#### AFTER SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS.

### WHAT BIRDS WILL DO.

I have captured young mocking

birds from their nests and reared

them to nearly grown, and then

the old birds would bring them

grasshoppers in order to poison

They seem to know the insect is

poison. I have seen mocking

birds sit and listen to the piano

#### Long Fight for an Indian Claim Which FI- Some of the Characteristics of the Feathnally Proved Successful. ered Tribe.

A \$5,000,000 melon that has been ripening for nearly 75 years is at last being sliced by the government for distribution among the Cherokee Indians.

them. The bird will not est It has been a standing claim of grasshoppers when running free. the Indians against Uncle Sam since 1835. In that year the government owed the Cherokees, for land purchased, the sum of \$1,-100,000, which lay in the treasury to their credit with interest at 5 per cent.

Then one fine day an error was made in the auditing department of the treasury and it appeared, according to the looks, that the Cherokees had nothing to their credit. Their head men took up the matter, hired lawyers and for 75 long years labored to establish their claim. They tried the executive officials and beseiged Congress but without making an impression worth a cent, to say nothing of the millions they were after. They were told that the books showed they had nothing coming and, government records being infallible, there was no ground for argument. So it was, died in dispair. year after year, as the Indians made their pilgrimages to Wash-

ington.

when it was being played sweet and low. I have seen them fight a snake while the latter was trying to rob their nest. They would utter shrill cries and fly about the suake, pecking it mercilessly with their beaks. I bave seen them listening to a canary singing, and then of a sudden, as though in digust of the small sweet singer, sing the canary's song so loud,

yet sweetly, that the canary was scarcely audible. The party that wned these two birds said that the mocking bird finally killed the canary, for the latter would try to sing as loudly as the form er, but in vain. It strained its little throat trying to compete with its stronger rival until its strength was exhausted, and it

I have seen the crow fight an eagle when the latter came near the crow's nest. It would fly

About ten years ago the aspect above and fall quickly on and of things changed somewhat when peck the eagle. The crow can Robert L. Owen, an attorney of spar quickly, going straight up, Muskogee, I. T., was given charge while the eagle climbs in circles of the claim, He was a member I have also seen the crow on the of the Cherokee nation through beach find a clam, but owing to his mother's side, while his father the hard shell of the latter it was was Robert L. Owen, a Virginian unable to eat it. But that did and president of the Tennessee not daunt the wise old crow, for railroad. Attorney Owen was

it picked up the clam in its claws highly educated, he had wit and

to the water and catch fish. It

will steady itself in the air far

I saw an eagle catch an old cat

feathers from where the eagle

picked the cat up to the place it

I have seen a kind of duck, lo-

cally known as the Water Witch,

dive before shot could travel from

a gun to it, and the distance was

only a few feet. I have also seen

it dodge the rifle bullet. This

bird is a rapid diver, and to watch

I have seen tame wild geese sit

on the edge of a stream and call

turned it loose.

interesting.

There are many men of many minds among lawyers on a question of law, as well as among laymen on other matters. As has been stated, legal authorities in States. ville have expressed the opinion that under the State law governing automobiles a municipality cannot provide additional regulat ons, and the State law is apparently c nflicting on this point. But many other towns, under the advice of lawyers, have enacted additional regulations providing a lower rate of speed than is im-

Asheville To Abolish State Law.

posed by the State law. But Asheville presents the most interesting case. It was recently discovered that the local autom bile ordinance had been left out of the city code and that Ashville had no 'ocal regulations for automobiles. Thereupon the auto folks began to scorch, but only for a brief period. The police went after them under the State law, which provides a speed limit of 12 miles an hour in towns, 8 miles in the business section and 5 miles in rounding corners and curves. Many motorists were arrested and fined and there was a howl. A great delegation of them invaded the meeting of the board of aldermen and asserted that they could not exist if the State law is enforced; that eight miles an hour

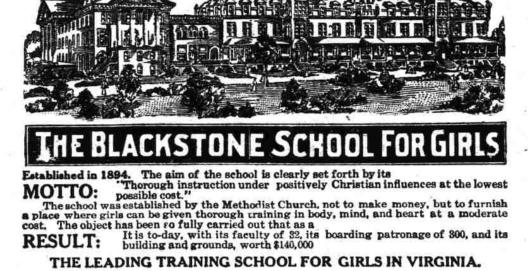
is a snail's pace and meant blocking the thoroughfares (but almost eight miles an hour); and two doctors avered that under the speed of 8 and 12 miles an hour they could not attend to their practice and would have to return to horse and buggy.

