

Sport Chat

Tonight the Basketball Association has another meeting. It is expected that the officials will have their plans for the winter program in such shape that there will be some definite announcements made as to schedules for games in the various leagues and other matters.

Judge K. M. Landis may be compelled to choose between being a federal judge at \$7,500 a year or the high commissioner of organized baseball at \$52,500 a year. The compulsory choice is the subject of a bill to amend the federal judicial code which Representative Warren I. Lee, of Brooklyn, will introduce within a few days at Washington.

Keen students of the boxing game are beginning to wonder whether or not the British Isles have quit raising boxers of skill. It is so long since Britain has sent a boxer of class to this side of the water that there is room for belief that pugilism is becoming a lost art over in Merrie England.

MOUNTED POLICE AT WESTHOLME TONIGHT

Story is Thrilling One in Which Bill Hart is the Hero.

"Set a thief to catch a thief" is an old adage, but when an honest man turns thief to ingratiate himself with real bandits, a new angle is introduced. This is one of the striking situations in "O'Malley of the Mounted," at the Westholme tonight.

As a member of the Northwest Mounted Police, Hart is sent out to capture a slayer. He follows him across the border and locates him in a little western cow town. He finds that the youth—for he is little more—is protected by the hill band of desperadoes. To get into their good graces, Hart, as O'Malley, boldly masks and rides into the town bank, secures \$5,000 and rides out again and into the bandit camp. Thus he becomes one of the band.

Accused as Traitor.

He returns the money and is later accused of being a traitor. He is to be hanged by the bandits, but the man he came to capture aids him to escape, because O'Malley has protected the slayer's sister from the worst man of the motley crew of land pirates. Learning later that the killing was justified—if homicide can ever be justifiable—O'Malley leaves the youth and his sister on the U. S. side of the border and resigns his own commission in the Mounted.

BOOST TRNER TO A KNOCK.

Hub—the biseuxes we had for supper last evening were just like those my dear old mother used to make. Wife—How kind of you to say so, dear.

Hub—I didn't notice their similarity at the time, but I recognized the old familiar nightmare that disturbed my slumber.—Boston Transcript.

Miss F. Evans, who has been on the staff of the General Hospital here since last summer, returned last night to her home in Vancouver.

LORD GREY'S WILD DUCKS

In Flock of Falloeden are 23 Varieties, Ten of Which Are British.

Lord Grey of Falloeden is known as a statesman but not so well as a breeder of wildfowl. In an address before the Berwickshire Naturalist Association he told of these recently. He has been rearing them for 37 years and has 23 varieties of ducks ten of which are British.

The British birds are:—Mallard, widgeon, pintail, garganey, shoveller, teal, tufted duck, pochard, red-crested pochard, and white-eyed pochard. The foreign birds are:—Spotted-bill duck, wood duck, mandarin, Chiloe widgeon, Chilean pintail, Bahama pintail, Chilean teal, Brazilian teal, Japanese teal and versicolor teal.

Striking Distinction.

For the purpose of observation the most striking distinction Lord Grey said, was between those birds which undergo the "eclipse," changing the color of their plumage from brilliant to dull-hue in the breeding season, and those which do not. The mandarin drake and the Carolina wood drake are two of the most brilliant. Anyone without knowledge of birds would hardly believe that the drake and duck had any relationship, but about the end of May and beginning of June the drakes lose their brilliance and assume a dark color like the females. Although this is the rule generally speaking among British ducks, it is not the rule with ducks all the world over, or even in the same species.

Where the drake has an eclipse, he pays no attention to the female when the brood is hatched. But with the Chilean pintail, where there was no eclipse, the drake went with the duck and brood and took as much trouble in rearing the young as a cock partridge does with his young. He had asked a friend who was going to South America to observe whether this characteristic existed in the wild state, and he had been informed that it does.

From Nest to Water.

Dealing with the actual breeding of the different species, Lord Grey mentioned an interesting incident in connection with a Carolina or North American wood duck, which selected as her nesting place an old elm tree about 300 yards from the water. The hole in the tree was 21 feet from the ground, and, being anxious to learn how the duck got the young brood down, Mr. Henderson, his gardener, kept close watch at the time when he thought the brood was due to hatch out. Presently the duck flew down from the hole into the grass, and began calling; then one by one the little ducklings came to the edge of the hole and fell to the ground. When measured, the nest was found to be 2 feet below the hole. For the newly hatched birds to climb that distance, to fall 21 feet and then follow their mother 300 yards to water, was, he thought, a tremendous tribute to the energy of nature.

Do Not Carry Young.

Lord Grey said he had seen it stated that when the common wild duck nested above the ground the mother carried the young down, but this incident in the case of a bird whose natural nesting place was a hole in a tree rather went to disprove that. "I won't say it is impossible," he continued, "because I have seen a young cuckoo, naked, helpless, and apparently unable to stand in the nest, and when I have put a newly hatched bird in beside it I have seen that same cuckoo push the bird from the nest. No one who has seen that done will say that anything in nature is incredible."

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The Man in the Moon SAYS

BEATY is the boy! THE dropping of a line of type made The Daily News of Wednesday say "Dressed chicken was offered at 25c for front quarters and 7c for hind quarters." Such are the vagaries of fate. The editor says it might have been worse.

AMONG the things that will likely get you in wrong is forgetting to register.

ANOTHER thing that might get you in wrong is being too fresh.

ANOTHER thing that often gets people in wrong with the boss is getting stale.

ITS a good thing to smile even in this weather.

THERE is one thing we can all remember and that is that the weather man has been worse in other places than here.

AS man to man now, why not talk as woman to woman or as woman to man.

ONE of the questions that some people are asking is, how innocent is an innocent girl?

MRS. HARRY WALKER is suing her husband, the Reverend Harry, because he scolded her. If this sort of thing keeps up all the husbands will be suing their wives.

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