

### Rules for Enforcing Law to Protect Migratory Game Birds

Now that the Weeks-McLean bill providing federal protection to migratory birds which was characterized on the floor of the house as "the most radical legislation ever proposed in this country," has become a law, the American Game Protective and Propagation association, which engineered the passage of the measure, is being swamped by inquiries as to how and when it will be put into effect. In answer to these, the following statement has just been issued:

"An amendment to the Weeks-McLean bill which was made just before final passage makes mandatory the adoption by the Department of Agriculture of suitable regulations prescribing closed seasons, having due regard for zones of temperature, breeding habits and times and lines migratory flight. The bill provides that when these regulations are prepared they shall be made public and that a period of three months shall be allowed before final adoption. In order that they may be examined and considered and that public hearings may be granted if this is deemed advisable. At the present time it is impossible to say how much time will be required to draw up these regulations. The matter will be entrusted to the biological survey, which is a bureau of the Department of Agriculture, and while much of the requisite data have already been collected in connection with the survey's other activities, it will at least be necessary to compile available information on migratory and breeding habits in different sections of the country, and co-ordinate it with the proposed regulations in view. It may be found advisable to make more exhaustive investigations of these problems to supplement those which have been carried out for other purposes. In any case, it will be impossible for the new law to take effect in time to protect the birds during the breeding season which is at hand, and unless unforeseen difficulties arise it will unquestionably be in operation before the migrations of 1914.

"The regulations imposed will prohibit absolutely the killing of those song and insectivorous birds whose value to agriculture greatly outweighs their food value. Notable members of this class are robins, blackbirds and bobolinks. In a general way it is safe to say that migratory birds such as ducks, geese, swans and shore birds, will be protected from their young are full grown. As these birds mate earlier in some parts of the United States than in others, hard and fast rules governing open and closed seasons cannot be made for the whole country, but zones will have to be created and shooting seasons determined in accordance with conditions in each zone. Additional protection in certain zones, or for the whole country, will probably be given to some species which are now threatened with extinction until they have increased beyond the danger point. Likely candidates for this special consideration are the woodcock, in many localities, the woodcock, trumpeter swan, whooping and sandhill cranes, and many varieties of shore birds.

"An important provision in the bill which should not be lost sight of says: 'That nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect or interfere with the local laws of the states and territories for the protection of nonmigratory game or other birds resident and breeding within their borders, nor to prevent the states and territories from enacting laws and regulations to promote and render efficient the regulations of the Department of Agriculture provided under this statute.' As most states already have laws which will fulfill the requirements of the federal law, no new restrictions will be placed on their citizens unless in the matter of better enforcement, and as the laws were made to be enforced there can be no logical objection to this. In the fight to secure this legislation it was plainly shown that the better sentiment in those states which now allow spring shooting, and the slaughter of song birds, is decidedly against these practices, and it was made evident that all real sportsmen and all thinking people will welcome federal action to put a stop to them where it has been impossible to secure state action. Besides gratifying such people, the new measure will remedy a great injustice which is at present suffered by sportsmen in states which have adequate game laws through the fact that gunners in neighboring states have greater opportunities to shoot and therefore get more than their rightful share of birds.

"The details connected with the enforcement of the Weeks-McLean law are yet to be perfected, but the state authorities will probably take the most active part in making it effective, as in the case of the Lacey act. The latter is a



Senator Weeks (Mass.)



Whopping Crane  
Trumpeter Swan



Woodduck



Senator McLean (Conn.)

federal statute which prohibits traffic in game under the interstate commerce clause in states where it is unlawful to sell it. When this act was under discussion its advocates maintained that a large and expensive force would be necessary to make it effective, but experience has proved that a very small appropriation was needed, as the local wardens were glad to enforce it. The same will be true of the legislation just passed. The appropriation of \$10,000 which it carried will prove sufficient for immediate needs, and considering the importance of the law and the money it will save the country there is no doubt that congress will increase the appropriation when necessary.

"Besides the one already mentioned, another amendment was made just before the bill became a law. This was to satisfy constitutional objections, and it provides that the imposition of fines or imprisonment for violation of the act shall be in the discretion of the court

instead of the Department of Agriculture. In this connection it is gratifying

to note that one of the most able lawyers in the country expressed the opinion that the supreme court would sustain the Weeks-McLean law when he heard the decision it has just made in favor of the constitutionality of the white slave law which was passed in July, 1910.