Thereupon an ordinance was introduced making the speed limit



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and flew high in the air, then judgment besides, and he prodropped the clam on the hard ceeded to make things move. The sand beach. The clam was brofirst thing to do was get permisken by the fall and the crow prosion from Congress to proceed ceeded with its dinner. against the government in the

I have seen a parrot that was Court of Claims and prove that owned near a college get quite an. the rusting dollars of the angry on being called a freshman cient Cherokee fund really and use terrible profane language, lay in the vaults of the treasury. but if he was called a senior he He got it, afterwards repeated the would cry out in a pleased voice. achievement, two hearings in the 'That's me." Court of Claims being necessary I have seen a fish hawk dive in-

in his work. Anybody feeling that it is not much of a job to get that much action out of the greatabove the water and watch for a est legislative body in the world fish. When it sees one it will has never undertaken any little close its wings and fall quickly on old task like moving the Rocky its prey, seize the fish in its claws Mountains.

and fly away to its nest to eat it Owen's final contest was to or feed it to its young. move the case into the United I have seen an eagle fight the States Supreme Court and he sucfish hawk to make it drop a fish it ceeded in that in 1906 as he had had just captured. When the in all that went before. The rehawk drops the fish. the eagle, cord he submitted to the court quick as a flash, catches it. consisted of 2,700 printed pages. have seen this several times and He argued the case against the have never seen an eagle fail to skilled lawyers in the government catch the fish before it struck the service and he won a judgement water. that the original fund, swelled by

the accumulated interest to \$5,-000,000, belonged to the living Cherokees.

The court awarded him a fee of \$200,000, which approximates the record for stipends for legal services even in the Supreme court.

The decission placed upon the government officials the stupend. ous task of ascertaining who was entitled to the money, of seeing

to it that none having rights were overlooked and the imposters did not get a place at the counter. A person having one sixty-fourth part of Cherokee blood was a legal member of the Cherokee nation

and the search through involved family ties threaten to be almost endless. The list of those entitled to a share in the fund has now been completed, however, and contains 35,000 names. It - Id geese to them to be shot by

was made up from an army of heir owner. They seemed to en-85,000 applicants.

The man who won the big fight and was rewarded with the princely fee now represents Oklahoma in the United States Senate .-Washington dispatch

oy the sport as much as a man. I have seen a dove play crippled when coming near her nest. She does this to get you to try to cap. you away from her nest.-C. T.

Langley, in Oriental News. This last practice is not con-

in Asheville ten miles an hour in the business section, 15 in resideuce sections and six in turning corners and rounding curves. Au Ashevil'e paper says it is understood that a State law "can be superseded by a city ordinance," and acording to the Asheville papers the city attorney advised the aldermen that they had a right to pass an ordinance allowing a

greater speed limit than is provided by the State law.

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This amounts of course to a repeal of the State law so far as Asheville is concerned and the Landmark is , rinting this to call attention to the fact, which we think is something new-that a voke a State law. This is especially startling in view of the fact the State automobile law specifically provides-in section 16 we think it is-that no city or town shall adopt any regulations pro viding any greater speed limit than that permitted in the State

law. But if the idea that a muni prevails, we shall expect to sen one day. The cat had just time some of the North Carolina towns to fall on its back before the eagle where the Morelly Stunted pre-

caught it. The eagle took the cat vail, proched to supersede the up in the air a short distance and State prohibition law and license turned it loose, and I guess it the sale of liquor, thought it was good riddance, for

But there are lawers and lawthe cat was bitting and scratching yers -Statesville Landmark. terribly. There was a string of

> North Garolina Will Have Ten Census Supervisors.

The director of the consus made public to-day the list of census districts in the various States, which are to be the unit for the taking of the census. North Carolina is to have ten districts, which will conform the ten congressional it perform this wonderful feat is districts. In each district a census supervisor will be named. The supervisor, who will receive a salary of something like \$2,500, will

name the enumerators in the various districts. No announcement was made

with reference to the appointment of supervisors, but it is very genture her; in this way she leads erally believed that the hepublican machine in the State will have | BINGHAM the appointment of most of these officers in North Carolina



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## The Curse of the South.

What is the matter with the South? According to government report of 1908 "The Secret is out at last-the Southerner, contrary to current opinion is not lazy, shiftless, indifferent or careless "He is sick" the South is afflicted with and harbors that most dreaded treacherous and destructive of all diseases Anemia, Pernicious Anemia. The city ordinance can be passed to re- average Southerner is a sufferer of this health destroying parasite which destroys the red bloood cells producing an impoverished condition of the blood; characterized by extreme pallor, general debility. weakness, loss of vigor, lack of ambition, and general undermining of vitality. The climate and atmospheric conditions destroy the vitality. Let him get over it. Get rid of it. Get well, and he is good physically as the best American can boast. If there is health of the slightest degree in your system, "WAKE IT UP! CALL I'l FORTH. PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD; all can and should be well. To neglect yourself is to reflect upon the wisdom of your Maker. Nature intends all humanity tenjoy a full measure of health and vigor. If you do not the fault is cipality can abolish a State law your own, for you are yourself to blame for it. Wonders have been accomplished for the people of Tenneessee, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, let us now do as much for the people of the Carolines. A postal will bring you the necessary information. Send no money Write to-day. Don't neglect this chance here offered you. Address,

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