

are plentiful here. They have taken their winter food from the live oak of the foothills (*Quercus wislizeni*); now they feed largely from manzanita buds. On February 10, I heard a noise which sounded like *coo, coo, coo*, and after a search I found a road-runner perched up in the branches of an oak tree. I recognized it as the author of the sounds I had heard. I suppose this is one of its love songs.

One of my young friends informed me that he saw a bird sitting in a nest at the eave of his house on the 23d of December, 1901. January 13 he looked in the nest and found four eggs nearly ready to hatch. Two weeks later they were hatched and gone. He informs me also that this same nest contained three broods of five birds each last summer. I think the bird is the Say phoebe (*Sayornis saya*). A friend of mine saved a nest of a hummingbird, probably *Calypte anna*, which had been built upon a small loop of rope, which was attached to one of the rafters of a shed. The nest was made of spiders' webs, and two young were hatched August 2, 1901, but they died. My friend at the same ranch reported finding a complete set of dove's eggs (*Zenaidura macroura*) February 27, 1902.—W. F. DEAN, *Three Rivers, Cal.*

NOTES AND NEWS

We have just received a letter from Mr. Grinnell dated Mt. Pinos, June 26. He says: "Here I am, on the slopes of Mt. Pinos, a state of existence which I have longed for, for many moons. And I am not disappointed either, in the wildness of it, nor in the animals so far secured, though there is a lamentable lack of water. We have been just ten days from Pasadena, loitering in Antelope Valley and Tejon Pass en route, To-day I climbed to the top of the peak and had a fine view of the country all about, Tulare Lake, Sierra Nevada, Mojave Desert and the ocean. We are camped at 6500 feet." We shall leave the "animals" for Mr. Grinnell to detail later, as they are an interesting lot.

Mr. Edmund Heller writes from Juchitan, Oaxaca, Mexico, under date of April 23d: "Since writing you before, our instructions have been modified and we are now collecting both mammals and birds for the department of taxidermy. For the last month we have been at work on the dry side of the isthmus, in a country resembling in fauna and flora the deserts of California and Arizona." Mr. Heller is making natural history collections for the Field-Columbian Museum.

Mr. J. O. Snyder has left for an extensive fishing trip through the Klamath and Goose Lake Basins of southern Oregon.

The last of May we received a notice of the Spring Outing Meeting of the Southern Division, but have since heard nothing of the meeting itself. By the way, is the Secretary of the Southern Division on a protracted vacation? We have not received official minutes since March 1903.

We have heard unofficially that an Audubon Society has been organized in Pasadena, but have received no word from headquarters. Mr. Scott Way is secretary.

Mr. Hubert O. Jenkins has left for Mt. Whitney, to be gone the rest of the summer.

About the middle of the summer Mr. Malcolm P. Anderson expects to sail for China, where he will be engaged, for the next three years, in collecting mammals for the British Museum.

Mr. R. B. Moran is camping in Santa Barbara county.

Mr. W. W. Price is located at his summer camp, Glen Alpine, Tallac, California.

Mr. P. M. Silloway is in the vicinity of Bigfork, Montana, for the summer.

The Thirteenth Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds, issued with the July *Auk* contains among others the following important changes and additions. *Dendragapus obscurus sierræ* Chapman is added; *Nyctala Brehm* becomes *Cryptoglaux* Richmond; *Sayornis nigricans semiatra* dropped; *Corvus americanus* becomes *C. brachyrhynchos*; *Scolecophagus* Swainson, preoccupied, becomes *Euphagus* Cassin; *Astragalinus psaltria hesperophilus* Oberholser is added (SW. U. S.); *Pipilo fuscus carolæ* is dropped; *Lanius ludovicianus mearnsi* Ridgway (San Clemente Id.) is added; *Budytes flavus alascensis* Ridgway is added; *Heleodytes brunneicapillus* is replaced by *H. b. couesi*; *Bæolophus inornatus restrictus* Ridgway (vicinity of San Francisco Bay) is added; *Phyllopeustes* Meyer becomes *Acanthopneuste* Blasius; *Dendroica æstiva brewsteri*, and *Heleodytes brunneicapillus anthonyi* are rejected. *Passerulus rostratus halophilus* is equivalent to *P. r. guttatus* in summer plumage. The Ptiliognathinæ, Miminæ, Sittinæ and Chamæinæ are raised to family rank.