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A SPLENDID SNAKE STORY

Old Mother Bruin Dances to the Rattlers Tune

BEARS, BEES AND RATTLES

Have a Great Mix up Along a Stream—One of the Best Stories of the Season—Should be Taken With a Grain of Salt

The following clever story was sent out from Williamsport and at this time of the year, when there is a lull in politics and the thermometer bobbing around the 90's it is strictly in season. We don't publish it because it is true—that we don't know—but simply for the reason that it is clever and entertaining:

Frederick Zinn and Mortimer Gray, while fishing for trout in Panther Run, saw a unique duel between a mother bear and two cubs and a colony of rattlesnakes.

There is a prevalent belief that rattlers and bears often hibernate together, but this occurrence shows that there are times, at least, when there is deadly enmity between the two. The fishermen were attracted to the spot by the squealing of the bear cubs, and they left the stream in the hope that they might be able to capture the youngsters. But the sight they beheld was sufficient to destroy all ambition to capture bears in such a place.

The place of battle was not more than a rod from the creek, on the rising slope, and on the sunny side. A series of shelving rocks ended in a large surface rock almost as level as a table and perhaps 20 feet in area. Off the edge of this grew an oak tree of good size, but hollow of trunk about 15 feet up.

One of the cub bears had sought refuge up on the first limb of this tree, while the second youngster was hanging to the trunk, not more than a yard below, like a bat on a limb—head downward. Both the cubs were squealing for dear life, and the spectators soon saw what the matter was, so far as they were concerned. The hollow oak was a bee tree, and the bees by the hundreds had swarmed up and about the young bears and were stinging their paws, noses and ears and every other spot that the fur failed to make impregnable.

DANCED TO RATTLES' TUNE.

The fishermen soon observed that there was more going than the serio-comic act on the bee tree. Near the foot of the tree the mother bear was doing a dance for her life, and the unmistakable sound of the whirring of snakes' rattles told the tragic tale. The bears, in their path to the bee tree, had gotten into a colony of rattlers that were sunning themselves on the rock shelf, and the reptiles had combined to do battle. But the old bear was making short shrift of the venomous crawlers. She was fighting them much like a dog—tooth and claw—and there appeared to be snakes in the air all the time, while the men saw a dozen or more gliding off for shelter under the shelving rocks. The feud continued for ten minutes or more before the bear stopped to rest.

When she did she caught a sniff of the men to windward of her, and the next instant, after giving vent to a peculiar cry—an alarm for the youngsters—she shambled off into the bushes in a hurry, the cubs following as quickly as they could scamper down off the tree.

Zinn and Gray made an investigation of the scene of battle, and found 14 dead rattlesnakes, their bodies bitten and torn. They also killed seven others that in a little while ventured out of their retreat. One of the rattlers was almost five feet long, and had a string of 16 rattles.

FISHERMEN GET THE HONEY.

The following day the men returned with two large milk cans and made a raid on the bee tree, smoking the bees to death and confiscating the honey. When they had gathered the whole lot they had a small bucketful more than would go in the milk cans.

Bears are reported to be more plentiful than was ever known before. Men who have fished Bear Creek and the Loyalsock report innumerable signs of bear, and farmers in some of the backlying districts report many visitations of the foraging animals to their fields and buildings. Philip King, of the Upper Loyalsock region, has lost three five months' shoots out of a drove of seven as a result of a two nights' visit from a family of bears. The second night the bears became engaged in a fight over their prey and before they had time to escape Farmer King had shot one of the old ones.

AN EGG THIEF.

Six-foot Black Snake Robs a Hen House Near Town.

For some time the folks living in Bush's Addition, adjoining Bellefonte, missed their eggs, and the supposition was that rats were eating up all the hen

fruit. During the past week an incident occurred that surprised everybody—in- stead of rats, it was the work of black snakes. The following incident was told the writer by Boyd Cowher who declares it is absolutely true.

