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**THE BIRDS.**

State legislatures all over the country are making laws for the protection of birds and it appears to us that such legislation is along correct lines. Aside from the sentimental, there is also a practical side to the matter. Science, as well as human experience, has proven that nothing was created in vain. Every rock, every tree and every creature has its place in the economy of nature. Therefore, the birds must have some mission—some economic value that it behooves mankind to conserve, rather than to dissipate. Agricultural and horticultural authorities have pretty clearly demonstrated the fact that the service rendered by the birds in the destruction of injurious insects is very great and it is probable that the sudden destruction of all bird life would be the most serious blow that could befall the farmer. Truly, it is provoking when Robin Redbreast claims what seems to be more than his honest share of the ripened fruit, but until we know the exact number of injurious insects that he has destroyed, it is hardly fair to denounce him as a usurer or a feathered Shylock. Men rarely seek to destroy that which they know to be useful and profitable to them, but it is only in recent years that they have come to consider the birds from an economic standpoint. There are, nevertheless, many thoughtless people who do not take these things into consideration and it is to control them that legislation has become necessary. In Nebraska we have a law that is designed to protect all the insectivorous birds (and that is practically all birds) that are found in this state. For the officers to rigidly enforce this law will be to greatly benefit the farming interests of the state.

Concerning the sentimental

side of this matter, volumes might be written. There is no doubt that the birds add materially to the sum total of human happiness. God made no mistake when He created them. If all the birds were to be suddenly destroyed, we would miss the robin that brings the first tidings of spring, and we would miss the meadow lark who a little later corroborates the testimony of the robin. We would miss the thrush and the red bird whose voices blend so sweetly with the song of summer. We would miss the quail that pipes his plaintive melody from the sere and yellow autumn fields. We would miss the restless blackbirds as they wheel and chatter when nature tells them it is time to journey south. So putting the practical and the sentimental together, it seems to us as though the birds were entitled to all the protection that man and his laws can give them, since God and His laws gave them to man.

**POLITICS.**

My son, no matter what some people tell you, don't get the idea that there is no such thing as purity in politics. A certain eloquent and picturesque-speaking senator from Kansas once cried aloud that the "purification of politics is an irridiscent dream," but that doesn't make it true. It was simply a catch phrase with an alliterative ring that sounded well and made it pass current to some extent as the truth. But it is not.

Politics brought about the birth of this country; politics has brought to a head all the great issues with which it has to contend; politics has settled these issues one by one. If politics were all corruption, our government would be a corruption and if the purification of politics were an irridiscent dream, so would the purification of our government be an irridiscent dream. If this were true, well might we weep for the future of our country!

Politics is settling the great issues of today and shall we say that corruption, and corruption only, is settling these issues? A sad commentary this would be on American manhood and American statesmanship. Don't believe it, for it is not true.

There is such a thing as impurity in politics. Oh, yes indeed! But it is impure men that make the impure politics. The purest stream will be contaminated by contact with a little filth. But this is not saying that the stream cannot be purified if the source of the contamination be removed. The gospel truth is that the purification of politics is far from being an irridiscent dream. It will

not be, so as long as there is vigorous, high-minded young American manhood ready to shoulder the political burdens, and ready with incorruptible integrity to work out the purification of politics. When the right kind of young men enter politics with the right spirit and the right intention then shall this corruption put on incorruption.

We believe that we should prefer to be hanged by the neck until we were dead, dead, dead, than to shuffle off this mortal coil in the manner chosen by Neidermeier, the Chicago bandit.

Russia was much distressed at the loss of a battle ship which she supposed to have been destroyed by one of her own mines. The distress was probably not relieved by the discovery that the ship was really destroyed by a mine laid by the Japs.

When the Van Osdel case came on for hearing before the county board, Falloon and Weaver, attorneys for Mr. Van Osdel produced eighteen witnesses. The county attorney produced none, and yet the plaintiff was awarded damages in the sum of \$2100. It was what the lawyers call an ex-parte hearing—a one sided affair.

The republican newspaper men of Nebraska are seldom so completely united as they are in their desire to see Harry Lindsay appointed clerk of the supreme court. This is because the newspaper men are perhaps more familiar with the nature of the work he has done for the party, and for this reason, they are best qualified to speak on the subject.

The report of the special committee of the United States senate that investigated the charges against Senator Dietrich, reads very nicely and technically exonerates the senator. But when a man has stood where Senator Dietrich has, no committee report can entirely remove the stain. He will always feel the effect of the stain, no matter how complete the vindication.

One by one the country schools are closing for the summer vacation and the teachers are preparing to enter upon the rest they have so nobly earned. There is no way of computing the great amount of good that these faithful laborers have accomplished during the strenuous winter months spent in the school room, but the seeds that they have sown will continue to grow and develop while they are taking the recreation that is so justly their due.

We understand that an employe in the office of our con-

temporary across the street recently remarked in referring to The Tribune, that "those farmers would soon be out on the farm where they belong." Of course he intended it as an insult but we refuse to be insulted. Some of the brainiest men we know are farmers and we are personally acquainted with many agriculturalists who would be capable of sitting at an editorial desk and writing intelligent discussions of most any public question. We also know newspaper men who are not capable of so doing. We regard being called a "farmer" as a compliment.

**Falls City Defeats Verdon.**

The Falls City base ball team went to Verdon Sunday to play the first game of the season. A big crowd went along to root for the home boys and an equally big crowd missed out on going. These latter went to the depot to take the train in the afternoon, but as the train was several hours late, they drilled back up town declaring they did not care much for ball games, anyhow.

The game was a good one and resulted in a score of 4 to 2 in favor of Falls City. The Nebraska Indians will be here next Sunday and the ball enthusiasts are looking forward to a good game.

**Senatorial Convention.**

The republican senatorial convention was held at Pawnee City last Saturday and was enthusiastic and harmonious in every particular. Hon. E. A. Tucker was unanimously nominated by acclamation. The work of the convention occupied but a very short time. The nomination of Judge Tucker places before the people a good man and one whom the people can feel safe in supporting. There is practically no question as to his election.

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