

THE OLD FIELD LARK. Large Part of His Food is Constituted of Insects. Viewed from above the flight lark would take on much the appearance of a bird of the appearance of a lark, as his back is the brown of earth, and the buff of stubble. Nature has a neat job in protective coloring...

quiet, not even a low note is spoken that might give notice of their whereabouts. All their music is reserved for after-breakfast concerts, when they have nothing else on their minds. Unlike the negro hands over in the next field, they do not sing while at work. Larks walk and run, but they never hop, as that would lower their native dignity. They move through the tangled grass with the stately tread of a turkey, and were it not for the frequent twitching of their tails, they might be mistaken for partridges. There is nothing fussy or frivolous about a lark, but he carries himself with a certain repose and serenity of demeanor that marks him as one of the "manor born." They are eminent social in their nature, and if birds of their own family are not to be had, they readily associate with snow birds or sparrows; and when driven by hunger, he spends many winter days with the heus around the barn. In the early morning they love to gather in small parties in the top of some tree in the edge of the pasture, and in clear, sweet songs, tell the world how happy they are. When in this exposed position, they become very wary and alert and are off and gone long before one gets within range. But when they once more get back among their beloved straw and tall grass, their vigilance relaxes and they allow one to come quite near before they will take wing. They build among the grass of meadows and the stubble of cultivated fields, and have the knack of hiding their nests so perfectly, that they are pretty safe from prying human eyes; but whether they hide them as successfully from snakes, raccoons, possums, minks, and field mice is another question. They usually select a bunch of tall timothy or broomstraw, and place the lowly nest well back among the roots, and by artfully pulling the grass over it, and leaving only a small opening at the side for a door, through which the quiet little mother squeezes herself when going in or out, the white speckled eggs are about as hard to find as the proverbial needle in a hay stack. So many little lark babies are eaten by the four-footed prowlers of meadow and field, that the parents find it necessary to raise two broods in a season, to keep the census of yellow breasts up to normal. During this time of anxiety and family cares, the lark finds precious little time for singing, and unless accidentally flushed by some one tramping through the fields, he is very seldom seen. At this season he is also changing his clothes to the more somber suit that he wears in winter; the browns taking on a still more earthy hue, and the gold of throat and breast fades into a shade matching better the yellow of autumn leaves. All this time when his voice is seldom heard, he is working hard to rid the fields of such pests as the boll weevil, and the alfalfa weevil. When one learns what the food of the field lark is, he wonders how a farmer can act so much against his own interests as to allow one of these birds to be killed on land that he owns. For six months of the year, insects constitute 90 per cent of its food; during August and September 99 per cent is insects. And most of these are insects that the farmer is better off for having killed. He is particularly fond of cutworms, and the dreaded army worm, he had rather eat than cavalry served smoking hot. He is careful never to molest growing crops, and the only grain he ever eats is that shattered out and left on the ground. So you see he does absolutely no harm at all, and does do a whole lot of good, and it seems a pity that he should be slaughtered for the little mouthful of meat that is found on his breast, surely not enough to put him in the class of game birds.—C. A. David in Greenville News.