About two weeks ago a large black- snake, almost six-feet long, was killed at the rear of Mrs. Sarah Young's lot in Bush's addition. Last Friday forenoon Mrs. Young went to the chicken house to gather the eggs. Imagine her fright when she looked in a nest and there saw an immense reptile coiled in a heap. She hastily called Boyd Cowher who brought his gun and found the reptile still there with an egg in its mouth, partly swallowed. When it raised its head he shot, cutting the head off with the distended jaws clinging to the egg. The snake was cut in pieces by the shot and from the torn pieces pieces of egg shells came out. Mr. Cowher says the snake had swallowed at least a half dozen eggs and the last one in its mouth was the china nest-egg. The reptile was a large one, measuring six feet.

Big Rattler in a Sick Room.

One morning Samuel Styers, living on the creek road from Coburn to Wood- ward, had an experience with a rattler that he may long remember. A little son of Mr. Styers was ill and lay in bed in a room on the first floor. The nature of the boy's illness required that the largest ventilation be given the chamber hence the front door was constantly kept open, day and night for fresh air. One morning a short time ago when Mr. Styers got up and entered the room where his sick son lay, he heard a peculiar noise and upon investigation discovered a rattlesnake lying coiled upon a couch. He hastily procured a pole and by means of it slung the reptile upon the porch where his dog was quick to grab it and instantly shook the life out of it, without being bitten. The reptile measured five feet in length and had twelve rattles.

Ten-Foot Blacksnake

A ten-foot blacksnake, the largest ever known in that section and which for years terrorized the residents of Sugar Valley, got in the way of a mower on the farm of G. M. Shroyer and was cut to pieces.

For years there have been stories of a serpent in Sugar Valley and the belief prevailed that it was a boa constrictor which had escaped from some passing circus. The reptile was of the coal black variety and, judging from its immense size and thickness, was many years old. The body of a full grown rabbit was found within the serpent.

4TH AT SNOW SHOE.

Patriotic fervor was at a high pitch at Snow Shoe on the 4th, the event of the day being the opening of the new park. Crowds came from all sections, and several thousands were on hand. The parade in the morning was headed by the Coleville band and participated in by the Red Men, Odd Fellows and American Mechanics and made a fine showing.

At the park in the afternoon the horse race between Frank C., owned by Fred Moseberger of Bellefonte, "Rebe" owned by W. O. Brien for a purse of \$300 was won by the Bellefonte horse. There were two heats run Frank C. winning both, his time being 2:27 and 2:23.

The base ball game for a purse of \$50 between Peale and Winburne was won by Peale 12 to 3.

In the evening there was a fine display of fireworks.

The best of order prevailed, the day was pronounced a great success, and the biggest thing that ever happened in the Mountain City.

Hecla Park Picnics.

The following dates have been engaged for picnics at Hecla Park this season:

July 13th—United Evangelical church reunion from Bellefonte, Lock Haven and other points.

July 14th—Episcopalians of Bellefonte and Lock Haven.

July 19th—Methodist Sunday school of Milesburg.

July 22nd—1st Baptist church of Lock Haven.

July 26—United Brethren of Bellefonte.

July 27th—Reformed church reunion of Centre and Clinton counties.

July 29th—Sunday school at Nigh Bank.

Aug. 1st—A. M. E. church of Bellefonte.

Aug. 15—Yearick families reunion.

Every Friday afternoon and evening free concerts by Christie Smith's orchestra during the summer season.

Will Establish Game Preserves.

The state game commission has appointed a committee, of which ex-State Treasurer Harris, of Clearfield, is chairman, to select sites and establish game preserves upon the lands controlled by the state forestry commission.

GENTRE CO. SCHOOL TEACHERS

A Partial List of Those Elected for Winter Term

A FEW VACANCIES REMAIN

Names of Teachers, and Schools Where They Will Teach—Compiled Especially for the Centre Democrat—Not all Districts Reported

It will be of some interest to the public to know where the school teachers of the county will be located during the coming winter term. The following is a list of those reported to date, others will be published in subsequent editions:

