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FARM LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM SHAPING AT HEARINGS

Arthur L. Jones Swears These Snake Stories are True!

MUST SEE SNAKES IN HIS DREAMS

Another Interesting Florida Letter Dealing With Nature Stories.

In my last letter I told you some nature stories, for which I would not vouch. I will now tell you a few for which I can and will vouch.

Across the street from our house lives a widower over 70 years of age who lives to hunt and fish. He comes over occasionally in the evening to chat awhile; also, I think, to see one of the ladies who is staying here.

One day recently, in company with a "cracker" lad who had a small 22 calibre rifle, he went to some waste land overgrown with blackberry vines, weeds and brush near the big canal, to hunt for rabbits.

It was Friday and the next day was market day, when along the curb in front of a vacant city block the hucksters' wagons stand to vend all kinds of produce. On the curb market, when dressed rabbits sell readily at twenty-five cents each. So in hope of picking up a bit of change, they hid themselves.

They did not have very good luck in finding rabbits sitting still to be shot at, but they did find a skunk. One shot from the 22 settled him. Then they consulted, skunk pelts bring money, so they did a very unworkmanlike job of skinning, the our friend said "the odor was awful." That business completed they resumed their hunting. Presently the "cracker" exclaimed, "Here is a beauty." Hastening to his side, our friend found a huge rattlesnake lying in coil.

The first shot hit him in the body and did not kill him, but the next one got his head, they soon had his head cut off and the skin stripped from his body. The our friend said it was hard to hold him, he squirmed so after his head was off.

A short hunt gave them one more skunk which our friend refused to help skin. He said, "His nose was bloody and he looked awful, and smelled worse."

As it was nearing noon, they took their two trophies of the chase and came home.

I went across and watched them stretch the snake skin, they could not find a board wide enough and had to cleat two together.

As they worked, our friend squatted over the skunk pelt, which he had thrown down on the cement walk. It was a white one, that is the white stripes were wide as my hand and that kind it is said, have the most abundant perfume.

I could not smell it, not having that sense, as you know, but I felt sure I could see the odor arising in waves and saturating his body.

The snake skin measured over six feet in length, about fourteen inches wide and had twelve rattles and a button, which represented thirteen years. Price, two dollars. I should like to bring it home, but feel sure friend wife would not welcome it.

Our hero came over that night to tell his adventures and told how they went back in the afternoon and got eight rabbits. As he related his adventures I could see the ladies turn pale. They said when he had gone that it was not the dangers that he encountered, but the aroma that he emitted that caused them to have faint spells.

Never before I ween, was a brave gallant so perfumed to call on a lady fair.

Although it was a warm night the atmosphere around the ladies grew more and more frigid until our caller must have felt it, for he took his hat and his departure at the same time, since which time he cometh to call no more.

I have seen but two live snakes in Florida. The first was in our woodhouse. I had gone in to get some wood. There were two racks of wood one about four feet high and the other one in front only a few sticks high, I was bending over this selecting some wood when I felt that someone or something was looking at me. I glanced up and there, but a short distance, and slightly above me, was the head of a snake with its glittering eyes fixed on me. I will not deny that for an instant I felt a prickling of the skin on my face, so near his. But in that

NATHANIEL PERKINS DIES SUDDENLY

Peculiar Case Results in Death of Shop Man From Pneumonia.

Nathaniel Perkins of Hornell died at his home Sunday morning at 9 o'clock of pneumonia, after an illness of one day, aged 58 years.

Mr. Perkins was born in the town of Wellsville, but has lived in Hornell nearly all of his life. He was employed as a machinist at the Erie shops and was a member of the Machinists' Union, member of the First Baptist church and a member of the Andover Lodge, F. & A. M.

He is survived by his wife, Clara, one son, Ernest, of Philadelphia; five sisters, Mrs. Owen D. Binges, Mrs. William Briggs, Mrs. Eldyn Benjamin and Miss Nettie Perkins of Wellsville and Mrs. J. Arthur Crittenden of Whitesville; two brothers, Burrill Perkins of Wellsville and Alonzo Perkins of Millport, Pa.

The funeral was held Wednesday at the First Baptist church with prayer at the house at 12:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Alfred at the convenience of the family.

