

SENATOR HOAR'S FAMOUS BIRD PETITION.

Teachers who wish to observe "Bird Day" in accordance with the plans of the Liberty Bell Bird Club, and the recommendations of H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, should arrange a place on the program for the reading of Senator Hoar's Bird petition. This was presented in the Massachusetts Legislature by Senator George F. Hoar and aroused such enthusiasm that it resulted at once in the passage of certain bird protective legislation which was desired by the Audubon society. It was said by Prof. Surface, in his Quarterly Zoological Bulletin, of Feb. 1904, "It will never grow old and should be read by every person at least once every ten years. It is as follows:

"To the great and general court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: We, the song birds of Massachusetts; and their play fellows, make this our humble petition:

We know more about you than you think we do. We know how good you are. We have hopped about the roofs and looked in at the windows of the houses you have built for poor and sick and hungry people and little lame and deaf and blind children. We have built our nests in the trees and sung many a song as we flew about the gardens and parks you have made so beautiful for your own children, especially for your poor children, to play in.

Every year we fly a great way over the country, keeping all the time where the sun is bright and warm; and we know that whenever you do anything other people over the great land between the seas and the great lakes find it out and pretty soon will try to do the same thing. We know; we know. We are Americans just as you are. Some of us like some of you, came from across the great sea, but most of the birds like us have lived here a long while; and birds like us welcomed your fathers when they came here many years ago. Our fathers and mothers have always done their best to please your fathers and mothers.

Now, we have a sad story to tell you. Thoughtless or bad people are trying to destroy us. They kill us because our feathers are beautiful. Even pretty and sweet girls, who we should think would be our best friends, kill our brothers and children so that they may wear their plumage on their hats. Sometimes people kill us from mere wantonness. Cruel boys destroy our nests and steal our eggs and our young ones. People with guns and snares lie in wait to kill us, as if the place for the bird were not in the sky, alive, but in a shop window or under a glass case. If this goes on much longer, all your song birds will be gone. Already, we are told, in some countries that used to be full of birds, they are almost gone. Even the nightingales are being killed in Italy.

Now, we humbly pray that you will stop all this and will save us from this sad fate. You have already made a law that no one shall kill a harmless song bird or destroy our nests or our eggs. Will you please to make another that no one shall wear our feathers, so that no one will kill us to get them? We want them all ourselves. Your pretty girls are pretty enough without them. We are told that it is as easy for you to do it as for Blackbird to whistle.

If you will, we know how to pay you a hundred times over. We will teach your children to keep themselves clean and neat. We will show them how to live together in peace and love and to agree as we do in our nests. We will build pretty houses which you will like to see. We will play about your garden, and flower beds—ourselves like flowers on wings—without any cost to you. We will give you our best songs and make the spring more beautiful and the summer sweeter to you. Every June morning when you go out into the field Oriole and Blackbird and Bobolink will fly after you and make the day more delightful to you; and when you go home tired at sundown, Vespar Sparrow will tell you how grateful we are. When you sit on your porch after dark, Flite bird and Hermit Thrush and Wood Thrush will sing to you and even Whip-poor-will will cheer you up a little. We know where we are safe. In a little while all the birds will come to live in Massachusetts again, and everybody who loves music will like to make a summer home with you.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

J. L. Southern, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, writes, "Years ago I wrote you in regard to great results I obtained from Foley Kidney Pills. After all these years I have never had a return of those terrible backaches or sleepless nights; I am permanently cured." Men and women, young and old, find this desirable remedy relieves rheumatism, backache, stiff joints and ills caused by weak or diseased kidneys or bladder.

FARM AGENT URGES FRUIT TREES' CARE

Bulletin No. 343 from the New York Cornell experiment station makes a report on a number of investigations made in selecting seed oats. They have found that a number of factors bring higher yields.

Varieties having a long kernel in general seem to have a smaller kernel having greater breadth in proportion to their length gave a higher weight per bushel. They also found that particularly large kernels tended to have a thick hull and therefore a low percentage of meat. The conclusion arrived at for New York conditions was that oats of the small or medium seeded strains was the more desirable.

A recent report from a 2,000 hen farm is rather interesting. The total investment is \$10,000. The average annual egg production claimed is 144 eggs with a cost per hen of \$1.50 for feed and \$1.06 for other expenses. This makes a cost of 21 3/2 cents per dozen of eggs. The average price received was 36 cents making a profit of \$1.72.

An agricultural society in Scotland has estimated that the average loss of lime from an acre per year is not less than 500 pounds of calcium carbonate. This loss is through drainage. They add that the loss is probably much higher on soils well manured. This does not take into account the amount removed by crops or in any other way.

This is the time of year when the large and small fruits about the farm should be gotten into good condition for the coming season. It is neither pleasant work or good for the tree to do pruning on extremely cold days.

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CASES FOR MAY TERM OF COURT.

The number of cases on the calendar for the May term of criminal court are accumulating, and already there is a sufficient number to keep officials busy. Among the cases not previously reported are:

- Clyde Baer; Elsie May Fisher, prosecutrix.
- Catherine Shurtart, ad; Peter Shurtart, prosecutor.
- John Stepono, assault and battery; Peter Shurtart, prosecutrix.
- Peter Maumeek, furnishing liquor to minors; Ed. Arisman, prosecutor.
- Alfred Jeannette, larceny; J. L. Tressler, prosecutrix.
- Peter Sanko and John Wasek violating the mining laws; F. W. Cunningham, prosecutrix.
- Joh Rabb, misrepresenting his age in order to procure beer; M. P. Shaffer, prosecutrix.
- John V. Shaffer, larceny; Daniel Shaulis, prosecutrix.
- Peter Peterson, larceny; C. C. Shaffer, prosecutrix.
- Slater W. Thomas; Ada Thomas, prosecutrix.
- Paul Duriski, assault and battery; John Stoyka, prosecutrix.
- Michael Tahay, violating the mining laws; Nicholas Evans, prosecutrix.
- John D. Sketchall; Minnie Evans, prosecutrix.
- Lester Devore, pointing firearms; Tony Leager, prosecutrix.
- John Risko and Steve Risok, receiving stolen goods; E. F. Ludwig, prosecutrix.
- John Bohle, aggravated assault and battery; Shandor Nestor, prosecutrix.
- Joe Gotich, robbery; E. F. Ludwig, prosecutrix.
- R. S. Shaver, selling and furnishing liquor to minors; Constable Griffith prosecutrix.

SEVENTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD.

Geo. W. Clough, Prentiss, Miss., who had suffered greatly with kidney trouble, writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are the only remedy that ever did me any good at all." Think of the relief and comfort that means to him. Foley Kidney Pills are recommended for sleep disturbing bladder troubles, pain in sides or back, rheumatism, and kidney and bladder ailments. Sold by all dealers everywhere.

Probably the largest herd of cattle handled in Somerset county in recent years, was a few days ago when D. B. Zimmerman had his agents buy and sell about three hundred cattle. One hundred were bought on the Augustine farms in Addison township and driven to Somerset by Enoch Blough and his assistants. Some of these cattle have been distributed on Mr. Zimmerman's farms, and others have been shipped to Johnstown or New York.

CONCRETE AND SEA WATER

Interesting Experiments Made to Determine the Action of Liquid and Frost on Material.

One of the largest construction companies in this country is making experiments to determine what is the action of sea water and frost upon concrete. According to Science Compactus, the company made 24 columns, each 16 feet long and 16 inches square, reinforced with iron bars near their corners and in January, 1909, immersed them in the water at the Boston navy yard. At high tide the water almost entirely covers them, but at low tide they are completely exposed. Thus in cold weather the columns are alternately thawed and frozen, as the tide rises and falls. The columns are made with various qualities of concrete—mixed dry, plastic, and very wet—and also with different qualities of cement. Experts are studying the effects of the addition of waterproofing materials, clay and other substances are added from time to time, and the effect is observed. Many years must elapse before it will be possible to tell with certainty which kind of concrete is most permanent. When last examined many of the columns were virtually unaffected; but others were badly eroded. The columns that contain the largest proportion of cement mixed wet have so far shown the least wear. Of two columns made with one part of cement to one of sand and two of stone, the one mixed dry was badly eroded over its entire length, whereas the other, which was mixed very wet, was only slightly pitted. The experiments, it is expected, will throw much light upon a problem that has long perplexed construction engineers.—Youth's Companion.

BROUGHT TO SINGLE SHEET

War's Effect on European Newspapers is Manifest in the Size of the Issues.

No one can have failed to observe how greatly the size of his daily paper has dwindled, how, in fact, everything which entails the consumption of paper exhibits a strict economy. This is owing to the shortage of paper due to the war, and it is quite possible that if the war lasts for any considerable time practically all English daily papers will consist of a single sheet. Already this step has been necessitated in France.

Some 15,000 tons of news and white paper in reel made from wood pulp are consumed each week in this country. Already the consumption has risen 25 per cent owing to the abnormal demand for war news—it would certainly have been greater were it not for the curtailment in size. Most of the paper used in England—about 11,500 tons—is manufactured in this country, but about 2,600 tons comes each week from the continent and 900 tons from Newfoundland.

The former source has already completely dried up, the immediate result being to send up the price of paper which before the outbreak of the war was about one penny a pound to 1 1/2 pence. And it will probably rise much higher.—English Exchange.

Helpfulness Sometimes Resented.

Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson's "Passing of the Third Floor Back" made a deep and lasting impression on Kansas City. It stimulates a fine desire to be more charitable and kindly. "We remember," writes Franklin P. Adams of New York, "the morning after seeing 'The Passing of the Third Floor Back,' we felt more than usually unworthy, and spiritual reform was working into our calloused heart. A young woman, carrying an aching heavy suitcase was walking up the subway stairs. 'Let me help you,' we said. 'Don't touch that!' she cried, as one about to bite. 'If you don't stop annoying me, I'll have you arrested.' So, fearing the headline, 'Bard Gets Jail Term for Mashing,' we ran away, like the coward we were."—Kansas City Star.

Birds Fly From Battle.

One of the war correspondents has noted the complete absence of birds from the battlefields of northern France and the consequent profusion of spiders and other cognate crawling things. Birds always desert scenes of heavy gunfire; and, what is more, they often do not return for many years. All birds left the theater of war in South Africa, and it is only now—14 years later—that they are returning. Meanwhile South Africa has suffered from a vexatious plague of ground insects—"tecks," as they call them over there. It is not supposed that the African birds left the country, but that they merely retired to some remote and peaceful part of the veldt.

Distances Near Suez.

Once again the makers of maps are busy. Most Englishmen had a vague idea that the Egyptian frontier ends with the Suez canal. That is not the case. From the map you will perceive that the British occupation extends across the very tip of the peninsula; the desert that cost the Children of Israel 40 years to cross!—London Chronicle.

Make Films of Skim Milk.

The menace of a "film famine" which because of the European war threaten to injure the American moving picture industry, has been banished. Moving picture film is being made out of skimmed milk. The first roll of practical skimmed-milk film was shown in the exhibit of the Illinois state food commissioner at the national dairy show.



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While attempting to board a moving train on Monday night of last week, at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, George Secrest, aged 30 yrs., a fireman on the B. & O. fell under the train and was killed. Mr. Secrest resided at Sand Patch and had been married about one year.

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