ACCIDENT TO MOTOR PARTY. A. R. Moore, of Barnwell, Dead, and Others Injured. Columbia, Sept. 30.—As the result of injuries sustained when the automobile in which they were riding turned turtle near Barnwell, yesterday afternoon, A. R. Moore, a brother of Adjutant General W. W. Moore, of South Carolina, is dead, and H. A. Simms is in a critical condition at a Columbia hospital this morning. Dr. J. G. Wooley and V. Seymour Owens also suffered painful injuries, while E. G. Foley, the fifth member of the party, escaped uninjured. Moore and Simms were rushed to Columbia on a special train last night. Moore died about 4 o'clock this morning, and Simms was still unconscious early today, and is believed to be fatally hurt. The young men were on their way to shoot doves when the automobile struck a sandy spot in the road and became unmanageable. Moore and Simms were pinned beneath the machine. All were prominent young men from Barnwell and vicinity. The Willie Bethune Case. The case of Willie Bethune which has been in the courts for so many years, seems to have come to a close at last. This negro has cost Clarendon county several thousand dollars. He was charged with the murder of Mr. G. B. Mims, tried and convicted, but on account of the great legal talent he engaged to defend him, they have been able to keep it in the courts for years. He being sentenced to die about seven times and each time he evaded the death sentence, but last week, after his attorney's were granted a change of venue, the case was heard before a Lee county jury, and these twelve men sustained the verdict of all former juries by convicting Bethune of murder in the first degree, and bringing to a close one of the longest and most hard fought cases in the history of the county. Judge Prince sentenced Bethune to be electrocuted October 27, 1916.—Manning Times. The next meeting of the State W. C. T. U. will be held at Aiken. Supervisor's Monthly Report. The following is a list of claims passed upon and ordered paid by the Commissioners of Kershaw County in session Monday, October 2, 1916: H. E. Munn, supt chain gang, \$ 208.57 L. S. Brown, supt hired gang, 110.16 L. J. Faulkenberry supt hired gang, 125.35 L. W. Watts, supt hired gang, 122.44 W. T. Player, rd wk, 1.25 O. M. Gay, treating mule, 2.50 O. P. Jones, rd wk, 3.00 W. T. Pitts, rd wk, 3.00 R. R. Toom, lumber, 10.82 A. D. Kennedy, lumber, 9.50 G. M. Rabon, mule, 250.00 Bank of Camden, 49.50 A. B. Shaw, rd wk, 10.00 G. W. Turner, rd work, 70.50 J. B. Munn, wk on bridge, 26.45 Henry Ray, wk on bridge, 7.50 W. J. Watson & Son, b w, 11.35 Jno Kelly, black smith wk, 2.00 J. L. Graddick b s wk, 25.45 L. D. Watts, b s w, 2.80 James Williams, cutting hedge, 15.00 Clyburn & Davis, supplies, 40.37 W. J. Langley, supplies, 11.60 W. T. Holley, supplies, 15.40 C. R. Cassidy, 33.66 T. K. Fletcher, supplies, 2.10 Burns & Barrett, supplies, 227.48 S. H. Mickle, rd wk, 3.00 Kershaw M. & B. Co, supplies, 322.95 Adolphus Jacobs, supplies, 13.50 J. L. Hinson, supplies, 24.10 Henry Savage, rd wk, 5.50 G. B. King, supplies, 23.04 J. L. King, supplies, 9.25 Z. Braunton, supplies, 8.75 Rose & Ross, supplies, 59.66 Austin Western Road Mch Co, 8.25 Schlossberg & Karesh, supplies, 7.40 The Blackmon Co, supplies, 7.70 Satoe Bros, 12.29 J. M. Carson Co, 208.84 G. B. Cook, supplies, 15.22 B. W. Best, supplies, 4.25 Lewis & Christmas, supplies, 21.95 McLeod & Phillips, supplies, 20.00 Jesse T. Ross, supplies, 7.00 J. S. Rhame, supplies, 7.50 Wolfe-Eichel Co, supplies, 1.00 J. L. Hinson, supplies, 25.00 Peoples Supply Co, supplies, 10.00 J. F. Clark, supplies, 4.50 Evans Bros, supplies, 58.50 W. T. Smith, supplies, 30.60 A. M. Rabon, supplies, 6.50 Elmore Brown, supplies, 12.00 Zemp & DePass, supplies, 10.15 S. B. Horton, supplies, 6.00 L. A. Wittkowsky, supplies, 10.00 Commissioners of Public wk, 37.63 Camden Hospital, 300.00 G. W. Dabney, supplies, 7.00 G. W. Dabney, supt p h, 7.00 Tom Wilson, wk on jail, 20.00 The R. L. Bryan Co, books, 17.75 D. A. Elliott, wk on jail, 12.00 W. D. Grigsby, M. D. ex lun, 5.00 Dr. R. E. Stevenson, pulling teeth, 2.00 C. K. Hough, wk on lights, 1.00 W. H. Huckabee, sal, 192.87 C. W. Birchmore, salary, 122.36 J. N. McLeod, salary, 50.00 J. C. Falkenberry, salary, 50.00 John Rabon, Jr., salary, 56.25 M. C. West, salary, 125.07 Tom Johnson, salary, 25.00 J. H. Clyburn, salary, 205.25 T. F. Horton, salary, 50.00 G. L. Dixon, salary, 20.85 D. M. McCaskill, salary, 107.33 A. M. Deal, salary, 8.33 W. F. Russel, salary, 48.27 W. L. McDowell, salary, 47.66 H. M. Fincher, salary, 50.00 B. N. Jones, salary, 37.50 J. E. Copeland, salary and sup, 78.00 T. W. Starves, sal and sup, 30.00 B. F. Roberts, sal and sup, 30.00 James Truesdell, sal and sup, 30.00 F. G. Perry, sal and sup, 30.00 G. E. Hinson, sal and sup, 30.00 J. D. Sinclair, sal and sup, 50.00 F. L. Truesdell, sal and sup, 37.50 H. D. Heatis, sal and sup, 30.75 W. L. Branham, sal and sup, 30.00 L. A. Perry, salary, 30.00 W. A. McDowell, salary, 42.10 S. H. Roberts, salary, 24.00 Luther Truesdell, salary, 30.00 F. M. Zemp, supplies, 21.70 M. D. Peak, rd wk, 5.00 Total \$4,575.76