Spring:
Belle Barnhart.....Coleville Primary
Alice Robinson.....Intermediate
Rebecca Heckman.....Grammar
Isabella Taylor.....Yocum Grammar
May Schroyer.....Primary
Lillian Taylor.....Oak Grove
John Garthoff.....Half Moon Hill
Mary Woods.....Bush Addition
Luella Shook.....
Ida M. Showers.....Forge Grammar
Lillian Reardon.....Primary
John Musser.....Houseville
Vacant.....Pl. Gap High Sch
Mame Bell.....Intermediate
Mary Lee.....Weaver
Myrtle Barnhart.....Fishing Creek
Ralph Noll.....Axemann Grammar
Edward Gates.....Primary
Pearl Waite.....Mountain
.....Gentzels

Milesburg Boro:
Irvin O. Noll.....Supervisory Principal
Madge A. Orris.....Intermediate
Maude Harshbarger.....Primary

Unionville Boro:
Alice E. Buck.....Grammar
Vacant.....Primary

State College Boro:
Cordelia Acker.....Primary
Ella Livingstone.....and
.....Grammar
Vacant.....Intermediate

Worth:
Prof. J. A. Williams.....High
G. A. Williams.....Grammar
Emma Reese.....Primary
Mabel Williams.....Laurel Run
Nora Hamer.....Chaney
Will Turner.....Shady Dell
Earnest Spotts.....Sunny Side

Potter:
J. Paul Reardon.....Plum Grove
T. L. Moore.....Earltown
Samuel Goodhart.....Pine Stamp
Maude Schrist.....Manc
Della Brunst.....Tussey's Gap
Blanche Rossman.....Tusseyville
J. R. Bible.....Pine Grove
Ruth Swabb.....Colyer
S. E. Breen.....Fleisher's Gap
Geo. W. Smith.....Potter Mills Gram
Cora M. Brown.....Prim
Jennie M. Sweetwood.....Centre Hill

Liberty:
Prof. T. M. Pletcher, Blanchard High S.
Mrs. Rebecca Glossner.....Gram
Vivian Snyder.....In'diate
Mary Johnson.....Primary
Scott Holter.....Mountain
James Morrison.....Bowes
Ellen Johnson.....Clark
Winfield Thompson.....Hunter Run
David Robb.....Pole Cat
All teachers are residents of Liberty township.

Haines:
Prof. E. S. Stover.....Twp., High Sch
Henry Krape.....Aaronsburg In'diate
Clare Kremer.....Primary
E. R. Wolf.....Wolf's Chapel
Merrill Isenhower.....St. Paul
Lloyd Stover.....Lose
Mr. Bierly.....Woodward

Harris:
Prof. H. C. Rothrock, Twp., High Sch.
H. M. Hosterman.....Boalsburg Gram
C. Gertrude Wieland.....Prim
Marg't S. Mothers'igh.....Walnut Grove
Frank Young.....Rock Hill
Harry N. Loneberger.....Shingletown

Gregg:
Prof. W. P. Hosterman Twp., High Sch.
Orpha Gramley.....Spring Mills Gram
Bertha O. Duck.....In'die
Mary A. Foreman.....Prim
Anna Long.....Gate
C. E. Royer.....Farmers Mills
Clara Condo.....Logan
R. U. Bitter.....Murphy
A. L. Duck.....Hoy
G. W. Weaver.....Cross Roads
S. G. Walker.....Penn Hall
M. T. Zeigler.....Beaver Dam
Wallace White.....Polk Hill
Boyd Hazel.....Decker
Theresa Rachan.....Mountain

Bellefonte:
John D. Meyer.....Principal (Superv'g)
Jonas D. Wagner.....Principal High Sch.
John S. Hosterman.....2nd Asst
Ella Levy.....2nd
Sara Waite.....Senior Grammar
F. E. Pray.....Junior
Carrie A. Weaver.....
Mary Underwood.....
Gertrude Taylor.....Intermediate
Daisy I. Barnes.....
Helen Harper.....
Jennie Longacre.....
Annie McCaffery.....
May Taylor.....
Fanny Elmore.....2nd Primary
Helen Crissman.....
Bessie Dorworth.....1st Primary
Alice Dorworth.....

