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EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

Mr. Edmund Heller has embarked upon a third expedition to British East Africa, in pursuit of big game. This time he is one of a party equipped with a string of cow ponies, a pack of bear dogs, and a moving picture machine. It would appear that an extreme of exciting adventure will be one pretty certain outcome of such a combination! However, Mr. Heller is the naturalist of the party, and will collect and prepare as scientific specimens, as much of the spoils as possible for the National Museum. He will particularly try to obtain material supplementary to the Roosevelt collections, which are the basis of an extended scientific report in course of preparation by Mr. Heller.

Mr. Fred M. Dille, a pioneer Colorado naturalist, has been appointed special warden by the U. S. Biological Survey, to investigate ornithological conditions in the vicinity of the Minidoka and Deer Flat reclamation projects in Idaho, and the Cold Spring project in Oregon. He assumes his new duties at once.

Mr. W. L. Burnett, who has long been identified with biological work in Colorado, has recently been appointed Curator of the Museum of the State Agricultural College, at Ft. Collins, Colorado. His new position will enable him to devote his entire time to biological work, and the college is to be congratulated upon securing the services of a man so emi-

nently equipped for the work he is to undertake. Mr. Burnett assumes his new position June 1st.

A few of the older members of the Cooper Club may be interested to know that Mr. H. B. Bailey, one of the founders of the Nuttall Club, American Ornithologists' Union, and Linnaean Society, has become an active worker in the ranks of ornithologists and oologists once more. Since his collection of eggs went into the Museum of Natural History in New York some years ago, he has done little active work along these lines. Having lately retired from business he has taken up his old hobbies and has joined forces with his son in a new Bailey Collection and Library. He left some time ago for Florida on an extensive trip after specimens.

Mr. Alex Wetmore, who has been at the Kansas State University for the past year, has left Lawrence, Kansas, for Seattle, Washington, where he is to join Mr. A. C. Bent and Rollo Beck in an extended collecting trip through the Aleutian Islands. Mr. Wetmore joins the party as a representative of the Biological Survey.

Mr. E. R. Warren left his home at Colorado Springs about the middle of May, for an extensive collecting trip through central and northern Colorado. Mr. Warren is thoroughly equipped with a sea-worthy prairie schooner, and expects to be in the field until fall.

According to our critic (T. S. P.) in April *Bird-Lore* it would appear that the illustrations in *THE CONDOR* have improved greatly since we dropped simplified spelling!

PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

THE HOME-LIFE OF THE SPOONBILL, THE STORK AND SOME HERONS, by BENTLEY BEE-THAM, F. Z. S. [Witherby & Co., London, 1910, pp. i-viii, 1-47, pll. 1-31. Price 6 s. net.]

Four species are treated, the Spoonbill, White Stork, Common Heron and Purple Heron. They were studied and photographed from blinds placed in marsh or tree top, as the case might be, and with what would appear to be most gratifying success. The photographs are beautiful and instructive, conveying much information of a sort that would be difficult to obtain from the best written accounts, while the accompanying text is couched in a most attractive style, and, though but a comparatively limited space is given to each species, contains a great deal of very interesting life history. The description of the actions of the young Purple Herons, deserting their nests in the tree-tops at the approach of danger, and taking refuge in the tangles of underbrush on the ground, each returning to his own home when the danger has passed, is of great interest; additional traits of this species as well as