

HORNED LARKS

(Otocoris Alpestris Variety.)

SLIGHT DAMAGE THEY DO MORE THAN OFFSET BY GOOD THEY ACCOMPLISH

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The Horned Larks or Shore Larks are medium sized birds, marked with brown, black and white or yellow, as shown in the accompanying illustration.



HORNED LARKE

The males rise into the air in a flight which carries them upwards until they may be lost to sight. At such times their sweet, warbling song is often heard.

OATS Nebraska's Farmers Should Stick to Early Varieties.

(By R. G. MONTGOMERY, Dept. of Experimental Agronomy, University of Nebraska.)

What variety of oats shall we sow, is a question in the mind of more than one farmer in Nebraska at present.

Table with columns: Variety, Date ripe, Yield per acre, No. of ears per acre, Height, Color of grain.

which must be contended with by growers of oats in Nebraska at present. One is the decrease in the fertility of the land and the other is the hot, dry weather which sets in about the first of July.

Apparently, our oats crop is the first one to show the effect of decreased fertility and the complaint that oats do not pay has been heard more and more for the past five years.

Plow Across the Slope.

When you are plowing up a sloping field, always have the furrows run across the slope. This will go a long way toward preventing the washing away of the top soil.

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Print a want ad that tells what you can teach—and you'll soon have some private pupils.

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WORLD'S DEMAND FOR CHAMPAGNE CAUSE OF THE RIOTS IN FRANCE

Manufacturers Offered Other Wine as Famous Laughing Water Small Vine Dressers Are the Chief Factors of the Up-rising

THE world's demand for more champagne than the champagne district can produce is at the bottom of the serious rioting that is now taking place in France's most famous wine growing departments.

To have the origin of the trouble understood it is necessary to go back thirty years, when every vine dresser owned his own strip of land.

Two years later many new champagne houses started business. These firms imported wine from other parts of France, gave it the same treatment as the real article and sold it as genuine champagne.

Germany Competes. The Germany began to compete with fake champagne, and the lot of the old vine dresser became steadily worse and worse.

On March 19 last the inhabitants of the department of the Aube joined in a demonstration of protest at Bar-sur-Aube. Thousands of vineyard owners and workers went on a rampage.

FORGIVES MURDERER.

Widow of Former Governor Calls on His Slayer in Prison. Behind the walls of the Idaho penitentiary Harry Orchard, murderer of former Governor Frank Steiensenberg and confessed slayer of fourteen other men, stood face to face with the woman he had widowed and was forgiven by her.

"Oh," he exclaimed, with a look of horror, "I can't see her!" Then he related saying, "I would rather do almost anything else, but if Mrs. Steiensenberg has asked to see me, the least I can do is to grant her request."

It was a tense moment when the two were introduced. Mrs. Steiensenberg was first to speak, saying: "Mr. Orchard, I have made this journey to tell you that God has told me to forgive you. I have forgiven you the great wrong you did me, and I think that I could not have perfect peace until I tell you with my own lips."

HONEYMOON WITH GHOSTS.

Bridal Pair Will Live in "Haunted House" in Wisconsin. On a high bluff overlooking the Chippewa river in Wisconsin is a big residence that in the nine years it has been vacant has been given a wide berth by superstitious tramps.

Paperoo to Support Band.

Leon, a town of 400 persons in Kansas, claims the distinction of supporting a band in a more unusual way than any other town in Kansas.

and of March showed a determination to be stopped by nothing. They discarded their moderate readers and put themselves under the orders of the United Socialists and revolutionaries.

A fresh outbreak of rioting occurred on April 8, when the committee on agriculture of the chamber of deputies, to which the government had referred the champagne question, recommended that the delimitation be arranged so as to include all the departments belonging to the old province of Champagne.

Recent Outbreaks. On April 11 there were fresh manifestations in the department of the Marne against the restoration of the department of the Aube to the delimitation district.

The majority in the chamber of deputies, as in the senate, probably opposes the system of delimitation. The chamber, however, is proceeding cautiously, as it does not desire a ministerial crisis at a time when the budget, now four months belated, seems within a few days of conclusion.

The administration is continuing to oppose the suppression of the delimitation because it hopes to have the system recognized internationally. The Madrid convention has already assured such recognition between France and Spain, Great Britain, Switzerland, Portugal and Brazil.

GIRLS IN CAGES.

South Sea Islanders Keep Young Women Secluded Until Marriage. In some parts of New Britain the natives have a custom of placing young women in strict seclusion before marriage by imprisoning them in cages for several years until they reach a marriageable age.