"Now that the principle of federal protection of migrants has been recognized, it should logically be extended to international protection. Senator Root has introduced a resolution requesting the president to propose to other North American countries the negotiation of treaties for the mutual protection of migratory birds. Senators Weeks and McLean are in favor of this proposal and will prove powerful allies in getting it through. The national association has already commenced to lay plans, with every hope that the same protection will be given to our migrants when they are beyond our borders that we have just accorded them while they are with us."

#### NEBRASKA D. A. R. GROWING

Five New Chapters Are Organized During Month of February.

#### MRS. NORTON IS MOST ACTIVE

Interest Is Now Centered in the Continental Congress to Convene at Washington the Week of April 10.

The Nebraska Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been growing in a most remarkable way the last month, notably so, as no less than five new chapters were organized in the month of February by the state regent, Mrs. Charles Oliver Norton of Kearney.

Interest in the Continental Congress to convene at Washington the week of April 10, is now the center of interest in the Daughters of the American Revolution work, and has radiated her enthusiasm to such an extent, that during her two years as state regent eleven new chapters have been formed, both the chapters in the state and the membership being nearly doubled, which will give Nebraska a splendid working force the coming year.

The first chapter to be formed was at Callaway, February 23. The new chapter will be known as "David Conklin chapter," and has the following officers under the energetic leadership of Mrs. Brega.

Regent, Mrs. Richard E. Brega; vice regent, Mrs. Cora A. Molyneux; secretary, Mrs. Hattie Decker; treasurer, Mrs. Edith Newmyer; registrar, Mrs. Trassie Paine; historian, Mrs. Belle Musco; chaplain, Miss Ethel Hill.

The new chapter will be represented at Washington, in the continental congress, by Mrs. Ruth Everett Beck, wife of Captain Paul W. Beck, U. S. A., a daughter of the chapter regent and a member of the chapter.

Lexington. Bonnevill chapter is the name under which the Lexington chapter was launched February 20. The chapter is named for Captain Bonnevill, the famous explorer, who passed close to the site of the present city of Lexington as early as 1801 on his way to the far west. With fifteen enthusiastic women banded together this chapter will soon grow into one of the strong chapters. A number of applications, now being filed out, or on their way to Washington, will increase the membership at an early date. The following is a list of the chapter officers:

Regent, Mrs. Eleanor Peale Baker; vice regent, Mrs. Luella Reynolds Spencer; secretary, Mrs. Olga Martin McFarland; treasurer, Mrs. Elva Bennett Evans; historian, Mrs. Ella Maxwell Cook; registrar, Mrs. Mina Mullin Volk; chaplain, Mrs. Annette Mallott Jacobson. Norfolk.

#### NEW REGENT NEBR. D.A.R.

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the April board meet, Norfolk bids fair to become one of the largest chapters in the state outside of Omaha and Lincoln.

Nancy Gary, for whom the new chapter takes its name, is the ancestor of several of the members and was a most remarkable woman in an age of remarkable women. The chapter has her picture and a book recounting her deeds of patriotism and takes great pride in their chapter's name.

February 27 Stephen Bennett chapter was formed at Fairmont. This chapter now has sixteen members and a number of others working out their lines of ancestry. As with some of the other chapters, this one took the name of the revolutionary ancestor of a majority of its members. Stephen Bennett took part in the battles of Harlem and White Plains in the retreat from Long Island. He was in the battles of Trenton and Princeton, Brandywine and Germantown, and at Yorktown at the surrender of Cornwallis.

As the war ended about then Stephen Bennett received an honorable discharge and was pensioned in 1828. The regent has appointed the following officers to guide the destiny of the new chapter:

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Plattsburgh. A new chapter also will soon be organized at Plattsburgh. Mrs. Clara Street Westcott is the organizing regent there and has the following eight members: Mrs. Hill Westcott, Mrs. Charles C. Farnelle, Miss Hattie Farnelle, Miss Ellen Pollock, Mrs. M. A. Street, Mrs. M. S. Morgan, Miss Madeline Miner and Miss Leona Brady.

