I know every man, woman and child in this town. I have been present at every birth, marriage or death in Scrapville for the past forty years. If I am not elected I am going to leave the town. But before I go I will tell all I know about each one of you."

For the first time in the history of the town everyone of legal age turned out. When the ballots were counted the old doctor had received all but one vote, and that was cast by a man who had just moved into town.—Los Angeles Times.

Well-Trained Horses

Visitors to a circus or fair are always much impressed by the clever acting of the horses which prance around the ring and rise up on their hind legs and dance to the music of the band. In fact, so highly have horses been trained that at the circus of Cortz Altdorf, a famous continental ring, a horse made a number of balloon ascents alone. The ancients are said to have been great masters of horse training. The people of Italy taught their horses to dance to the music of the pipe. In the Thirteenth century there was shown a famous rope-dancing horse, while the artists of the Fourteenth century found plenty of scope for their talents in depicting the different methods employed in the instruction of performing ponies and horses, one of which was taught to tap his forelegs and hind legs on a board like a man playing a drum.

Curiosity Wins

"Look here," began the youth, as he entered a butcher's shop and displayed two lovely-looking black-and-blue eyes, "you have fresh beef for sale?"

"I have," responded the butcher. "And fresh beef is good for black eyes, is it not?"

"It is."

"Very well, I have the eyes, you have the beef. Do you think you can sell me a pound or so without asking how I got ornamented?"

"I'll do my best, sir."

The butcher cut off the meat and received his money without another look at his customer. At the last moment, however, the old Adam proved too strong for him.

"Look here," he said, handing back the cash, "I'll make you a present of the beef. Now tell me all about the fight."

Billiards on Horseback

One of the novelties introduced in the game of billiards was the playing of a game on horseback by the members of the Paris Jockey club in 1838. The horses were taken up a flight of stairs to the billiard room with great difficulty. The game was for 12 points up and was finished in 20 minutes.

The origin of the game of billiards is rather hazy. Too great proficiency at billiards even today is said by many to be a sign of a misspent youth, and it was perhaps this idea that kept our forefathers so quiet upon the subject, says a writer in *Tit-Bits*. That it existed centuries ago is indicated by a passage in Shakespeare's "Cleopatra" in which the "ophile Charismon" refers to chess.

Dominion Sought as the Perfect Freedom

The history of the struggle for liberty in the deeper sense is thus not merely the history of wars fought and battles won in the name of deliverance from oppression. It is the history of the struggle of mankind for dominion; and dominion is only another name for the perfect freedom.

Man has achieved not only freedom from the beast, but dominion over it, not only freedom from enemy man but dominion over him. He has achieved at least a partial safety from the elements, and exercises at least a partial dominion over them. He has learned to divert and dominate the lightning; he has made fire and water his slaves, and only on occasion do they rise against him; he has subdued the hard earth with the share, and converted its minerals and metals from dead weights into the ministers of his comfort. He has made the labor of an hour the achievement of a minute; he can travel in a day by sea the week's distance of his grandfather's, and by land the distance of their month; he has vanquished the air. In these ways and others he has won new liberties. In these ways and others he is seeking liberty still—through the control of natural forces, the conquest of disease, the control of intelligence, the control of passion, the control of men in masses and singly.—Grant Showerman in the University of California Chronicle.

Odd Method of Travel Called "Ride and Tie"

Salmon P. Chase, Lincoln's secretary of the treasury, showed financial ability early in his life. When he went from his New Hampshire home to Worthington, Ohio, to live with his uncle, he was accompanied by an older brother as far as Cleveland, where he was given instructions as to how to reach Worthington. Finding that he had to wait several days for a coach to take him as far as Medina, he obtained a canoe and earned several dollars by ferrying people across the Cuyahoga river, relates J. H. Galbraith, Ohio historian. In Medina he met two young men from Worthington, whom he was to accompany on their return trip. They had come on horseback, so young Chase was introduced to the "ride and tie" method of travel. One of them would mount the horse and ride forward several miles, of course outstripping the one who walked. Then the rider would dismount and tie the horse by the roadside and press on foot. The other would reach the horse, mount it and passing his companion, would tie it and go ahead on foot. In this way the horse was spared a double burden and the travelers made good speed.

Of the Old School

An old gentleman and a very young lady arrive simultaneously at the elevator in a large hotel. Both are French. (This is a true story.)

"Room for one," says the elevator boy.

The old gentleman, with a courteous bow and a murmured "Madame!" stands to one side.

"Oh, not at all," declares the young lady smilingly. "I am young, and I'll walk up."

