

Science Notes

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VALUE OF BIRDS

It's almost a miracle that we have any apples at all, for there are 176 different varieties of insects which attack apple trees and are capable of making them fruitless. To fight this horde of pests the apple-producing sections spend as much as \$3,000,000 a year for spraying trees.

Scientists now say, however, that it would be much better if fruit growers spent less money in covering their trees with poison and did more to encourage birds to make their homes in the orchard. Birds devour almost every kind of insect which threatens fruit, and enough birds will accomplish wonders in freeing orchards from this danger.

Farmers often object to birds, because they eat so much fruit. There are, however, numerous ways in which the amount of fruit birds destroy can be made trivial compared with the number of insects they eat.

Robbins, for instance, are extremely fond of cherries. But they will leave the cherry trees quite neglected if one or two trees of Russian mulberries, which ripen at the same time as cherries, are placed within reach.

Other things which will retain the robin's useful services as a scavenger without any serious loss of valuable fruit are chokeberry, holly elder, sour gum, shade-berries, wild cherries, wild grapes, green brier and smilax.

The planting of some such trees and shrubs in the vicinity of orchards serves a double purpose. It furnishes food for the birds and makes them more inclined to make their homes in the orchards. One reason why birds often avoid orchards is because the shrubbery has been so cut away that they can find no suitable nesting places.

GREAT WESTERN CIRCUIT RACE MEET HERE

The first of the Great Western Circuit meeting ever held in Nebraska will be held here August 22-26. It will no doubt be one of the best meets ever witnessed in this state. Several of the big eastern stables will be here. \$125,000.00 in prizes will be awarded.

Mrs. Howard Livingston returned Thursday from Columbia, Mo., where she went as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of the U. B. F. and S. M. T.'s.

400 DELEGATES ATTEND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN

Baltimore, Md., August 18.—"Lifting as we climb," the motto of the National Association of Colored Women, was fully emphasized at the tenth biennial session of that body, which met last week at Bethel A. M. E. Church.

More than 400 women engaged in various kinds of uplift work, and representing many states, gathered here for the biennial exchanging of views and for planning civic and moral uplift along broader lines.

Pageant Presented.

Over a thousand people journeyed to Oriole Park in the afternoon where a pageant entitled "The Vindication of Negro Womanhood" was presented. It was written by Miss Margaret Williams and directed by Lewis H. Murray.

May Purchase Douglass Home.

The association, following a very lengthy discussion, voted to purchase the home of the late Frederick Douglass at Anacostia, D. C., the same to be national headquarters for the women. Booker T. Washington was one of those foremost in the movements to secure funds for the purchasing of the home of the anti-slavery orator as a memorial to his efforts.

Attack Saloon.

Strong pleas for interest in the fight against the saloon were made by a number of speakers. Mrs. A. L. Moorer, of Orangeburg, S. C., opened the discussion and told of the evils and ravages of the liquor traffic.

Mrs. Talbert Elected.

The credentials committee reported that 389 persons were entitled to vote. Interest centered chiefly in the election of a president, Mrs. Washington being ineligible, having served four years.

Mrs. Mary Talbert, of Buffalo, N. Y., was declared unanimously elected on the second ballot amid great applause.

The next meeting place will be Denver, Col.

PROBATE NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of John Grant Pegg, deceased.

Notice is hereby given: that the creditors of said deceased will meet the administratrix of said estate, before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 10th day of October, 1916, and on the 10th day of March, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 9th day of September, 1916.

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