

## GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

N. R. Christie, one of Colorado's early ornithologists, is now located in San Francisco.

Joseph Mailliard, the well known San Geronimo ornithologist, sailed August 4 for Valparaiso, Chili, where he expects to remain until next spring.

Harry S. Swarth and O. W. Howard have returned from an extended trip into the mountains of Arizona, and bring back with them a host of interesting and valuable material.

Leverett M. Loomis presented a paper entitled 'Recognition of Geographical Variation in Nomenclature' before the Section of Ornithology of the Academy of Sciences on Sept. 2.

W. Earle Mulliken, formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., where he was prominently identified with the Michigan Ornithological Club, is attending the State University at Berkeley, Cal.

A. I. McCormick was wedded to Miss Edith Coates in Los Angeles on August 27. Mr. McCormick's good field work has been conspicuous by its absence during the past year or two, but we learn that he will resume it shortly.

The *Albatross* expedition, which has been engaged in general zoological work among the Hawaiian and adjacent islands has returned. The Cooper Club was represented in Dr. Chas. H. Gilbert, Walter K. Fisher and Jno. O. Synder.

In the *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington* Chas. W. Richmond renames the gray titmouse (*Parus inornatus griseus*). The name *griseus* is found to be preoccupied and the new name of *Parus inornatus ridgwayi* is proposed.

H. R. Painton, a founder of the Cooper Ornithological Club, was united in marriage on July 3 to Miss Emma J. Addicott at Felton, Cal. Mr. Painton has largely given up ornithology owing to other duties and is now principal of a school at South San Francisco.

The Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture for 1901 (just issued) contains an excellent paper by Dr. A. K. Fisher on 'Two Vanishing Game Birds: The Woodcock and the Wood Duck.' It is to be hoped that Dr. Fisher has sounded the warning in time to preserve these two interesting species.

The Biological Survey has issued Circular No. 37 entitled 'Regulations for the Importation of Eggs of Game Birds for Propagation.' The circular recites the regulations which must be followed, and those contemplating the importation of eggs should familiarize themselves with the requirements.

Mr. Chapman has recently described *Lagopus leucurus peninsularis* and *Cyanocitta stelleri borealis* from the Kenai peninsula, Alaska. Despite our friend's desperate stand against slender subspecies, we feel persuaded he will ultimately join the ranks of the hairsplitters. Splitting is simply fascinating!

The current issues of *Novitates Zoologicae* (IX, No. 2) contains an interesting paper entitled 'Further Notes on the Fauna of the Galapagos Islands' by the Hon. Walter Rothschild and Ernest Harter. Included in the paper are the field notes of R. H. Beck on the tortoise of the group, together with several illustrations.

The Biological Survey has recently issued a large chart showing the close seasons on all classes of game for each state in the Union. The chart is prepared in an admirably condensed and practical form and is known as Farmer's Bulletin No. 106. It is worth noting that the Biological Survey is devoting increasing time to the work of game protection and with results.

The Beck expedition to the Galapagos Islands returned August 15, bringing a cargo of giant tortoises, land iguanas, some 600 bird skins and other scientific material. It is thought that some of the tortoises are the largest even taken, and Mr. Beck will shortly take the collection to England, for which point it was originally destined. Mr. Beck secured many interesting photographs, some of which we hope to reproduce later.

Chas. R. Keyes, senior vice president of the Cooper Club, made an important 'capture' during his summer's vacation, which was spent at his Iowa home. On August 5 at Blairstown, Ia., he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Nauman, after which Mr. and Mrs. Keyes journeyed westward to Berkeley, where Mr. Keyes is an instructor at the State University. We tender warm congratulations on behalf of an appreciative Club!