

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

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Dear Fellow Member:

Our quarterly letter has been somewhat delayed, but now I have more definite data regarding the meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club at Kansas City, Mo. and I hasten to pass it on to all of our members, for surely we will all want to be there.

We, of the Middle West, are to be congratulated on having secured this meeting this year, as it is the first time it has been held so far west, the last meeting being held at Nashville, Tenn.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held at Kansas City, Mo. on December 28-29 (Monday and Tuesday) in conjunction with The American Association for the Advancement of Science. The American Nature Association, in which many of us are interested, will hold its annual meeting there at the same time as will also the Inland Bird Banding Association, the latter holding meetings and having headquarters in the same place as the W.O.C.

Day sessions of the Wilson Club will be held in the Cabinet Room of the Hotel President, and the evening meeting on Tuesday will be held in the Congress Room of the same hotel. The headquarters of the Wilson Club will be the Hotel Dixon, corner Twelfth and Baltimore, only two blocks from the hotel where the meetings are to be held. This is a new hotel and the rates are reasonable. Single rooms, without bath, are \$1.50 to \$2.00; double, \$2.50 to \$3. With bath, single rooms are \$2.50 to \$3.00; and double, \$4.00 to \$5.00. It will be necessary for those expecting to attend, to MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY as, besides the associations already mentioned, more than thirty other scientific societies are meeting in Kansas City at the same time, and hotels are more than likely to be crowded.

Now as to the railroad rates; all members attending these meetings will be entitled to a rate of one fare and a half for the round trip, on the Certificate plan. Purchase a full fare ticket to Kansas City and ask for the Certificate, not merely a receipt; have the agent fill this out, naming The American Association for the Advancement of Science and associated societies as destination. At Kansas City this Certificate must be validated, full instructions for which will be given at the meeting. With this validated ticket, the return ticket may be purchased for one-half fare. These reduced fare tickets may be purchased from December 24 to 30 and are for return until January 6th.

For the convenience of members in the Dakotas and northwest Iowa the Missouri Pacific is planning to have a Pullman sleeper at Sioux City, either Saturday or Sunday night, which will carry passengers without change, through to Kansas City at the same Pullman rate as from Omaha to Kansas City. It is hoped that enough people will plan to go to this meeting to secure this service. Let us know if you intend to go.

Members of the Wilson Club from Illinois, Iowa, and The Dakotas, from Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas and many other states will be there, and it promises to be a great gathering, a great inspiration, and an unusual opportunity to become acquainted with fine people from other states who have the same hobby that you have.

As for the program, we have as yet only general information, but enough is assured to indicate that this will be the biggest meeting of a scientific nature ever held in the Missouri Valley. There will be many illustrated talks on birds, some with slides and some with motion pictures.

You can not afford to miss this meeting, come and add your enthusiasm and you will go home stronger and better equipped for the work that lies before you in the new year.

Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas,

Yours very truly,

MARY L. BAILEY,

Secretary, I. O. U.