

# Democratic Watchman

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## IN DEFENSE OF

### FANGLASS SNAKES.

Animals of many kinds are protected by law; but there are some humble creatures that have not come under the protecting wings of law—these creatures are the snakes. Their destruction is tolerated. But why should the six hundred species of snakes found the world over suffer death penalty upon sight because about sixty species are poisonous? Why should the fifty species of snakes found within the limits of the United States suffer death penalty upon sight because four are venomous? Why should the glass-snake or joint-snake which in fact is not a snake but a lizard, suffer the fate of snakes? The reason for such ruthless killing is ignorance.

Gossip is a great factor in instilling an unwarranted hatred for snakes. Who, for instance, has not heard of the "hoop-snake"? But be assured, no snake ever rolls down a hill with its tail in its mouth or otherwise; and be assured no tree was ever killed by a snake. True, there is a snake commonly called "hoop-snake," Abaster erythrogrammus; it may be that on account of its terrible scientific name some folks would have it extinct.

The spreading adder is likewise considered a poisonous snake by people who know nothing about it. This snake is not poisonous, but it is the biggest bluff we know. When irritated it will hiss, spread its head a neck two or three inches, coil up, take an attitude for striking—and here the performance ends. It is perfectly harmless. When pressed further it will often turn over on its back and "play possum."

There are four poisonous groups of snakes within the boundaries of the United States; these are: the moccasin, rattler, copperhead, and harlequin. All are easily distinguished by their large, broad heads, deep-set black eyes, small neck, stout bulky body, and short tail. The most dangerous of these, we think, is the moccasin, for it usually rests on branches of low trees and shrubs and strikes at a passing victim. However, it will refrain from striking unless irritated and will give battle only when teased or frightened. The rattler comprises many species of which the diamond back is the most plentiful. It is dreaded by all, yet it is not the most venomous. Death from the rattler's bite depends upon the activity of the snake, the time of the year, the condition of the person struck, and the spot affected by the poison. Besides this rattler will give the trespasser a warning. The copperhead is next in rank in regard to virulence of poison. It is the most aggressive of our snakes. Fortunately it is not found in Florida. There is also another species, a very beautiful snake, the harlequin or bead-snake. It is the least venomous of our poisonous snakes.

Now having this in mind, count the number of persons you know of in the United States that have died from snake bite. If you know of one, you know of one more than I do. Yet a ruthless warfare is carried on against all snakes, and every creature that has the semblance of a snake, irrespective of its harmless and often beneficial character.—Fr. Cyril, in St. Leo Cadet.

## HOW SOLDIER DEAD

### ARE SENT HOME.

Upon disinterment of a body in Europe prior to shipment to this country the remains are carefully identified and records verified. The body is then technically treated by expert embalmers in such a manner as conforms to rigid sanitary laws. The remains are then wrapped in a linen sheet and medicated blanket and placed in a metallic container. A metal tag showing complete identification is fastened to the body. Then the remains are placed in this metal container the body being carefully supported by cushioned pads which prevent it from shifting. The lid of this metal container is then hermetically sealed and it is then placed within the casket which is constructed of the finest kilned chestnut wood.

An appropriate plate inscribed with the name and other data identifying the remains of the soldier contained therein is fastened to the casket. The casket is then placed in the strongly constructed shipping case which is properly marked and made ready for shipment. Each operation incident to the disinterment and preparation for shipment of the body is carefully supervised. It is estimated that the total average weight of a casket when ready for shipment is from 500 to 700 pounds.

## Criminals Put to Death While They Sleep.

As soon as Governor Eemmett Boyle signs the "humane death" bill passed recently by the Legislature, condemned criminals in Nevada will be put to death by lethal gas. Nevada then will be the first State to choose this method of execution for its prisoners.

In order to carry out such executions a special cell must be built in the State penitentiary. A judge, when sentencing an offender to his death, will designate a certain week during which the penalty is to be paid. At the opening of the appointed week the prisoner will be lodged in the special cell, and the warden, with a physician and six reputable persons over twenty-one years of age, will administer the gas. So that death may be painless, the gas will be introduced into the cell, if possible, while the prisoner is asleep. At present a condemned man may choose whether he shall be shot to death or hanged.