I saw that it was neither venomous or aggressive, and so I waited to get any more wood and quietly withdrew.

I knew that snake had to be killed or the women would never dare go near the wood house again and as he lay along on sticks of wood which stood out from the rest, was afraid if I tried to hit it, it would escape, so I got a young fellow who lived near to come with his "game getter" gun who shot him.

The snake measured four feet in length, a rather slim snake about half the size of my wrist, of a dark golden brown color on the back with small irregular diamond markings and white belly with black checks like our garter snake and would have been rather of a beauty if it hadn't been a snake. The natives here called it a chicken snake which of course, is a local name. The boy who killed it seemed well posted—said he thought it might be a young king snake, which may be so.

The second snake I killed today. Two ladies were walking up the street when they suddenly sent me an S. O. S. "Come quickly and kill a snake." I took a hoe and went to them. By the side of the walk was a small black snake, eighteen or twenty inches long. I explained to them that it was harmless and the people here did not bother them as they drove away the rattlers. But they had no mercy, every snake was "pizen" to them. So I dispatched it with the hoe, but did not feel the least bit like a hero.

I have not been bitten by a mosquito since I have been here. But there is one here and his sense of humor is overdeveloped. I feel sure. It must be of the male sex, because, as you have doubtless heard, "the female of the species is the more deadly," and this boy seems far from deadly. He lives in my room, but never shows up until I am dropping off to sleep. Then I hear him coming and humming, "Zee, zee, I'll bite I'll bite." I slip at him and away he goes "Zee, zee, I fooled you, hee hee!" Then it is quiet until I am almost asleep again, once more he comes—always two visits, I hear him coming, "zee, zee, zee," and if I keep quiet he drops, always on the tip of my ear, not with the quiet landing of the northern mosquito which you do not feel until he begins to drill. This one hits as the his feet were shod with lead and then darts away, "hee, hee, hee, hee what a joke, what a joke!"

He is sure a merry, cheerful insect. Would I kill it if I had a chance? Well, I don't know, I have had no chance.

I am sure you are tired of hearing about reptiles, but I simply must tell you this one, it is the latest from the lady who has helped so much to post me on the reptiles of St. Cloud.

N. B. This is exempt from before mentioned vouching.

"There is a family here who had a black snake come to their screen door one night and try to get in. They told it to go away, but it would not go. No sir! It was bound to come in. So at last they let it in to see what it would do when let in. It went straight to a clothes closet and they heard the awfulest bump-

Red Triangle Boys Will Hold Indoor Athletic Meet

The third annual indoor athletic meet for the Red Triangle boys of Allegany county will be held in four sections this year.

Any boy of teen age who can qualify as a member of the "Order of the Red Triangle" is eligible to take part in the program. The only requirement for such membership is that a boy be a member of a church school group and maintain an attendance of 50 per cent. of the regular meetings of his group. Boys who are not members at the present time and wish to qualify can do so by joining a church or Sunday school group and attending regularly between now and the time of the meet in which they are to participate.

The meets will be conducted at Alfred on Thursday, February 12; Friendship, Monday, February 23; Houghton, Saturday, March 7 and Wellsville, Saturday, March 14.

The competitors will be classified according to weight as follows: 60-80 pound class; 80-95 pound class; 95-110 pound class; 110-125 pound class; unlimited class 125 pounds and above.

The following events will be run off for each weight class.

1. Running high jump.
2. Standing broad jump.
3. Potato race.

Special community relay potato

race the weight of runners not to exceed 120 pounds.

The same events will constitute the program at the championship meet. Those boys who win first second and third place in their respective weight classes at the preliminary meets will qualify for competition in the County Championship to be held at Alfred University on March 27.

Awards for Preliminary Meets

Each contestant winning first, second and third place in the weight class to which he is assigned will be awarded a ribbon designating the event and the honor won.

A pair of cuff links will be awarded the boy scoring the greatest number of points in each of the preliminary meets.

For Championship Meet

Special ribbons printed for the championship meet will be awarded those taking first, second and third place.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded the first, second and third point winners at the championship meet.

A medal will be awarded each member of the championship relay team.

A suitable point trophy will be awarded the church school scoring the greatest number of points in the championship meet.

