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## EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

We wonder why the English Sparrow, now of greater abundance and wider distribution in North America than any other bird species, should be left off the A. O. U. *Check-List*, when, for instance, the Starling is given formal place. The ground for inclusion of the latter is its "accidental" occurrence in Greenland. Otherwise it is an "introduced" species, well established, as in the case of the Sparrow. The circumstance that man was the agent of transportation of one or more individuals, rather than a gale of wind or an iceberg, is a minor circumstance as compared with the fact that both species are now members of the North American avifauna, to be reckoned with in any sort of regional study undertaken—faunistic, ecologic or economic. The English Sparrow, and all other birds of like status, should be regularly included in all our lists, along with the so-called native species.

Every citizen of California interested in conservation of wild life owes it to himself and to other conservationists both within and without the legislature to keep close tab on what is going on at Sacramento, so that aid may be given at critical moments. The newspapers cannot fully or

adequately report the news in particular provinces. Attention is called to Franklin Hichborn's "Bulletin of the 1915 Session of the California Legislature", which will be issued every week that the California legislature is actually in session, and which will give some consideration to game conservation bills. Mr. Hichborn should be addressed at 416 J Street, Sacramento, California.

A letter has been received from Mr. Allan Brooks, dated October 27, 1914, and sent from the encampment on Salisbury Plain, England. Mr. Brooks has a commission as Lieutenant in the 9th Battalion, Canadian Contingent.

On Friday evening, November 20, 1914, Mr. William L. Finley, State Game Warden of Oregon, lectured to a large and appreciative audience in Room 101 California Hall, University of California, his subject being "Our Children and the Birds". The lecture was illustrated by five reels of motion pictures secured by Mr. Finley and assistants in Oregon during the season of 1914. The subjects included: Children building and placing Audubon Society bird houses, house cat devouring a song bird, children rearing a brood of orphaned bluebirds, activities of two bear cubs and three mountain lion kittens, a visit to the lake region of south-eastern Oregon showing the nesting and young of Wilson Snipe and White Pelicans and the mating antics of the Western Grebe, and a visit to Three Arch Rocks off the coast of Oregon. The set comprises the educational film series of the Oregon State Fish and Game Commission. The same pictures were shown at an open meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Club on November 17.

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The regular meeting of the Southern Division was held at the Museum of History, Science and Art, Thursday evening, October 29, 1914. President Law was in the Chair and the following members were present: Messrs. Chambers, Daggett, Hegner, Howell, Swarth, and Wyman. Visitors were, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Richards, Miss Germain, and Mr. A. B. Dickinson. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved, followed by the reading of the Northern Division minutes for September and October.

New members elected were: Miss Ida G. Jenkins, Roxbury, Massachusetts; W. H. Alkire, Hollywood; and E. F. Averill, Pendleton, Oregon. A motion was passed admitting to membership those persons voted upon at the last Northern Division meeting.