"Why didn't you stop when I signalled you?" inquired the officer. "Well," replied Mr. Chuggins, "it had taken me two hours to get this old flivver started, and it seemed a shame to stop her merely to avoid a little thing like being arrested."

## PLANS CHURCH WITH THREE ALTARS ON TRACKS.

A unique idea in church building is about to be tried out by James R. Mellon, a Pittsburgh millionaire, who plans to erect an edifice where all denominations can feel free to worship. The unusual feature of the project will be the revolving rostrum, which will carry three distinct pulpits, one each for Catholics, Episcopalians, and other Protestant denominations.

The church will be located on the top of the Laurel Hill mountains, about seven miles from New Florence, in Westmoreland county. It will be built on Mr. Mellon's country estate, which contains several thousand acres.

The locality is composed of mountain farms with families that have no chance to attend church. Mr. Mellon expects to begin erection of the church as soon as his architect has the plans ready.

Imagine yourself sitting in a room 60 by 60 with seats; then, at one side in the middle, is an opening about twenty feet wide where the pulpit should be. On the outside of this wall, but within the building is a railroad track with three altars, the same as three cars; the middle one would be Protestant, for any denomination, that is, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, or the like. Should it be a day for the Catholics, they too, would designate the time of their service, this train would be moved along so that the Catholic altar would come in front of this opening where the altar should be. This altar has sliding doors which are locked up by the Priest and opened when he wishes to have services, and when his service is over he locks his altar up and goes away. What the Catholics desire is to have their own altar consecrated to their own use. There seems to be no objection to preaching from their consecrated altar to their members sitting in a public hall or church. Then should the Episcopalians desire to have their services, their car would be run to the opening and the Catholic car run into a room which just fits it so that it would be entirely isolated and taken care of until they wished to use it again. In like manner, the Episcopal altar would have all the necessary equipment and could be locked up and moved into a recess after being locked up. But at all times, when neither the Catholic or Episcopal services were being held, the Protestant pulpit would be visible in the church, where Sunday school services, also preaching of any denomination, could take place. Accommodations in this pulpit are to be provided for the Baptists, and a small lake in front of the church building could be used if they desired baptisms.

The building would be of stone with windows of Gothic style set high in the wall, secure against vandalism. The church will be called the Church of the Wilderness. This name is given on account of the remoteness of the situation. There are thousands of acres back of the church several miles toward Johnstown, a region that has no roads, just the primeval forest. The location is in the most historical part of Westmoreland county and where the Indian troubles were the most severe from 1758 to 1763. Located along the Forbes route to the west starting at Fort Ligonier then Fort Palmer, which is just opposite the site of the church, were Finley's Cabin, Fort Wallace, etc., on the trail into Pittsburgh. This valley was noted for its old furnaces in the beginning of the nineteenth century.—Reformatory Record.

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## BOALSBURG.

The Boal troop returned from Mt. Gretna on Saturday.

The corn looks fine and some of the farmers are cutting it.

Alvah Johnstonbaugh made a business trip to Harrisburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner, of Altoona, were visitors in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hazel and baby Jane are visiting friends in New York State.

Miss Edith Sankey, of Middleburg, was a week-end guest at the home of Miss Sara J. Keller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gilliland and children, of State College, were callers in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stover returned Thursday from a visit with friends in western Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Alice Magoffin, Miss Ellen Rhone, Austin Dale and daughters spent part of Friday in Bellefonte.

John Fisher, of Bellefonte; William Fisher, of Sunbury, and Frank Fisher, of Juniata, visited their mother, Mrs. Amanda Fisher, on Sunday, her birthday.

## Told the Truth.

"Did she tell you the truth when you asked her how old she was?"

"Oh, yes."

"What did she say?"

"That it was none of my business."

## MEDICAL.

### When Her Back Aches

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## FLYING IS OLD FOR HAWIANS.

Honolulu, T. H., Aug. 20.—Thrills of flying were enjoyed by Hawaiians centuries before aviation was invented, according to stories told by natives of today. Their ancestors got their aerial excitement by jumping off cliffs into the ocean in homemade "planes."

They made a regular game of it, known as "lele pali" or "jumping from the cliff." It was played up to a

hundred years or so ago by natives who lived near groves of loulou palms near high cliffs overlooking the ocean.