"Precisely, madame, you are young, whereas I belong to the period when one surrendered one's place to a lady. So you must understand, my dear, that I am too old to take yours."

The young lady smiles and steps into the elevator—but forgets to say "Thank you."—From *Le Figaro Hebdomadaire*, Paris. (Translated for the Kansas City Star.)

Engine Cylinders

The Society of Automotive Engineers says that all radial or rotary engines as commonly used in airplanes have an odd number of cylinders around a single crank. The firing order skips alternate cylinders, and will have occurred in all the cylinders in two complete revolutions of the crank or cylinder, depending on whether the engine is a fixed or rotary radial engine. Engines of this type having an even number of cylinders, such as 10 or 14, are composed of two banks of five and seven cylinders, respectively. Radial and rotary engines are characterized by having the cylinders disposed at equal angular intervals around a complete circle.

Education and Business

An insurance company, like many companies in other lines of business, found that it is not always wise to employ a man too well educated. He may be too ambitious to stay, or at least may feel himself above it and not put whole-hearted effort into it. For many filling jobs a high school graduate is far more desirable than a college graduate. But a high school graduate has more persistence than a man who went only part way through high school. Likewise a college graduate is more likely to stick if no one who went to college but not all the way through—

The American brings two families to Ashland.

Jackson by No Means Lacking in Education

John Quincy Adams declined to attend the ceremonies at Harvard college in 1833 when the honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Andrew Jackson, then President of the United States.

His reason, according to his diary, was that "as an affectionate child of our alma mater, I would not be present to witness her disgrace in conferring her highest literary honors upon a barbarian who could not write a sentence of grammar and hardly could spell his own name."

Adams' estimate of Jackson has been challenged by Dr. Archibald Henderson, who tells in the Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer, the result of his exhaustive researches regarding Jackson's early life. He finds that Jackson, as a boy, received a better education than the average child of his station in life.

Later he attended Waxhaw academy. He continued his studies in that part of Carolina known then as New Acquisition. An account of the life of Rev. Francis Cummins, once a teacher at Bethel, S. C., shows that Jackson was one of his pupils and there is evidence that for a short time Jackson attended Queen's museum in Charlotte, N. C.

Visitor Surely Had Impressed Small Boy

There was great excitement in the Jones home out on Long Island. A real lord was paying them a visit. He was now sitting at the dinner table and Mrs. Jones fluttered as she urged my lord to eat this and that.

Mr. Jones, swollen with a sense of the great honor bestowed upon his household, began each sentence with lord and ended it the same way with a worshipful not to say reverential, air.

As a special privilege—thinking that he might talk about it in his maturer years—little Willie Jones, aged five, had been permitted to attend the function on condition that he refrain from talking unless spoken to. Mindful of this pledge, the little fellow sat in silence, his large round eyes fixed in a stare upon the face and form of the stranger.

But when he saw the visitor's eye roaming hither and yon across the laden table as though seeking something, an innate sense of hospitality moved him to speak.

"Mom! Oh, mom!" said Willie.

"What is it, Willie?" asked the mother.

"God wants a pickle."—Everybody's Magazine.

Columbus' Debt to Wife

If it be true that there is a woman in the background in every notable achievement, there seems to be justification in calling Dona Felipa, the wife of Christopher Columbus, that influence in the life of the man who was later to discover the western world.

When Columbus talked to her about his exploration enthusiasms, she was sympathetic and his ambitions appear to have found grateful nurture at their fireside. There is a tale of how Dona Isabella, Columbus' mother-in-law, produced an old box containing maps and logs—plausibly kept relics of her husband's. It may be that something found in this box prompted in Columbus the conception, later to become a flaming article of faith, of a land beyond the horizon.—Kansas City Times.

Prophetic Plant

A plant which is said to be able to predict earthquakes and volcanic eruptions bears the scientific name of *Abrus precatorius*. It is a native of Cuba, has no flowers, and consists of a long stalk from which branch numerous twigs containing rows of delicate-looking leaves. The leaves frequently change color or close, while the twigs bend themselves into curious positions.

This plant is highly sensitive to electric and magnetic influences, and by being able to interpret the movements of the plant in response to electric currents the scientist is enabled to predict great convulsions of nature.

Flowers and Coins

Plenty of money has always gone into floral exhibitions, and this is literally true in England, where a florist has succeeded in getting delicate tints with the aid of silver coins. He drops silver coins in water in which the flowers are standing. Silver hydroxide is formed and the action of the chemical changes the natural color of the blossoms, giving them shadings not possible under natural conditions. After the coloring has proceeded to a satisfactory degree, the coins are removed and a few crumbs of slaked lime or mortar are added to fix the tint.