The Rev. George Brown, who has spent many years of his life in the south sea islands endeavoring to stamp out polygamy and cannibalism among the natives, describes how on one occasion he inspected a number of these human cages. The atmosphere inside them was hot and stifling. He says: "The cage was quite clean and contained nothing but a few lengths of bamboo for holding water. There was only room for a girl to sit or lie down in a crouched position on the bamboo platform, and when the doors were shut it must have been nearly or quite dark inside."

"They are never allowed to come out except once a day to bathe in a dish or wooden bowl placed close to each cage. They are placed in the cages when quite young and must remain there until their marriage."

EARS TOO BIG FOR NAVY.

Would Be Recruited Because Sailors Would Kid Him. Charles R. Phillips, aged eighteen, of Carmel, Ill., applied to the naval recruiting officer to enlist him, saying the one ambition of his life was to be a sailor.

His measure was taken, and he was found to be in almost perfect condition, but the recruiting officer told him his ears were so big and attracted so much attention that all the sailors in the navy would kid you so that you would find life miserable," said the officer. "We cannot accept you."

Hard Wood For Tomb.

Philippine hardwoods are to be used in constructing the tomb of the late emperor of China. For the pillars of the tomb will be taken from the Mindanao forests, some of them already cut being sixty feet high and four feet in diameter.

Court at Fairfax.

Fairfax, S. D., April 29.—Special to The News: Circuit court is still in session. The civil action of Albert Bjornson against M. F. Harrington of

O'Neill for the recovery of \$1,000 fees paid for alleged failure to properly defend the plaintiff in a criminal action originating in 1906 in the case of Rosstad against Bjornson, was tried. Both sides contested every inch of the ground.

Samuel Jones. Ewing, Neb., April 29.—Special to The News: Samuel Jones of Scribner died Wednesday night at 11 o'clock. Mr. Jones was a nephew of D. A. Huston of Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. Huston left for Scribner on yesterday's early train to attend the funeral.

Mrs. George Nicholson. Wisner, Neb., April 29.—Special to The News: Mrs. George E. Nicholson of Wisner died last night at 5:30 in the Presbyterian hospital at Omaha. She was a widow and lived in Wisner for thirty years. She was very popular. She belonged to the Eastern Star and Royal Neighbors. She leaves three children: Hugo, county attorney of Cumby county; Robert, now attending the university, and Marian, attending the public schools of Wisner. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon in Wisner.

He Found Out. Fairfax Advertiser: Claus Stoffer, while walking along the railroad track about two miles west of Bonesteel, picked up a railroad torpedo, and being curious to see what was on the inside of it, placed the torpedo on the track and struck it a blow with a sledge hammer. He speedily found out, for fragments of the torpedo struck him in the face, badly cutting it and narrowly escaping tearing his left eye from its socket. He will be laid up for some time as the result of his injuries.

First Choice. Mr. Jawback. My dear, I was one of the first to leave. Mrs. Jawback—Oh, you always say that. Mr. Jawback—I can prove it this time. Look out in the hall and see the beautiful umbrella I brought home—Toledo Blade.

Johnny's Reasoning. Sunday School Teacher—What is conscience, Tommy? Tommy—An inward monitor. Sunday School Teacher—And what is a monitor, Johnny? Johnny—An ironed hat.—Chicago News.

The Man's Mistake. Out of loyalty to his own sex the manager of the woman's suit department discharged his young woman stenographer and hired a man. The first batch of letters dictated to the man were written to about a hundred old customers, whom he invited to examine privately a lot of exclusive garments before they were placed on sale. The day after the letters were mailed the women flocked into their eyes was the fire of the avenger rather than of the bargain hunter. One word which each woman had underlined in her letter explained their wrath. The garments, so the manager had meant to say, had been designed for women of stock figure, such as they possessed, but the male stenographer had drawn on the alphabet and had written it "stocky."

"No woman on earth would have been guilty of such a mistake," growled the manager. The next week the girl stenographer had her job back.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Great Men Tall and Short. A recent investigator has attempted to show that Lombroso and his followers were wrong in asserting that men of genius were of small stature. Of 230 individuals of eminence he found that figures were obtainable for 103; of these sixteen were of middle height, fifty-eight above and twenty-nine below.

Americans particularly combined greatness with inches. Jefferson and Jackson were more than six feet tall; Sumner was six feet four inches; and Washington, Lincoln and Beecher were more than six feet. Among famous foreigners, Tolstoy was a large man, and so were Thackeray, Bismarck and Darwin.