Details of the game have been obtained by William J. Coelho, a former newspaper editor now an officer of the Hale o na Alii Hawaii (House of Chiefs.) This is what he says of the vanished sport:

The game was played with huge contrivances built of light but stout sticks and overwoven with loulou palm leaves. Several of these affairs were

made ready, the Hawaiian "aviators" took their seats and were pushed over towering cliffs at the same time. The adventurer who remained longest in the air was the winner.

Often through carelessness or excitement a "plane" would execute a nose dive similar to those of twentieth century airplanes. The only damage was the loss of the game.

Old Hawaiians say that their flying men were exceptionally skillful. The only means they had of guiding their

crude appliances was to shift their weight to maintain balance as they zigzagged down toward the sea.

A fleet of outrigger canoes anchored offshore to pick up the sportsmen and retrieve the "planes."

Exceptionally daring Hawaiians often hopped off thousand foot cliffs on the mainland, it is said.

Business will begin to expand by leaps and bounds when folly takes its final flight.

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## DEAD TOWN VERY SELDOM RECOVERS

Community That Is Not Prosperous Cannot Attract New Residents.

## IS LIKE BIG CORPORATION

People Are Stockholders and When They Spend Their Money Away From Home They Deplete Its Capital.

(Copyright.) There is nothing deadlier than a dead town. Try as hard as it may to conceal the facts, the truth is written all over it so that he who runs may read. No camouflage of bluff and bluster can conceal the true situation from anyone who comes within the limits of the community. A dead town is dead and that's all there is to it.

The worst of it is that once a town dies it stays dead. There have been exceptional cases in which dead towns have been revived, have taken on new life and prospered, but these are merely the exceptions that prove the rule. The fact that a town can seldom "come back" is easily explained. The growing and prosperous town today is the one that can attract new residents and new capital. It is one that can offer attractive inducements for the location of new industries. The dead town offers no attraction to outside capital. A man looking for a place to launch a new business or a new location for an old industry, is not going to pick out a dead town. He is going to select a town in which money is plentiful, a town whose business men are progressive and whose residents, as a whole, are prosperous and contented. There are too many live and thriving towns in the world for a man to risk his future in one that is dead. This is the reason that a town, once dead, almost always remains dead.

**Town Like Corporation.** There is just one thing, ordinarily, that kills a town in the first place and that is a lack of money. A town is just like a corporation and the money possessed by its inhabitants is its capital. If this capital is depleted the town will fall just as the corporation, whose capital is depleted through poor management or other causes, fails. And just as the corporation which has once failed can seldom retrieve its lost fortunes, the town which has failed cannot often "come back."

The capital of a community is depleted when its money is spent away

from home in a way that brings no return benefit to the community. It takes no great amount of thought to be able to realize that the town, like the individual, cannot last long if it is paying out more money than it takes in. That does not mean that a prosperous town is one in which the people do not spend any money. On the contrary, a prosperous town is one in which the people do spend money but it is one in which they spend the money at home. As long as the money is spent at home, the town gains by having it kept in circulation, but when it is spent away from home, either by being sent to the mail order houses or by shopping trips to other cities, the town's capital is impaired to that extent and if enough money is spent away from home in that way, the town collapses and virtually goes into bankruptcy just as does the corporation which dissipates its capital.

The people of a community are apt to overlook the fact that they are stockholders in their town and that their fortunes are bound up with those of the community as a whole. They do not realize that if their town fails, they will fail with it. They—or many of them at least—send their money away to the mail order houses in the great cities, without realizing that they are impairing the capital of their own corporation and that if enough of them pursue that course they will force their corporation into certain bankruptcy.

**Merchants Not Only Ones Hurt.** Many customers of mail order houses say that they are under no obligation to trade with their home merchants and this may be true. They overlook that fact that the business men of a town do much for their community and are entitled, in return for what they do, to the support of the people in the community, but leaving this out of consideration, they overlook the fact that they are bringing about their own downfall when they drain their town of its money—its capital.

The home merchant will not be the only one that will be hurt when the town "goes broke." The merchant can reduce his stock and cut down his expenses and get along some way or he can sell out and move to some other town which has not been so blind to its own welfare. It is the great body of the people of the community including all those who have sent their money away to other cities instead of spending it at home, that suffers most when the hard times come.

The time for all the people to pull together for a live town is while the town is still live and not after it is dead, for when a town dies it is a long time dead—if not forever.

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