THE STORM'S WORK IN CENTRAL N. Y.

Mrs. Partridge Tells of Conditions There. In Heaviest Snow Storm Since 1865.

In the following personal letter from Mrs. Marion Partridge of Skeaneteles Falls to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rice of this village, the writer tells of the severe snow storm in the central part of the state very vividly.

I wonder what percentage of the storm you have had. Not as much as we, because Bert got official reports by radio (as you probably did) that it was not so bad west and south. Syracuse was the storm center so you can see what we have. First here is the radio reports in case you didn't hear the same—"worst storm in the section since March 6, 1865."

Thirty inches of snow fell here, slightly less snow at Albany but a 50 mile gale which is more than here. Four houses and a theater roof in Syracuse caved in from the weight of snow. No deaths but several injured. New York Central trains three and four hours late and one train south of Syracuse blocked at two a. m., and stayed until morning. No mail in here yesterday, no traffic, less than 20 pupils at school (closed in afternoon) and few workers at mills.

It began to snow about 10 a. m. Thursday and snowed hard until Friday a. m. About nine yesterday morning some of the men broke a way thru to the mills. The motor plow had been blocked at 1 a. m. Bert made a path to the road to get to school and took his lunch. The snow is entirely over the top of the picket fence here, up to the latch on the door, nearly to the windows and over the pump.

About noon they got thru on the track with a plow and threw snow higher than the house. Then four horses got a plow down the road and since then the motor plow has made many trips, pushed by a tractor.

Ordinary sized men in the road can only be seen to the shoulders and children not at all. There was no bread in town yesterday.

Today the sun shines and the snow seems to be setting but it is the heavy compact kind like sand.

ing and thumping and thrashing around and out came Mr. Black Snake with a big rattler he had killed. That's all, but the story should not end so, it is too abrupt, it should go on to state that the family adopted the black snake and it slept in their beds and ate at their table and lived happy ever after.

DR. STORNER WEDS KANE YOUNG LADY

Miss Flora Lind is Bride of Andover Physician. Will Live Here.

(From Friday's Kane Republican)

The marriage of Miss Flora Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lind, to Dr. Henry G. Storner was solemnized last evening at the bride's home on Greaves street.

The simple and beautiful ceremony was performed in front of a bower of ferns and palms, overhung by a wedding bell and smilax.

Rev. George Storer of the Lebanon Presbyterian church of Buffalo and father of the bridegroom, assisted by Dr. L. H. Beck of this city, officiated.

Prior to the ceremony, Miss Martha Smith sang "Thank God For a Garden." "The Bridal Chorus" from Lohengren was played by Miss Leona Stoll.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a bige gown of georgette and carried a bouquet of Orphelia roses. Miss Esther Lind, acting as maid of honor, wore a beaded gown of green satin crepe and carried a bouquet of Columbia roses and sweet peas. Fay Boyd of Andover, N. Y., acted as best man. Evelyn Hedmann, cousin of the bride, acted as flower girl and carried a basket of sweet peas.

A five course dinner was served immediately after the ceremony. Covers were laid for nine at the bridal table and the centerpiece was a large heart-shaped cake, overhung by ribbons of pink tulle, decorated with sweet peas and smilax. Mrs. Oscar Benson catered in a most pleasing manner.

The bride recently graduated from the Deaconess Hospital in Buffalo. Dr. Storner is a prominent young physician of Andover, N. Y. He is a graduate of the University of Buffalo and served his internship at the Deaconess hospital.

The bride and groom left for a wedding trip to Eastern cities and will make their future home in Andover, N. Y.

The out-of-town guests were: Rev. and Mrs. George Storer of Buffalo; Fay Boyd and Miss Helen Folsing of Andover; Mrs. Charles Swanson and daughter, Charlotte, of Brookville and Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Lind of Dunkirk.

Reception to Pastor

There will be a public reception for Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Conrad at the Baptist parsonage; Tuesday evening, February 10th, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES REPORT

Fine Work by County Inspector A.W. Corwin Checking Scales and Containers.

