

to the exclusion of other features just as desirable, and of more interest to the people at large.

The Egret of the southern states, the big wader that produces the plumes of commerce, called aigrettes, is fully protected by our state law, though to little or no purpose, for we seldom or never see one so far north. However, the principle involved is the same. It is a heron, and feeds on practically the same as our Great Blue Heron. The latter is much larger, stands more erect, and easily outclasses the Egret in general make-up and stylish appearance.

I ask for our Great Blue Heron as good treatment as is accorded to the white one. His habits are fully as exemplary as those of his paler relative, and Pennsylvanians are more interested in him. Unless better protected he will soon be too rare to be of much value as a show bird.

The protection of this heron involves, in a way, the same principle as that of maintaining a zoo, and at the same time saving a valuable bird from extermination at the hands of those who should be its protectors.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Wilson Ornithological Club will remember that at the last annual meeting held in St. Louis, it was voted to hold the 1920 annual meeting in Chicago, in connection with the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The time at which these meetings have been held has been between Christmas and New Years Day. It is not yet possible to state the exact dates at which our meeting will be held, but members should hold themselves in readiness to attend the meeting during the week following Christmas day. The exact dates will be announced in ample time. Important questions of policy for the future of our organization are to be presented for discussion, questions of vital interest to every member. Therefore we ought to have a large attendance of members from widely different parts of our particular field. An interesting program is assured, but there is ample room for more titles of papers which may be presented at this meeting. Come prepared to take an active part.