

been admitted to the A. O. U. Check-List (see Auk, VII, pp. 60-66), the *Sialia* has been considered by the A. O. U. Committee as an inconstant phase of *S. mexicana*, which latter Mr. Anthony also found in the San Pedro Mountains, but which he believed was represented merely by migrants on their way to more northern breeding grounds.—J. A. A.

**Sennett on Bird Legislation.**—An address on 'Bird Legislation,' by Mr. George B. Sennett, read before the State Board of Agriculture of Pennsylvania at the Annual Meeting of the Board for the year 1889, has been recently published.\* In reviewing the general subject, the importance of knowing our birds thoroughly in respect to their food habits is duly set forth; a succinct history of the work thus far accomplished is given, and the present methods of investigating this important subject are fully explained. This is followed by a discussion of what sort of legal protection is necessary, and the submission of a draft of 'An act for the Protection of Birds, their Nests, and Eggs,' modeled after the New York law devised by the A. O. U. Committee on Bird Protection, of which Mr. Sennett is Chairman. It is a pleasure to know that a statute in substantial agreement with the one here submitted was later enacted by the Pennsylvania Legislature. The various methods of placing a check upon the increase of the European House Sparrow are discussed at length, and important suggestions are given. A State bounty for the destruction of these birds is shown to be impracticable. The appointment of a State ornithologist is urged, a part of whose duties shall be a systematic effort, under an appropriation of money by the State, to exterminate the Sparrow pest.—J. A. A.

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