Miles:
H. A. Detweiler.....Madisonburg Gram
A. J. Hazel.....Prim
Sam'l Gehart.....Harter's
O. C. Frank.....Rebersburg Grammar
J. C. Norris.....Intermediate
T. A. Anman.....Primary
C. C. Small.....Gramley's
Mary Meyer.....Wolf's
Wm. H. Lambert.....Brungart
Bessie Malory.....Livonia

Penn:
W. H. Keen.....Coburn Grammar

Mabel Vonada.....Primary
N. H. Cornman.....Liberty
T. A. Hosterman.....Elk Creek
Bruce Meyer.....Pike
Roy H. Kriedler.....Gentzel
Luther Miller.....Mountain

Burnside:
Mary Kryder.....Star
Harry Hoover.....Laurel Run
Jerusha Daugherty.....Pine Glenn
Grace Vallimont.....Germania

Ferguson:
W. W. Keller.....Pine Grove Grammar
Marg'et Keichine.....Primary
Vacant.....Ferguson Twp. High Sch.
John Dunlap.....Branch
G. B. M. Fry.....White Hall
Harry Walker.....Pine Hall
Alberta Dreibelbis.....Oak Grove
Lauren Gates.....Kepler
John Reish.....Glades
M. E. Heberling.....Baileyville Gram
Nancy Heberling.....Prim
Della Garbrick.....Gatesburg
Vacant.....Krumrine
Vacant.....Centre
Vacant.....Fairbrook
Vacant.....Martengo

Rush:
S. B. Conrad.....Sandy Ridge Gram
Lilla Heath.....Prim
Mary Cramer.....Powelton
Ralph G. White.....Edendale Gram
Harold Biddle.....Prim
Emma Blowers.....Reece
Edna Warren.....Tower
Sarah Herman.....Park
Ida R. Williams.....N. Philipsburg Gram
Ina Flegle.....Prim
Earnest Ardery.....Coldstream
Ella Ward.....Point Look Out Gram
Ella Hallick.....Prim
Mary Conway.....Munson Gram
Katherine Ferguson.....Prim
Lizzie R. Crum.....Moshannon
Jessie Blowers.....Klondyke

Huston:
Frank Dillen.....Sugargrove
Henry Cronister.....Bellevue
Mattie Steele.....Black Oak
Nannie Campbell.....Silver Dale
Vacant.....Julian

OLD STYLE BARN RAISING.

The barn raising on the premises of H. E. Zimmerman, of near Bellefonte, on July 7th, reminds the CENTRE DEMOCRAT of old time frolics of this kind, once so common, but now done by tackle and pulley by a few men; then an army of cooks to add zest to the day, as well as some hard work to get up a royal dinner which was an unflinching accompaniment that the DEMOCRAT writer so much enjoyed—the dinner—along with the other heavy lifts. The hay barn raised at Mr. Zimmerman's was 40x54 feet. All moved along very nicely. It was an elegant piece of frame work done by Joseph Rishel, of Oak Hall, his first job of the kind, assisted by his brother, Oscar, of Oak Hall, John Rubie and John Shreffler, of Peru. The women especially drew credit for the royal spread that would have done honor to any gala day. The barn was put up by 25 men and 4 small boys, and about 60 partook of dinner which includes the covey of pretty women attending—in the cooking department. The DEMOCRAT is informed that L. C. Reardon was present and put in a good hand on the lifting, and a much "gooder" one at the dinner table.

Sinking Valley Suicide.

A young wife, depressed in mind, committed suicide by hanging, at her home in Sinking Valley on Thursday afternoon. She was Mrs. Jennie Lucelia, wife of Christian Hileman, a farmer residing on the old McMillan place, in upper Sinking Valley, about nine miles from Tyrone.

Mr. Hileman was at Altoona on Thursday and upon his return home shortly before 6 o'clock in the evening, he went to the cellar where he was horrified to find the cold body of his wife on the ground. She had placed a rope about her neck, fastened the end to two nails in a joist, and leaped from the cellar steps. Death had evidently ensued from strangulation. After a time the weight of the body caused the nails to break and the corpse fell to the ground where it was found.

Centre County Historical Society.