A brief outline of the annual report of the work done in Allegany County by Sealer of Weights and Measures, A. W. Corwin, shows that the number of scales tested was 1,174 and that 172 of these were condemned, linear measures—128 tested and 6 condemned, capacity measures 954 tested and 65 condemned, gasoline pumps 229 tested and 51 condemned, weights 2,702 tested and 86 condemned, the number of places visited 714, and the distance traveled 5,178 miles.

The accuracy of the gasoline pumps it appears, has considerably improved and that they are now giving reasonably satisfactory service, but it is found that some of the gasoline meters being placed on the market are not accurate and also that some of the tank trucks were not accurately gaged.

Possibly one of the most forward steps in Weights and Measures during the year was the passage of a broad law which took effect on September 1st and requires bread to be sold by weight.

An unusual number of surveyor's tapes and chains were tested and some of the old chains found in use having an error as great as two inches on two rods.

Each year many complaints are received from dairymen concerning the weight of milk as weighed by the local cheese factory or milk-station. Some of these complaints are well founded but others are caused by checking the weights of the milk on an inaccurate scale. A folding platform scale has been purchased and this department would be glad to lend it to any dairymen who wish to check up the weights of his milk and does not have an accurate scale.

NEW FILLING STATION

Attorney C. L. Earley is to Install Big Plant on North Main Street.

Andover is to have a new filling station this spring. C. L. Earley is making arrangements for the installation of a new station for bulk tanks in the vicinity of his residence on North Main street.

Tanks of sufficient size to hold gasoline by the car load are to be sunk near the Erie switch in his garden and the filling station placed on the curb on Main street. This will make it possible to get gas at a much lower price and will give Andover automobilists a lower rate than can be had when the stations are supplied by trucks. We are informed that the very best grade of gasoline only will be handled at the very lowest price.

Mr. Gordon Borden, son-in-law of Mr. Earley will come to Andover from Rochester and have charge of the station.

We understand Mr. Borden will occupy the rooms recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens.

If it is good printing you want, try the News Print Shop.

WANTS COMMISSIONS TO GO TO WORK

House Agriculture Committee Has Before It Recommendations of Commission.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The House Agricultural Committee, called to open brief hearings, has taken up the task of shaping the recommendations of the President's Agricultural Commission into a legislative program that will have the best chance of enactment in the crowded final month of the session. Leaders generally, however, were doubtful that any substantial part of it could be put thru before adjournment.

The outlook for farm legislation this session has been discussed with President Coolidge, by Bertrand W. Snell (R.), representative from New York and chairman of the House Rule Committee. Mr. Coolidge insisted that agricultural relief and the Government reorganization bill should be kept out in front.

Besides seeking the view of members of the commission both as to the recommendations submitted and as to whether they regard them as meeting all needs of the situation, the committee is ready to hear representatives of co-operative marketing organizations.

In addition to its previous recommendations for specific relief measures, the commission, in a third report just published, sharply criticizes the administration of certain federal laws and agencies affecting the farmer.

The report declares that the country lacks a unified credit system, a condition detrimental to agriculture; that the Interstate Commerce Commission has "failed or been unable to recognize its responsibility as advocate of the shipper and has developed into a court," and that the Tariff Commission can materially assist agriculture by "actively functioning along the lines of its constituted powers and responsibilities."

Complete separation of the regulatory and service functions in government departments is recommended and it is also urged that co-operative marketing organizations have full benefit of tax exemption.

Debates in Congress on the act which established the Interstate Commerce Commission, the report says, clearly show that it was intended to act not only as arbitrator between shippers and railroads, but also as investigator and advocate for the shipping public in general. Methods of procedure and practices developed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, it states, are constantly making it more difficult for a shipper to obtain redress.

"The cost of employing counsel and the necessary experts," it adds, "makes it almost impossible for the ordinary citizen to get a hearing. There are few, if any, courts where it is more expensive or more difficult to obtain relief; neither is there any court more deliberate in reaching its decision."

The report says it is apparent that multiplication of work in the commission and limited funds had contributed to the situation. As a remedy, it proposes that the Federal Co-operative Marketing Board, establishment of which was urged in an earlier report, could investigate complaints regarding rate matters affecting agriculture and otherwise act in an advisory capacity.

Observing that of the 11,000 banks eligible to the Federal Reserve Sys-

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