

Biological Survey Cares for Wild Life

Saving the wild birds and animals which are of use to the United States is one of the big tasks of the U. S. Biological Survey at Washington. This branch of government activity is under the Department of Agriculture and is busy constantly with scientific experiments which are of interest to those concerned with the preservation of our wild animals and birds. In writing of some of the tasks performed by the Survey, W. C. Henderson, associate chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, says in the current issue of the National Republic:

"There are very few people either in the city or town or on the farm, who do not enjoy the time spent in the open, in surroundings of hills and streams, forests, lakes and meadows. All love our country's 'rocks and rills,' and its 'woods and templed hills,' and not the least of these enjoyments is that produced by the presence in these places of the song and game birds, the deer and other big-game mammals, and the smaller and elusive fur bearers.

"Nor does it detract from the beauty of the wonders of nature to know that we are preserving the wild birds, and animals for our continued enjoyment and for the pleasure of future generations by measures based upon scientific investigation. Our national Congress has created a wild-life service of the federal government to conduct the necessary research and to apply measures of conservation and control. This agency is one of the scientific bureaus of the Department of Agriculture, and is known as the Bureau of Biological Survey.

"The Biological Survey serves the man out of doors and the public generally by studies of all phases of our wild birds and four-footed animals. It maintains refuges for their perpetuation. It administers laws designed to allow proper use and enjoyment of this great natural resource and at the same time to prevent such abuse as would bring the various species to ultimate if not speedy extermination. In cooperation with the states it undertakes measures to control predatory and other injurious species.

"The individual states have sole power to enact such laws as relate to the hunting and trapping of non-migratory game and fur-bearers. They cooperate, however, with the federal authorities in regulating the hunting of migratory birds.

"To obtain the fundamental information necessary for a wise administration of our wild-life resources, biologists of the Survey for the past forty-four years have been collecting authentic information regarding the life habits of birds and

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Year	Games	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	PC.
1925	10	9	2	6	7	1	0	0	.667
1926	26	32	8	10	14	2	1	0	.313
1927	61	130	23	42	57	6	3	3	.323
1928	118	400	85	121	219	29	10	13	.328
1929	86	310	71	120	200	13	8	17	.367
Totals	301	881	189	309	507	51	24	33	.351

mammals; their geographic distribution and migration; their natural requirements as to food, water and nesting areas; and their relations to the farmer, the orchardist and the stockgrower.

"This opens up a complex situation, for every form of wild life requires food for its continued existence, and in getting the food that it has been accustomed to take for untold generations, it is sure to come into competition in some places with farming and other industrial activities. The Biological Survey is striving to protect the interests of both the wild life and of the farmer and stockman, and work for the preservation of the valuable and harmless species of our wild animals and birds."

The mean man who used to starve his horse nearly to death and still make it work, has found that he can't do the same thing to his automobile.

Livestock Shippers May Face Increase in Rates

Portland, Ore., Sept. 10.—"If the railroads have their way at the final argument in Washington, D. C., Oct. 1, livestock producers of the Mountain-Pacific Northwest will be put at a permanent disadvantage as to freight rates," declared William Pollman, vice-president of the American National Livestock association and past president of the Shippers' league and the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, after going over with Arthur M. Geary, attorney for shippers, the reply briefs just filed at the office of the Northwestern Livestock Shippers' Traffic league here. The railroads are not satisfied with the proposals of Examiners Stiles and Parkers to increase the

cattle and hog rates 7 to 16 percent above the Oregon Cattle Raisers' scale found reasonable by the commission in 1926. Mr. Pollman pointed out, and in addition they ask the commission to raise sheep rates correspondingly.

"Although the Hoch-Smith resolution passed by Congress in 1925 as heralded as an agricultural relief measure, it is apparent from the proposals of the carriers and the stand taken in the proposed report of the examiners that there is possibility of the railroads and various market interests gaining and the producers losing," said Mr. Pollman.

Mr. Pollman has not been able during the past few years to take an active part in the work of the various stock associations with which he is affiliated because of ill health. However, he keeps in constant touch with developments in the livestock freight rate investigation and is a strong advocate of keeping open the widest possible channels of distribution for livestock, as evidenced by the following statement: "Under the Hoch-Smith resolution the commission is

under mandate to prescribe rates providing freedom of movement, and this is what the livestock producers need."

Emmett Cochran was among other stockmen in the city the end of the week. Several cattle men of his section near Monument drove in fat cattle for shipment to the Portland market, several cars leaving the local yards Saturday night.

Oscar Otto, former Heppner music store proprietor and now a leading farmer of the Irrigon project, was in Heppner Friday delivering melons.

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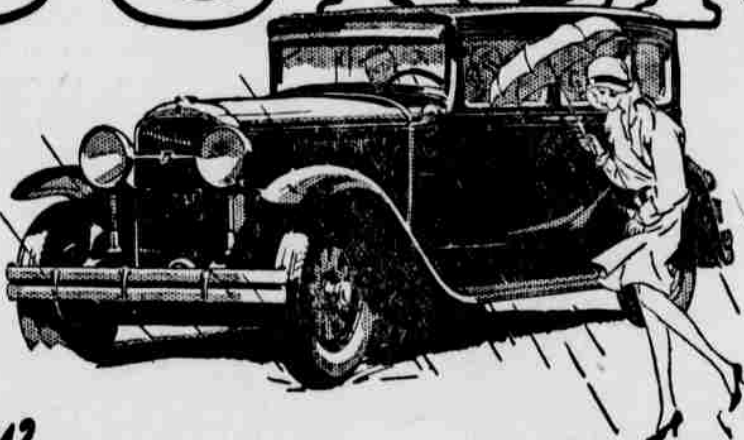
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