VITAL STATISTICS. Number of Deaths and Births Registered for Past Month. Births in Camden. Sept. 5—Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Albertus M. Campbell. Sept. 14—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Shearn. Sept. 8—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Le Hogue. Sept. 14—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Elin McCaskill. Sept. 23—Girl to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moseley. Colored. Sept. 23—Boy to Lavinia Ballard. Sept. 6—Boy to Maggie Lloyd. Sept. 9—Girl to Jno. D. and Lammie Brewer. Sept. 28—Boy to Tillman and Mary James. Deaths in Camden. Sept. 16—Charles A. Bruce. Sept. 20—H. K. DuBose. Sept. 28—Miss Annie Douglas Alexander. Sept. 24—F. E. Mathis. Colored. Sept. 26—Thomas Hampton Brown. Sept. 24—Hannah Jenkins. Sept. 23—John Baker. Sept. 6—John Lloyd. Sept. 16—Edward Smyrl. Sept. 11—Allen Halthcock. Sept. 7—Willie Hampton. Sept. 5—Richard Lewis. Births in DeKalb Township. Sept. 1—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rodgers. Sept. 17—Girl to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. West. Sept. 4—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Outlaw. Sept. 6—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Willie H. Barfield. Sept. 13—Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Parker. Sept. 15—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Baker. Sept. 30—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. R. Tillman Smith. Sept. 1—Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar J. Crow. Sept. 16—Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Murdock Outlaw. Sept. 19—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Jones. Sept. 24—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Trimmell. Sept. 30—Girl to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bullock. Colored. Sept. 24—Boy to Dock and Halle Curry. Sept. 27—Girl to Irene Love. Sept. 23—Girl to Edward and Clarkey Jones. Sept. 16—Girl to Robert and Josie Allen. Sept. 19—Boy to Edward and Diana Stanley. Sept. 3—Girl to Lewis and Diana Warren. Sept. 31—Boy to Isaac and Jane Carter. Sept. 9—Boy to Hampton and Rosa Rynn. Sept. 4—Boy to Kate DuBose. Sept. 8—Girl to Cye and Bessie Hampton. Sept. 5—Girl to Jack and Nora Springs. Deaths in DeKalb Township. Sept. 7—D. T. Hancock. Sept. 26—Mrs. Belle Outlaw. Sept. 28—Mrs. Margaret J. Dabney. Sept. 25—John F. Turner. Colored. Sept. 25—Willie Cornish. Sept. 9—Willie May Logan.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES. Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place. Mrs. T. K. Fletcher and little daughter spent several days in Camden last week with Mrs. Fletcher's parents. The fourth Quarterly Conference of the Kershaw charge will be held in the Kershaw Methodist church on next Saturday morning. Dr. H. W. Bayes, the Presiding Elder of the Sumter district, will preside at the conference. He will preach at 11 o'clock Saturday morning and at 11 on Sunday morning. Hanging Rock School will begin its fall session next Monday morning. Miss Marie Willingham will be in charge of the school again. Dr. and Mrs. W. C. McDowell and children spent Sunday with Dr. McDowell's parents in the Flat Rock community, who were having a family reunion. Misses Ida and Scotta Brown left yesterday, the former for Columbia to take a position in the Edred department store in that city; and the latter to resume her duties as teacher in the same school taught by her the past session near Lamar. Mrs. H. S. Jenkins and children of Birmingham, Ala., are visiting Mrs. Jenkins' sister, Mrs. S. E. Hinson, in the Longville community. Mrs. Jenkins, who was Miss Lide Hasseltine formerly lived in Kershaw and has a number of friends. Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Tucker returned Saturday from their month's vacation, and the Sunday morning and night preaching services have been resumed at the tent. B. F. Estridge, of Sumter, a former citizen of Kershaw, spent a couple of days here last week on business. Mr. Estridge has many friends in Kershaw, who are always pleased to see him. Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Caston and child, and Mr. and Mrs. Rouch Hinson and child, of the Flat Creek section, motored to Columbia last Wednesday, where Rev. and Mrs. Caston were taking their child for special medical treatment. Many Germans Captured. London, Sept. 27.—Between three and four thousand German prisoners have reached the British collecting stations on the Somme front during the last forty-eight hours. Prisoners were taken in fighting at Thiepval, Gueugourt and Combles.

