

PASSING OF THE WILD PIGEONS.

This Once Well Known Passenger Bird is Now Almost Extinct.

ITS EXTERMINATION RAPID.

The Old Thickly Populated Roosts are Stories of the Past—Their Breeding Range, if There Be One, is Almost Unknown.

The passing of the pigeon—Ectopistes migratoria... The extermination of the passenger pigeon has progressed even more rapidly than did that of the American bison.

In the counties of Cumberland, Care and... The last post reported from the State, a few nesting pairs have been reported in recent years.

This Pennsylvania nesting, however, was a plover compared to that which took place on the southern peninsula of Michigan.

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crossing Crooked Lake, Michigan, in a heavy fog... The birds were not seen again until they reached Manitou Island.

THE NESTING. With a foot of snow covering the ground in the woods, where the sun could not reach it...

For six weeks the birds remained at the Potosky nesting. During this time several million birds were slain.

This Potosky nesting covered something like the extent of land. The number of dead birds sent by rail each day was counted at 11:00 while an equal number was shipped by water.

The netters who have done so much to exterminate the passenger pigeon are becoming almost as scarce as the birds themselves.

THEY DISAPPEARED. According to men who witnessed the flying of the pigeons that year, fully a quarter of a million birds were on the wing.

The wild pigeon becomes easily captured. On one occasion an immense flock of young birds became lost while they were being carried to the market.

YARDSLEY—Go down to the drug store and get a bottle of Pond's Extract with you.

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At 4 o'clock the young men's meeting will be held, as usual, and will be in charge of the Rev. Mr. McKee.

At 3 o'clock the Boys' Gospel Army will meet; the speaker for the afternoon being Mr. Leo Camp.

Dr. Witherspoon will occupy his pulpit morning and night, and will take as the subject of his sermons, "The Trustee."

There will be regular services at the Soldiers' Home chapel at 11 o'clock this morning.

VALLEY POULTRY SHOW. The Exhibit of Birds was Finer Than Ever Before.

BERRYVILLE, Va., Jan. 21.—Special.—The Shenandoah Valley Poultry and Pigeon Association gave its third annual exhibition in Winston Hall here on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Barred rocks—First cock and hen—J. W. Barringer, first cockerel, J. W. Marks, Berryville; second and third cockerel, J. W. Barringer, first pullet, J. W. Marks, second and third pullet, J. W. Barringer, first pen, William Eisen, Berryville; second pen, W. C. Adams, Catoctin, Md.; third pen, James F. Jones, Berryville.

White Wyandottes—First cock and first pullet, Ambrose Hummer, Briggs, Va.; second cock, first and second hen, first and second pullet, A. M. Corbary, Baltimore; first cock and first pullet, J. W. Marks, Berryville.

Black Langshires—First and second cockerel, first and second pullet, A. M. Corbary, Baltimore; first cock and first pullet, J. W. Marks, Berryville.

Black Brahmans—First and second pens, Barringer & Marks, Berryville, Va.; Light Brahmans—First cock and first hen, J. W. Marks, Berryville.

Indian Game—First and second hen, first and second pullet, J. W. Barringer; first cockerel and third pullet, Ambrose Hummer, Briggs, Va.

Pitt Games—First pen, R. E. B. Smith, Berryville, Va.; first and second cock, first and second pullet, W. T. Lewis, Berryville, Va.; first hen and third cock, R. C. Frank, Charlottesville, Va.; third pullet, Frank Wise, Berryville, Va.

Sherwoods—First cockerel and first pullet, Thomas W. Timberlake, Milldale, Va.; Houdans—First cockerel and first pullet, Ambrose Hummer, Briggs, Va.

Lead Pipe Thieves. An attempt was made about 9:30 o'clock Friday night by thieves to enter the vacant residence, No. 913 east Leigh street, for the evident purpose of stealing lead pipe.

A STRONG PLEA FOR VACCINATION.

By Dr. Paulus A. Irving of the State Board of Health.

THE LAWS SHOULD BE UPHELD.

The Preservation of a Nation's Health as Important as the Promotion of Its Commerce or the Maintenance of Its Conquests.

Small-pox was epidemic last winter in several of the counties in the southwestern part of the State, due to the negligence and want of vaccination.

It is not my purpose to discuss the origin and history of vaccination, or to discuss the causes, symptoms, complications or treatment of small-pox, but simply to offer a few suggestions on the best method of vaccination as a prophylactic remedy against the spread of small-pox, and how it can be used for the protection of the public from the ravages of so loathsome a disease.

Just a century ago Jenner published his discovery to the world, and small-pox has lost most of its terrors and danger, and is now a comparatively little risk in vaccination.

Against ignorance and superstition, against dulness and prejudice, against conservatism and unreasoning tradition the practice of vaccination has spread, in a few decades, over the whole civilized world.

Vaccination with pure, good virus, properly and efficiently performed, will give an absolute and complete protection against smallpox as an attack of the disease, Jenner says.

Vaccination is then done under pressure, and if this plan was adopted by each State, in a few years smallpox could be stamped out in our country.

In every city or town, particularly where there is daily communication by railroads, which now traverse almost every State and section and by which they are connected with the outside world and often with seaports and which in turn by maritime commerce with foreign countries, renders some form of vaccination the most important and necessary of all public health measures.

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Henrico Vaccination. The Board of Supervisors of Henrico held a special meeting next Wednesday to further consider the matter of the vaccination of the citizens of that county.

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One of the unobtrusive industries of New York State is pearl hunting. So little is known of it that this announcement to many people, perhaps a majority, will be as matter of news.

Such methods have been adopted and practiced in all European countries, which time and experience demonstrate have given most excellent results.

Virginia should have its own vaccine farms. The State should establish vaccine farms under the supervision of the State Board of Health, and maintain it for the production of fresh, pure vaccine virus.

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PEARLS IN WISCONSIN. Pearl oysters were gathered by the million and destroyed, often with little or no result.

PEARLS IN ARKANSAS. The northwestern pearl excitement subsided in a few seasons, but the others had done in time before, by the exhaustion of the mussel beds, and the consequent stoppage of product.

PEARLS IN CONNECTICUT. Connecticut had its share of the pearl fever, and many fine pearls were reported from the head waters of the Connecticut river as well as from the other end of the State, along the Shousset river.

PEARLS IN ILLINOIS. The pearl fisheries of Illinois have produced since 1850, a worth of pearls since 1850.

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