

THE CONDOR

An Illustrated Magazine of Western
Ornithology

Published Bi-monthly by the Cooper Ornithological Club of California

WALTER K. FISHER, Editor, Palo Alto
JOSEPH GRINNELL, Business Manager and
Associate Editor, Pasadena
R. E. SNODGRASS, Associate Editor

Palo Alto, California: Published March 15, 1904

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Price in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and U. S. Colonies one dollar a year; single copies twenty-five cents. Price in all countries in the International Postal Union one dollar and a quarter a year.

Subscriptions should be sent to the Business Manager; manuscripts and exchanges to the Editor.

Minutes of Club Meetings

NORTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—Held at the Phi Kappa Psi House, Berkeley, Nov. 7, 1903. President Taylor in the chair. Owing to the resignation of Mr. Kaeding the Club was without a secretary. Mr. Thompson was appointed secretary pro tem. There were sixteen members and six visitors present, and after the reading and approving of the minutes of the previous meeting, three new members were elected: T. S. Palmer, Washington, D. C.; F. M. Chapman, New York City; and Geo. L. Kaeding, San Francisco. The resignations of Miss A. F. Keefer and R. Kocher were accepted.

Article II, section I, as amended, was passed and accepted by the Southern Division. The amendment of Article III, section I was rejected.

Two communications were read, one from Mr. Kaeding, one from Mr. Bade. The following new members were proposed: Miss A. M. Brown, Pacific Grove; E. W. Nelson, Washington, D. C.; A. K. Fisher, Washington, D. C.; J. H. Bowles, Tacoma, Wash., by Mr. Fisher; E. Gifford, Alameda, by Mr. Cohen; C. W. Bowles, Tacoma, Wash., and L. A. Fuertes, Ithaca, N. Y., by Mr. Kaeding; Jessie E. Butler, Pasadena, by Mr. Grinnell, and F. E. Newbury, Alameda, by Mr. Taylor.

Upon motion of Mr. Emerson, Mr. Thompson was appointed secretary for the remainder of the year.

After a short intermission, the following were nominated as officers for the ensuing year: President, H. R. Taylor; Senior Vice-president, R. B. Moran; Junior Vice-president, W. Earle Mulliken; Treasurer, J. Grinnell; Secretary, Chas. S. Thompson. After some discussion, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at the residence of H. R. Taylor, Alameda. The following program was presented: "Observations in Illinois during the Summer of 1902," by Miss I. M. Eschenberg; "Clapper Rails," by

Mr. H. H. Bailey; "Nesting of the Pine Siskin," by Mr. H. W. Carriger. Meeting adjourned until January ninth, 1904.

CHAS. S. THOMPSON, Secretary.

JANUARY.—The annual meeting was held at the residence of President H. R. Taylor, Alameda, January 9, 1904. There were eighteen members and eight visitors present, among the latter, Mrs. J. E. Barlow. Nine new members were elected, as follows: E. W. Nelson, Washington, D. C., C. W. Bowles, Tacoma, Wash., Miss J. F. Butler, Pasadena, A. K. Fisher, Washington, D. C., J. H. Bowles, Tacoma, Wash., E. W. Gifford, Alameda, L. A. Fuertes, Ithaca, N. Y., F. E. Newberg, Alameda, and Miss A. M. Brown, Pacific Grove.

Five applications for membership were read: P. B. Peabody, Sundance, Wyo., and J. L. Childs, Floral Park, N. Y., being proposed by Mr. Grinnell, Miss Anna Wiehald, Oakland, by Miss Swett, C. W. Luce, Haywards, by Mr. Emerson, and Vernon Bailey, Washington, D. C., by Mr. Fisher.

The following officers were elected to serve during 1904. President, H. R. Taylor; Senior Vice-president, R. B. Moran; Junior Vice-president, E. Mulliken; Treasurer, Jos. Grinnell; Secretary, Chas. S. Thompson. Walter K. Fisher was appointed editor-in-chief of THE CONDOR, with J. Grinnell and R. E. Snodgrass as associates.

Mr. Emerson, in a few well-chosen words, congratulated Mr. Taylor on his reelection, voicing the sentiments of the Club. Mr. Taylor replied, and outlined his policy for the coming year. The following program was presented. Mr. Anderson read an interesting paper entitled "A Bird Island in Cook Inlet, Alaska," and Mr. Emerson entertained the assembly by a lecture on "Adaptations in the Bills and Feet of Birds." Mr. Emerson's lecture was illustrated by a fine display of bird skins.

After the program a vote of thanks was tendered the editors and manager of THE CONDOR for the able manner in which the paper had been conducted during 1903. The meeting adjourned, to meet in Oakland, March 5, 1904. All present then did ample justice to the bounteous spread which had been provided by the host, Mr. Taylor.

CHAS. S. THOMPSON, Secretary.

In Re Taylor's Catalogue

Through a misunderstanding I allowed my name to be used prematurely in connection with a proposed revision of Taylor's Catalogue, as per notice in January 1904 CONDOR. I now state that I am not connected with Taylor's Catalogue in any manner.—D. A. COHEN.

Mrs. Mabel Osgood Wright, in January *Bird Lore*, has a little sermon, with the suggestive text "Keep on Pedaling!" This is a good motto for any club, the Cooper Club among others. The application is not far to seek. There is a decided tendency, in any organization, to attempt the difficult feat of coasting up hill.