OUT FOR WILSON. High Caliber Men Supporting His Candidacy. (Letter to the Hartford Times.) The Hartford Courant and other Republican papers of this state are making much ado over the announcement that the Hon. Lewis Sperry, of South Windsor, will vote for Mr. Hughes for President. These papers carefully avoid mentioning the fact that Thomas A. Edison, one of the greatest scientists America ever produced, Henry Ford, the largest automobile manufacturer in the United States, Charles W. Eliot, the president emeritus of Harvard University, Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams College, and son of ex-President Garfield, F. W. Taussig, professor of political economy at Harvard, Bliss Perry, former editor of the Atlantic Monthly, Luther Burbank, the leading horticulturist of this country, The Rev. Ambrose W. Vernon, pastor of Harvard Congregational Church, in Brookline, Mass., Amos Pinchot, prominent Progressive leader, Frederick N. Weir, former prosecuting attorney Lowell district, Mass., Prof. Lewis J. Johnson, of Harvard, one of the foremost Progressives in 1912, Edwin O. Edgerton, railroad commissioner of California, appointed by Governor Johnson, and many other Republicans, as well as independents, have signified their intention within the last few days of voting for Woodrow Wilson for President and have given their reasons for so doing. Wilson Republican.

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MAY MAKE TWO STATES. Georgians Are Dissatisfied With Present Location of Capital. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 2.—Mayor J. Gordon Jones, of Cordele, sees unless the question of removal of the capital of Georgia can be settled next year, there is a way to bring about a settlement of it that may not be so entirely satisfactory as it might be otherwise, but which "will put an end to this fight over the thing." "Now the situation has reached the point," he says, "where, in the interest of development and a satisfied state of the public mind in the lower part of the state something has got to be done to end it all. If the capital removal proposition isn't settled, and south Georgia can't get what's coming to her, then the movement will be earnestly put on foot in that part of the state—and we start it, I'll tell you, we are going through with it—to cut the state of Georgia in half and make another state out of South Georgia, with Cordele as the capital of the new state." McMeekin Brothers, farmers of the Monticello section of Fairfield county, sold 308 bales of cotton in Winstonsboro, Friday at 14 cents. Their check amounted to \$21,000.

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REALTY TRANSFERS As Shown by Books in Office of County Auditor. G. B. and M. G. King to W. H. Smith 72 acres \$1,000. A. G. Whitaker, Chief of Police, to J. P. Lewis and L. A. Wittkowsky 1 house and lot \$20. Douglas Murphey to Charles Murphey 24 acres \$240. Robt. G. McCrelight to Edward O. McCrelight 1 house and lot \$100 and other valuable considerations. Henry Robinson to H. J. Marshall 31 1-2 acres \$250. John McCarthy to Grace M. Boykin 5 acres \$5. Columbus Stokes to John Man Stokes 57 acres \$1,000. Whittemore Certain to T. T. Truesdell 1 house and lot on Chesnut street \$50. G. F. Hammond to Springs B. & M. Co. 1-4 acre \$150. W. K. Williams to Trustees District No. 46 1-4 acre \$10. Springs B. & M. Co. to Trustees District No. 46 1 acre \$10. W. Whitaker to M. T. Gettys, Treasurer, 1-2 acre \$50. W. E. Thompson to S. L. Thompson 128 1-2 acres \$50. A. M. Horton to Alice E. Horton 210 acres \$400. Mattie J. Davis to Algde Davis et al 1 lot \$3 and other considerations. Thomas Johnson and Mamie J. Copeland to Willie Wheeler 1 acre \$50. C. L. Dye to Fannie A. Sowell 1-428 acres \$1,000. L. A. Wittkowsky, Master, to C. A. Johnson and R. L. Sowell 100 acres \$300. Celia Perkins to Joseph Stehen 1 house and lot on Rutledge street \$269. H. E. Beard, Jr., to W. O. Hay 1 house and lot \$5 and other considerations. M. M. Welsh to C. D. Floyd 1 house and lot in town of Kershaw \$2,200. D. G. Graham to Melkel John Lumber Co., 125 acres \$1,000. T. J. Gregory to W. B. Threat 247 acres \$200. C. L. Dye to Cornelia M. Dye 1 house and lot in town of Kershaw \$500. Mattie Baskins et al to W. L. Blackmon 1-2 acre and 1 house \$200. W. A. Fletcher to Acme Lumber Co. all timber suitable for sawing and crosscuts on 250 acres \$100. V. D. Estridge to Z. P. Gordon 398 acres \$3,900. Sinking Fund Commission to Caesar Thompson 75 acres \$3300. Henry Savage to Edward Carolina 1 house and lot \$400. L. P. Thompson et al to Mackey Jones Co. 4 acres \$40. H. J. McLaurin and H. M. McLaurin to Norris Timber Co. 1348 acres (timber deed) \$10,000.

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