A meeting to perfect the organization of the Linn Historical Society will be held in the Court House on Friday, July 21st, at 11 a. m. Papers applicable to the occasion upon topics historical relating to Centre county, will be read, by authors of the same, and all ladies included, are invited to contribute such papers for this meeting, and at all future meetings; these papers can be read by the writers or can be mailed to the president or secretary to have same read. General Beaver will set forth the importance of having a Historical Society in this county, a thing too long neglected, which has so thrilling a history, and is the mother of so many prominent personages.

Hunter's Park Opening.

Every Thursday evening Hunter's Park will have an evening concert by the Coleville band. Trains will leave the park at 10 pm. Adults 25cts; children under 12, 15cts. The concerts will be given every Thursday evening during the season.

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MORE FUN THAN THE ICEMAN

A California Miner and His Yellow Dog Celebrate.

SPEEDING OVER THE CONTINENT

In Record Breaking Trains—Setting a Lively Pace—\$1000 Diamond Collar for a Mongrel Cur—Everybody Watching Scotty Celebrate.

Pleasure of the kind that all bonanza kings have sought is now being realized by Walter Scott, or Scotty, known as the "Bonanza King," because he is the owner and discoverer of a gold mine in the Mojave desert in Death's Valley, California, which has made him a millionaire.

Scott, until recently a poor miner and prospector, to celebrate his change in fortune from poverty to wealth, chartered a special train over the Santa Fe to make the trip to Chicago in forty eight hours, which is more than nine hours less than the record.

Just before the train left the station in Los Angeles a crowd of 2000 or more persons cheered the newest California millionaire as he led a common yellow cur to the train. A few days ago he told a friend to get him a dog. "Bill, I want a dog. Not one with a pedigree, not one that knows any one. I want a dog that is a homeless, hungry cur; that has been cuffed and beaten from place to place, and has never known what it is to get its meals regularly. I want the little beast to be made happy, because I, too, was once a yellow dog."

The dog now wears a \$1000 diamond collar which "Scotty" bought. As "Scotty" stepped on his special train the crowd shouted: "Go it, Scotty!" "Hit her up," and "get your money's worth," and "Good luck to you, old Death Valley sport."

Two boon companions are making the trip with him, and the champagne will flow like water, as nearly \$5000 has been spent for wines and accessories for the trip. The railroad company gets \$5000 for the special train. And gets a \$500 bonus if it beats the schedule.

Mrs. Scott is with her husband, but does not like the notoriety of the trip.

SCOTT'S MYSTERIOUS MINE.

Scott claims to have a mysterious mine in the Funeral mountain, Death valley, California, from which he says he has taken a fabulous sum in gold ore and that he has scarcely tapped the gold-conda. Since he made his alleged "ten strike" Scott has refused to spend a cent with a tailor. His blue flannel shirt, frayed trousers and faded, threadbare coat he wears on all occasions and represents any hints that it would be well to invest some of his surplus gold in clothes.

BROKE SPEED RECORD.

With every car blackened by a record-breaking run from Los Angeles to Chicago, Scott's special on the Santa Fe railroad arrived at Chicago Tuesday noon, having beaten all previous records, having made the run, 2,265 miles, in 44 hours and 56 minutes. This is a trifle over 12 hours faster than the time of the regular Santa Fe limited. It is three hours and four minutes faster than the original contract called for, which was 48 hours, and beats even a later schedule of 45 hours by six minutes.

TO NEW YORK IN THIRTEEN HOURS.

Scott now desires to go to New York in 13 hours. He wired the Pennsylvania and Lake Shore officials from Jajunta, Col., yesterday.

"Can you put me in New York from Chicago in 13 hours?"

Both roads took the proposition under consideration. Officials of both believe that if Scott and his dog wish to travel as fast East of Chicago as they came over the mountains from the coast, he can be landed in New York in 12 hours, not mentioning 13 at all. This will be six hours better than the time of the Twentieth Century and Pennsylvania flyers. His expenses for the special train, which would carry him East at this rate of speed, would be about \$10,000.