On the contrary, many of the world's greatest geniuses were under-sized and even deformed. Napoleon, Poe, Pope, Alexander the Great, Nelson, Blake and Caesar were small men. After all is said, genius is no respecter of rules.—New York American.

SENATE COMMITTEES MEET.

They're Busy Trying to Dig Down to Bottom of Accumulated Business. Washington, April 29.—Committee meetings were the order today for senators, members of the more important committees arriving early at the capitol to acquaint themselves with the mass of matter that has piled up since congress convened and which has remained practically untouched.

The fact that when the senate adjourned yesterday it was not to meet again until Monday gave opportunity to prepare for the serious business of the session which was prevented by the factional fight over committee assignments in the republican ranks. The house again had the free list bill before it. An effort yesterday to follow the lead of the senate and adjourn until Monday was frowned on by the democratic leaders because of the increasing number of members who have announced their intention of speaking on the measure. Representative Hammond of Minnesota, later in the day, is expected to make one of the principal speeches in advocacy of the bill.

CHICAGO'S WOMAN BOSS.

Mrs. Kate Doyle, Who Got Votes For the Harrison, Dead. Mrs. Kate Doyle, who became known as Chicago's foremost woman politician through her activities in behalf of the members of the Harrison family in their political campaigns since the father of the present mayor elected was a candidate for congress in 1873, is dead.

Mrs. Doyle, who was seventy-six years old, entered the Harrison family as a nurse in 1864. In the following nine years she became acquainted with many of the Irish voters of the city, assuming a political leadership over them that became an important element in the political affairs of the city. When Carter H. Harrison, Sr., became a candidate for congress in 1873 Mrs. Doyle began her career as an active politician. By her acquaintance with the Irish voters of the city she was enabled to give the Harrison forces material assistance in the campaign. Election day she visited the polls at the head of her forces, all of whom cast their ballots for Harrison. When Carter H. Harrison, Jr., began his political career Mrs. Doyle did effective work among the voters.

Saying the Right Thing. "I don't seem to be able to say the right thing to women," a bashful young man confided to us the other day, "and that's why I don't shine in society. I'll tell you an instance of it. Not long ago I met a woman I hadn't seen for years, and I could see that she was trying to keep young, so I thought I'd say a graceful thing to her. 'You carry your age remarkably well,' says I.

"Well, the moment I said it I could see that I was in wrong. She was looking chilly and getting red, so I said: 'Don't mind my little jokes. I never mean what I say. As a matter of fact, you don't carry your age a bit well.'"

"And then she killed me with a haughty look and sailed away without saying goodby. Say, how should I have put it?"

That Which Counts. What is it that counts in the celestial city? Only that good which is done for the love of doing it. Only those plans in which the welfare of others is the master thought. Only those labors in which the sacrifice is greater than the wages. Only those gifts in which the giver forgets himself.—Henry van Dyke.

A NEW NORFOLK INDUSTRY.

A modern French dry cleaning establishment was opened for business Friday afternoon in this city. The establishment is the property of Mrs. C. Ransley, proprietress of the Norfolk Dye works, and is to be managed in connection with this business. The building is made of cement blocks and is entirely fireproof. It is located immediately behind the dye works, 229 Norfolk avenue.

Three rooms compose the main floor of this building—the workroom, the drying room and the boiler room. In the latter is located the motor from which the electric current is brought into the main room to operate the dry cleaning machinery.

The cleaning fluid, which is somewhat of an explosive nature, is contained in three enormous tanks which are located several feet underground, and from which large pipes lead to the cleaning establishment. The building measures but 24 by 30 feet, but is so arranged that it is very convenient and the small space is well apportioned. The building is steam heated and equipped with electric lights.

Without the cost of the building, the machinery cost, about \$3,000. The underground system alone cost about \$700.

MAY TRY THE PLAN.

Larger Cities in Nebraska Likely to Change Form of Government.

Omaha, April 29.—All the towns of importance throughout Nebraska are considering the adoption of the commission form of government. From definite indications it appears that ten cities having populations above 5,000 will take advantage of the law recently passed by the legislature, enabling them to vote on the change.

The law, providing that towns of the above classification of size, through a petition from 25 percent of their voters, may demand a special election on the question of adopting the commission plan, goes into effect July 1. It is reported from each of the concerned cities that steps already are being taken toward preparing the petition, and that it will be filed immediately at the time appointed.

