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THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 1917.

THE ENGLISH SPARROW

Of all our birds the English Sparrow has the greatest number of fierce critics and the smallest number of friends. He is the constant object of denunciation, and to him all the faults that a bird can possess, all the crimes that a little bird can commit, are constantly imputed. His ruthless slaughter is advised and means of accomplishing his extermination are suggested, while the law, which protects or tries to protect most other birds, coldly ignores the existence of this one. Yet at last a friend of the English Sparrow has appeared, and he is a friend who speaks with some authority.

Archibald C. Weeks, Librarian of the Brooklyn Entomological society, in a letter to The Sun earnestly denies practically every serious charge that has been brought against this despised immigrant, and insists that he is a decidedly valuable acquisition—a real national asset—and worthy of cordial admiration and encouragement. The English Sparrow, says Mr. Weeks, is a most industrious destroyer of noxious insects and noxious weeds, rendering in this way services vastly counterbalancing the little harm he does and the little annoyance he causes by his untidy habits. Even the accusation that the sparrow drives the native birds away is refuted by the argument that the sparrow clings close to human habitation where the native birds do not care to come except for brief and occasional visits. All the vast expanses of field and forest are left for them and they need no more.

LOW FIRE LOSS.

A loss to the government of \$162,385 in timber, forage and young growth was caused by fires on the National Forests in 1916, according to statistics compiled by the Forest Service. Of this loss \$35,000 occurred in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Although there was more than the average number of fires, the loss is the smallest that has been sustained from fires since the National Forests were established. A favorable season in the regions where the most severe damage is usually sustained is given as the chief reason for the relatively small loss.

A total of 299,377 acres of government land was burned over. In addition to this, the fires covered 133,160 acres of privately owned land in the National Forests where timber valued at \$36,214 was consumed. About 44 per cent of the total area burned was located in the National Forests of Arkansas and Florida.

Of the 5,655 fires which occurred 4,133, or 73 per cent, were confined to areas of less than 10 acres. Many of these small fires according to the Forest Service, might have developed into serious conflagrations had they not been extinguished in their incipency.

The average cost of fighting each fire was approximately half that of former years. Lightning was the chief cause of the fires

and was responsible for 23 per cent of all those which occurred. The causes of 18 per cent were unknown, while careless campers started 17 per cent. There was a slight increase in the fires of incendiary origin, as well as of those started by sparks from loco motives. With the exception of those caused by lightning, all the fires were due to human agencies. One fire in Idaho which burned 600,000 feet of timber was caused by the carelessness of a ten-year-old boy.

THE LOOKING GLASS

Tis state is now supposed to be—
we hate to be obvious, but we suppose
we must say it—
bone dry.

But we know of one spot
not in the wilds of Southern Oregon,
either,

which wasn't
just a little while ago,
but it is now

for in the night "thieves broke in and
stole the treasure."

And we heard, it was a whole case,
too.

Now we suppose the worthy owner
we mean the first one, of course,

will think

we took it,
but we didn't,

for we didn't know about it,
in time.

ENTERTAINED BROTHER.

HOOD MONDAY EVENING

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tour of the church.

The Eugene visitors present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Starbuck, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edblom, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bristow and daughter, Professor C. L. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Ash and son, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Devers, Professor and Mrs. A. R. Sweetser, Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Bartle, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Flegal, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCallister, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hullin, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lewis, Dr. G. H. Parkinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gilbert, Charles Stevens, Mrs. J. F. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cockerline, Mrs. R. A. Booth, and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Duncan.

The committee in charge of the affair was composed of R. W. Smith, Dr. W. H. Pollard, Dr. N. W. Emery, Oswald Olson and W. S. Wright.

MAKING PLANS FOR INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT WILSON

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Then Mr. Wilson will get into his glass cage and review the show the country loves to see once every four years.

Card of Thanks.