In order, presumably, that Chicago might be made fully aware that he had arrived, Scott scorned a cab upon his arrival. Guarded by the police and his yellow mongrel, Scott dashed through a yelling crowd of 1,000 men and newsboys, and leaped into a Wells-Fargo express wagon, standing conveniently at the curb, and plunged through the streets to the Great Northern.

Four waiters in evening dress ranged themselves along the wall, flanked by five bell boys.

"Bring two gallons of booze," cried the miner. The two gallons were produced. "Help yourselves, Western style." Then Walter Scott began to talk. Old Western mining men who heard Scott's description of his mine computed that it was worth about \$35,600,000 on his own showing.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Some fellows fall in love and never get on their feet again.

Bluff will get you a job, but it's another thing to keep it.

Ignorance is bliss only when it recognizes its own blissfulness.

The mistakes of other people are always more or less amusing to us.

A missionary says that a native of India having translated the hymn, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee," the version proved to be literally as follows: Very old stone, split for my benefit, let me absent myself under one of your fragments."

FISHERMAN'S LUCK.

John H. Miller, of Lewistown, who was on a visit to his parents last week, caught a monster trout in the boro limits last Saturday which measured 25 1/2 inches in length, 7 inches through the sides and weighed 5 1/2 pounds. The trout was caught at the Phoenix mill dam. All season scores of men and boys are daily seen fishing around there, yet it fell the lot of a stranger to come along and capture the prize. We are told he used a small lizard, caught under a stone in the stream to tempt the big fellow and he took it with a rush. This is the largest trout caught here this season.

Two years ago Al. Hoffman captured one that weighed 6 pounds and was mounted and put on exhibition at the St. Louis Exposition. This trout was of the California species, planted in these waters several years ago. Both fish were caught in the same dam.

Trout fishing in our county has not been as good this season as formerly, and anglers cannot account for their scarcity as the streams are regularly stocked every year.

Rev. Aikens Elected

The committee on the election of a president for Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove Pa., vice the Rev. Dr. J. B. Focht, resigned, met at Sunbury and elected the Rev. Charles T. Aikens, pastor of the Lutheran church of Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, and is awaiting his acceptance. Mr. Aikens is an alumnus of Susquehanna and of Pennsylvania College of Gettysburg.

For a number of years he has successfully conducted the pastorate at Pine Grove Mills and is recognized as one of the foremost ministers of the synod. It is quite likely that he will accept the position which will require his presence there about September 1st and later will remove there permanently. The people of Ferguson township are sorry to have him leave that section as he was not only a successful pastor but a respected and useful citizen. We believe the Selinsgrove institution has made a wise choice.

Reading Common at Par.

For the first time in nearly thirty years the common stock of the Reading Railway this week touched par—an achievement which many persons never expected to see. It was in 1876 that Reading last sold at par. While it was quoted at 60 the directors passed the dividend, and the stock fell to 44. In 1880, the company passed into the hands of a receiver, a performance which it twice repeated. Those familiar with Reading affairs, believe that it is now in a stronger position financially and in every other way than it has ever been in its long and checkered history.

Confirming the Royal Arcanum Rates.

The report of the executive committee of the Royal Arcanum reaffirmed the action of the Supreme Council in re-arranging rates. This executive committee declared that it has no power or authority to repeal, revoke, amend or alter it in any way or to suspend its operation or defer the time when the new rate shall go into effect. This can only be done by the Supreme Council, the lawmaking body, which will hold the next annual session in May, 1906.

The Veterans Travel Free.

Adjutant General Stewart is sending out a circular informing all honorably discharged veterans who have served in rebel prisons, of the action of the Legislature in providing transportation to those who desire to attend the monument dedication at Americus, Ga., probably in October. Also providing transportation to Vicksburg, Miss., for the same purpose.

Read Bible Through Sixty Times.

The will of Mrs. Caroline K. Yeakel, widow of Bishop Yeakel, of the Evangelical association, which was admitted to probate at Reading contains a clause asking for a plain and simple funeral, without flowers. She also asked that she be buried with a Bible in her hands. Mrs. Yeakel had read the Bible through over 60 times.

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