The cities which are in line for the forthcoming commission plan election are Omaha, Lincoln, South Omaha, Beatrice, Grand Island, Nebraska City, Fremont, Hastings, Kearney and York. According to the system set down by the commission plan bill, which was introduced by State Senator Banning of Cass county, the successful petition for the special election in each city must be followed by the election in not less than thirty days nor over sixty days. In all cases where the election shall have been carried out adopting the new form of government the change shall be put into effect in the spring of 1912.

Earthquake in Cuba. Santiago, Cuba, April 29.—An earthquake was felt here this morning. No damage was done, but there was great alarm for a time.

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Lightning Kills Horses. Winside Tribune: During the storm last Wednesday, Oliver Conley, who now lives over by Altona, had three horses killed by lightning. He was out in the field plowing with four horses, when the bolt descended and struck him down. He was not hurt badly, however, but when he recovered consciousness, only one horse was left, the other three being dead. This is a very severe loss to Mr. Conley, just as the spring work commenced. He has other horses but none of them have been knee to work as yet.

His Knee Wounded. Stanton Register: George Thomas, operator at the depot, had an accident Friday that will cost him a month's layoff. He was out with a friend, and while the friend was unloading a gun one barrel was discharged and the entire charge went into the knee, tearing the flesh terribly. His wound was dressed and Saturday Mr. Thomas went to Atkinson, where he will remain until he recovers.

TWO STEAMERS LOST.

One is Italian Boat, the Other Has Not Been Identified. London, April 29.—The Lloyd's agent at Corubian, Spain, today reported that two steamships have been lost off Cape Valino, a promontory of the northwest extremity of the Spanish peninsula. One of them is the Italian ship P. S. Ciampa, which was bound from Penarth, Wales, for Genoa, with a cargo of coal. The identity of the other ship is not known.

Dispatches from Madrid last night told briefly of the wrecking of "a big English steamship" at Corubian. No details have as yet been received here, nor is it known whether there was any loss of life. The P. S. Ciampa was a boat of about 2,000 tons.

For Riding on Sidewalk.

Neligh, Neb., April 29.—Special to The News: Officer Ed Jackson arrested Earl Farber for riding the sidewalk with a bicycle late yesterday evening. This being the first case brought before the newly appointed police judge, Charles Cassidy, and being unable to fine the ordinance covering this particular case, he was granted his permission to appear at 9 o'clock this morning to receive the usual fine, which will be about \$5, with the instructions that the same will be doubled if brought before him the second time with the same charge.

Wilson at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., April 29.—Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey arrived in Norfolk early today to attend the banquet tonight of the Peewee Platter club at which he will be a guest of honor with President E. A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and make the principal address.

On Arbitration Court.

The Hague, April 29.—Delisario Porras, minister of Panama to the United States, has been appointed by his government a member of the permanent of the court of arbitration.

To the Coronation.

St. Johns, N. F., April 29.—Premier Morris and Mrs. Morris left St. Johns today for New York form which port they will sail for England next Wednesday to attend the imperial coronation and coronation ceremonies.

Farm House Burns.

West Point, Neb., April 29.—Special to The News: The farm house of Gust, Wilde, two miles east of the city, burned to the ground. Some household effects were saved, but the major portion consumed. The fire occurred in the afternoon.

NOTED DEMOCRATS TO MEET.

Assembly Will Take Place at St. Paul the First of June.

St. Paul, April 29.—Democrats of national prominence will be in St. Paul June 1, when a conference of leaders of the party in the northwest will be held there.

It is expected more than 1,000 men from the Dakotas, Iowa, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and probably Wisconsin and Michigan will attend. W. J. Bryan, Alton B. Parker, Governor Norris of Montana and Governor Burke of North Dakota have definitely accepted an invitation of the Minnesota democratic state central committee.

Governor Wilson of New Jersey was invited, but declined as he is to be in St. Paul on May 24 to address the local association of democrats and could not make a second trip.

Interurban Preliminaries.

West Point, Neb., April 29.—Special to The News: The building of the Interurban railway from Oakland to West Point seems to be assured. A force of seven men are now locating a route between the two places. The main line is projected to run from Omaha to Sioux City, touching Bennington, Elk City, Arlington, Tebbasta, Craig, Bertha, Lyons, Walthill, Winnebago and Homer. Branches are proposed from Elk City to Fremont, Stanton and Norfolk. Another branch will run from Oakland to West Point. Promises are made by the promoters that active construction work will commence immediately.

Railways Raise Wages.

Winnipeg, April 29.—The Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern railroads have agreed to new terms respecting the maintenance of employees by granting them better general working conditions and an increase in wages of 14 percent. More than 10,000 men are affected by these new conditions.