We take this means of thanking all those who so kindly extended their help during the recent illness and death of our wife and mother. Also, we wish to thank those who so kindly tendered their automobiles during the funeral, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

Via Williams
Gertrude Williams
George Williams.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE

In the matter of Notice of Hearing the Estate of on Final Account Ruth V. Grant of Administrator.

WHEREAS, the undersigned Henry Grant, Administrator of the said estate, has filed herein his final account and the Hon. H. L. Bown, Judge of said Court, by order dated February 20th, 1917, has appointed the 28th day of March, 1917, at 10:00 A. M. for hearing objections to said final account and settlement thereof.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having objections to said final account as filed will appear on said date and enter their objections thereto, or said administration will be then closed.

Henry Grant, Administrator
Swafford and McGinnis, Attorneys
Feb. 22, 1917.



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BEAN SHOOTER MINDS MAKE RACE OF BORES

All Too Much Alike, Says Dr. Vincent, Rockefeller Foundation Head.

Chicago.—Dr. George Edgar Vincent, president of the University of Minnesota and president elect of the Rockefeller Foundation, spoke on "Crowd Psychology" to 500 members of the Chicago Dental society at their fifty-third annual banquet. Some of his epigrams were:

"The truth is, we are so much alike that we bore each other almost to distraction."

"Some people have tubular minds, like bean shooters. You load them at one end and shoot the contents out of the other."

"Idiots and children are the only ones you cannot hypnotize."

"A society for the suppression of the obvious remark would soon fill a city block."

Dr. Vincent is one of the most rapid of after dinner orators. His humor found ready response from the members of the society and their wives and daughters. He said that his standards of ideals were abstractions from human personality.

"The hard headed person," he ended, "is one into whose brain you cannot drill an idea when he is not looking."

PONDER FIRST RECRUIT.

Postmistress Gets Reward of \$5 For "Soldier of the Sea."

Atlanta, Ga.—Ye feminine is rapidly outstripping her masculine rivals in military affairs, as a postmistress, like Joan of Arc, leads in the lure of the fighting man. In the activities of the postmaster campaign for recruits for the United States marine corps the first person to receive the \$5 reward for the securing of a recruit for the "soldiers of the sea" was a woman, Miss Mary Rudibill, handler of the mails in Forsyth, Ga., who enlisted Richard Lewis Powder of that place, according to First Sergeant Ernest H. Galway of the local marine corps recruiting station.

"There may be nothing in a name," mused Galway, "but he was the first, and that makes one powder."

Unreasonable.
Mr. Fuser—Aren't you nearly ready?
Mrs. Fuser—I wish you'd stop asking me that question. I've been telling you for the last hour that I'd be ready in a minute!

Caustic Advice.
Clara—He says he thinks Em the oldest girl in town. Shall I ask him to call? Sarah—No, dear; let him keep on thinking so.—Town Topics.

Makes For Happiness.
"Are you happily married?"
"Very. His wife night falls on my literary club nights."—Exchange.

Comprehensive.
"I understand you have bought a set of Shakespeare's works."
"Yes," replied Mr. Datwalle loftily, "complete set."
"And a glossary, too, I presume?"
"Oh, yes, yes! In fact, everything Shakespeare wrote"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Higher Authority.
Willis—The Highflinders are going to give up their big house this year. Mrs. Willis—You must be mistaken. I was talking with Mrs. Highflinder only yesterday. Willis—Well, I was talking with the mortgagee only this morning.—Puck.

Real Estate Transfer.
A. J. Perkins et ux to F. E. Keyes, lots 2 and 4 blk. 92 Washburne sub. of S. I. & P. Co's add. to Springfield—\$10.

Notice to Lot Owners.

All persons indebted to the Springfield Lodge I. O. O. F. number 70, for lots in the Laurel Hill Cemetery are hereby given notice to settle accounts at once or remaining portions of lots unused will be sold as per rules of Cemetery.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.
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