

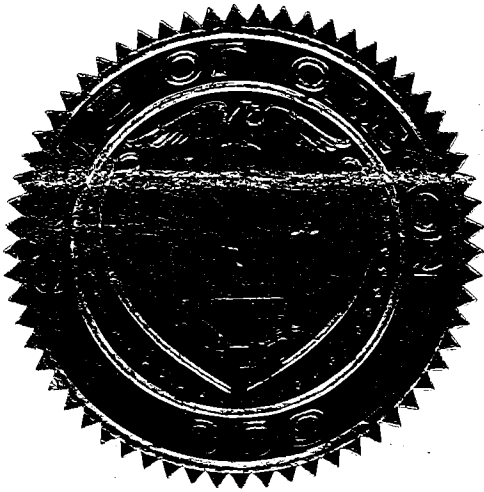
P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, It appears proper and fitting that there should be designated officially a state bird for the state of Oregon, and an election having been held among the school children of the state under the direction of the Oregon Audubon Society for the purpose of ascertaining the most popular bird, and

WHEREAS, This election was held in every county in the state, with nearly eighty thousand votes cast by the children, and the "Western Meadowlark" having received approximately forty-five thousand or over one-half of all the votes cast, and

WHEREAS, the "Western Meadowlark," (*sturnella neglecta*) is a bird of beautiful plumage and sweet voice, not destructive by nature, and a typical western bird, native to every section of our state

THEREFORE, I, I. L. Patterson, Governor of Oregon, by the authority in me vested, and in accordance with the decision of the school children of the state, do hereby proclaim the "Western Meadowlark" the state bird of Oregon, and I will ask that this proclamation be ratified at the next session of the Oregon Legislature, and the "Western Meadowlark" recorded officially as the "State Bird of Oregon."



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I Have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be hereto affixed this 18th day of July, A. D. 1927.

I. L. Patterson
Governor.

By the Governor:

Wm. H. Hoyer
Secretary of State.