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envelopes, bills, etc., will beat many advertised "special prices" one sees in magazines. Count the quality of stock and compare our prices. Give us a trial order. Come in and see us any way.

Only one year and a half ago, July 1925, the Lithia Springs Hotel was completed and opened to the tourist and traveler. Ashland is now well equipped with her several hotels to adequately welcome the visitor to Oregon and to direct the way to lakes and mountains, fishing and hunting, the beautiful Rogue river and majestic Crater Lake.

ASHLAND

Ashland the first city in Oregon, on the paved Pacific highway, just 22 miles from the California line, has many attractive features that are not found in many other cities. Lithia Park astonishes and delights the visitor and proves a source of rest and comfort to the weary. Mineral springs of a variety and quality rare indeed bring relief to many and a climate of equability and rareness satisfies the year around. A city of 6000 people, State Normal, pretty homes, business and wealth.

Many citizens in Ashland and south across the state line, also residents of Talent and Phoenix, have remarked that the southern part of Jackson county needed a weekly paper. Country people, as well as the town and city dwellers, appreciate a good weekly, when they read every line and ad news for week-end offerings.

A daily paper is splendid for state and national news and very important for quick reading where a glance at the head lines tell the story. The Ashland American will strive to fill the weekly field and will expand with age. We want weekly reports and programs from all churches, lodges, clubs and societies. Why not each church appoint a press agent to bring in the announcements every week. Regular church announcements are gladly run free.

A dozen business blocks with many business houses and every line represented. Most everything one wants can be obtained here at home. We would like to see every concern in the city represented each week in the columns of the home weekly paper, even if that ad were a wee small one.

We want every ad from one inch to a double page. But we want them all that the outside readers as well as the home folks might see what we really have here. Keep your name constantly before the public; it isn't going to cost much and the returns will pay big dividends in more ways than one.

We haven't started the weekly lodge directory yet, as all the lodges haven't had time to meet or order the standing cards. Nevertheless, we assure all that your lodge meets regularly in Ashland and we will give you dates of meetings, officers, etc., in a weekly lodge directory just as soon as we can arrange for it.

All churches, lodges and schools have use of the American columns. We want all the society doings and expect each organization to hand in or send in this news, and we appreciate reports from each. Church notices, where no charge is involved, are free. We are your paper. Use us. Thanks.

Take your home papers first.

If it is readers one wants, the Ashland American sure has them with the combined list of two papers. Six thousand eyes will no doubt see this issue, and soon look for January and February clearance sales. We are modest in mentioning the number of eyes, as many papers count a thousand regular subscribers as four readers to each subscriber and, of course, each reader is supposed to have two eyes. However, do you know many weekly papers with a guaranteed edition, weekly, of a thousand names?

Churches, homes, schools, lodges, parks, hotels, and splendid business firms make Ashland the desirable place to live. Then, the best climate on the continent.

CENTRAL POINT STATE BANK

We published a statement of the condition of the Central Point State Bank, last week, that was certainly a credit to that bank and the thriving little city of Central Point. J. O. Isaacson, president, is one of the best bankers in the state and his institution merits praise. The totals for the quarter just ending show \$316,865.29.

Every box holder on each rural route out of Ashland will receive the Ashland American. We hope you like it and send in your subscription.

Ask for Appropriation for Normal.

An appropriation of \$150,000 will be asked of the legislature by the regents of the Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland, it was learned recently. A portion of the amount will be used to build a new dormitory housing 150 students, while \$33,210 will be used for maintenance in addition to the millage fund and tuition fees collected by the school.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS OF ASHLAND WILL ESTABLISH HOME

By Mail-Tribune Correspondent

Camp Fire girls are to have a home a place suited to the needs of the girls, a place that will form a headquarters for camp fire activities and a resort for week-end parties and good times in general. The board of sponsors of the various camp fire groups, has leased from Mrs. Lillian English, building on Terrace street which is far enough removed from the busy part of town to give some isolation and yet near enough to be within easy access of every camp fire girl in the city. The building is to be simply furnished to make a comfortable camp place. Bunks will be erected, necessary kitchen needs will be supplied, so that the girls will have every opportunity for the good times that girls love when they meet in groups and compete in various activities of camp life. The establishment will serve 114 girls who are registered in the various camps that are presided over by several of the teachers of the Ashland schools.

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