States in the ranks of the Daughters of the American Revolution is keen in anticipation of the Continental congress, which convenes in Washington the week of April 10. This is the election year for national officers, and already there are three candidates in the field for president general. Mrs. John Miller Horton of Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Story of New York City and Mrs. Bryan of Tennessee.

For the last two years Nebraska has been generously represented in the congress and the year indications point to a larger delegation than has ever been sent before.

The delegates for four of the chapters already are in Washington—those for Fort Kearney chapter, Kearney; Thirty-seventh Star chapter, McCook; Platte chapter, Columbus, and Josiah Everett chapter, Lyons.

The vice president general, Mrs. A. K. Gault and the state regent, Mrs. Charles Oliver Norton, will leave for Washington about April 10. The following chapters are planning to send delegates: Omaha chapter and Major Isaac Sadler chapter, Omaha; Deborah Avery chapter and St. Leger Cowley chapter, Lincoln; Elizabeth Montague chapter, Beatrice; Reavis-Ashley chapter, Falls City, which will be represented by the regent, Mrs. T. J. Gist; Pawnee chapter, Fullerton, and Margaret Holmes chapter, Seward.

Changes Expected.

In addition to the election, which bids fair to be a very spirited contest, a number of important measures will come before the congress for consideration and action and new bylaws are to be adopted, embodying several radical changes.

Mrs. Charles Oliver Norton, state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, spent February 22 at Blair, the guest of Mrs. Ames J. Kenny and of Klumant chapter. Daughters of the American Revolution, of which Mrs. May Allen of Fort Calhoun, is the chapter regent.

Following a beautifully appointed dinner, a short talk was given by the state regent, some delightful musical numbers by Miss Kenny and a charmingly interesting story of Ni-ku-mi, the Indian woman for whom the chapter is named, was read telling of her romantic marriage with Dr. John Gale, who subsequently abandoned her and the child born to them, when the news came to him of his succession to the family estates in England, and how, in later years, Ni-ku-mi, or Ni-co-mi, as it is sometimes spelled, became the wife of Mr. Peter A. Sarry, one of the pioneers of Nebraska.

On March 8 Mrs. Norton went to Watertown, S. D., to be present at the fifty-sixth wedding anniversary of her father and mother, Judge and Mrs. Elijah Atwood Gove.

Tuesday that day Mrs. Gove, who is the chapter regent of Thirty-ninth Star chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Watertown, entertained the members of her chapter; March 8 being also the first anniversary of the founding of the chapter, making a double celebration of two notable events.

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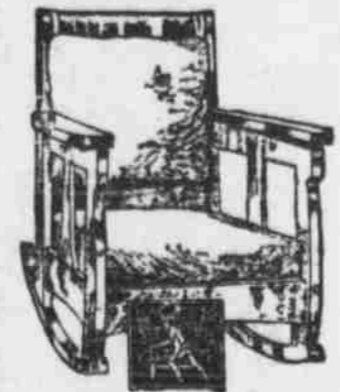
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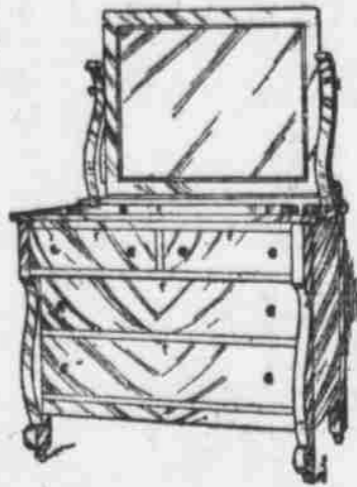
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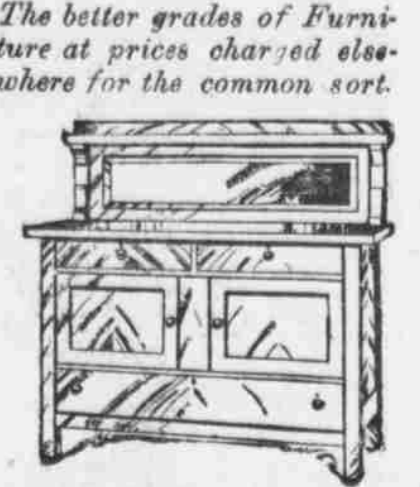
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