

WHITNEY FINDS A PETRIFIED SNAKE

Remarkable Fossil Unearthed Near Susquehanna.

IT IS NINETEEN FEET IN LENGTH

An Item of Interest to Botanists. Story of Peter Warding's New Eye-balls—Susquehanna County Cur-rency—A Few Railroad Echoes. The Latest Queer Invention to Attract Attention—Summersville People Discover Brown Coal.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Susquehanna, Dec. 14.—While at work near Stevens' Point some limestone quarriers a few days since found a fossil snake projecting from the ground. It was in the way of teams hauling heavy loads of stone, and the men attempted to pull it up. One after another tried to dislodge it but without success. Finally the foreman told the men to dig it up, and get it out of the way. They dug down to a considerable depth but did not reach the end of it. Another effort was made to pull it out and it broke off. The men continued to throw up the earth, but as a result three long ridges were broken off. At last the foreman concluded to continue digging. After several hours were consumed, the end was reached. The men were surprised when they finished their work to find a perfectly formed serpent's head and neck. They at once decided that they had unearthed a petrified snake. The pieces were placed together and formed a perfect snake, nineteen feet long. The eyes, nostrils and teeth are distinct and unmistakably snake-like. The dark and lighter brown spots were the dark and lighter spots upon the sides. The head is about six inches wide and decreases one-third in thickness from the top down. The neck is perfectly cylindrical, and the body increases in size until the middle is reached, where the diameter is six inches. From that point it declines to the tail. One piece is missing, evidently about one foot in length, the position of which was supposed to have been the fleshy portion of the monster had a color corresponding to the red soil so common in the locality, while that of the vertebrae is several shades lighter and looser. There appears to be no doubt that it is a genuine fossil. It must have lain in the position in which it was found for ages. No reptiles of this nature have ever been known to inhabit this region.

NEWS MELANGE.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Starkweather, of this place, and Mr. Corbin, of Carbondale, will occur on Wednesday. The Susquehanna County Sabbath School association will hold its next annual convention in Susquehanna, on 24th. Edward Williams, formerly of Susquehanna, and now of Scranton, conducted a business men's carnival in Deposit on Thursday and Friday evenings. Forty Susquehanna singers have formed a musical association, with Prof. J. A. Sobbia as instructor. A few days since, four Binghamton-laws invaded the Starrucca section and shot sixty-five partridges and carried them home. They are liable to a fine of \$10 for each bird killed and carried out of the state, an aggregate of \$550. The next trip will be disastrous. It is rumored that several "big hunters" who hunt with ferocity, will be prosecuted by a representative of the State Game association. Home talent is rehearsing the drama, "The Congressman from Texas." It will be produced on Dec. 28-29, under the auspices of Eric Hoss company, No. 1.

OF INTEREST TO BOTANISTS.

A list of the plants growing wild in the upper Susquehanna and its tributaries, is now being published by W. N. Clute, of Binghamton, of the Herbarium of Columbia university, and James A. Graves, of Susquehanna. Other botanical collectors contribute to the list from several localities. The portion of Susquehanna county included will contain the plants of the watershed marshes, lakes, ponds, and the streams flowing north from them into the Susquehanna, but as most of the plants on the list are found throughout the county and adjoining ones, its usefulness need not be deterred because of the described limits. This will be the first list of flora of this region, that has been published, and as the work is reasonably complete, it is hoped it will be appreciated by those interested in plants.

A COMING MIX-UP.

A large number of Susquehanna sports will go to Carbondale on Saturday afternoon, January 1, to witness the fifteen-round mix-up between "Heddy" Connolly of Philadelphia-Carbondale, and Tim Harley, champion of Susquehanna, and an immediate arrangement. The esteemed Mr. Connolly is hereby advised to glove himself firmly together. Timothy is an amateur, but he is as deceptive and uncertain as a mine mole.

INTERESTING THE COLLECTORS.

Twenty-six years ago, Peter Warding, then of Waco, Texas, but now residing near Sherman, Pa., lost his eyesight by the premature discharge of a cannon, fired to celebrate the opening of a new railroad. The eyeballs were completely taken out, the optic nerve being left as a stub in each instance. About sixteen months ago Mr. Warding suddenly saw the light of a lamp placed opposite him on the other side of the room, and the examination showed that new eyeballs were growing out of the ends of the optic nerves. Since then his eyesight has gradually improved, and now he can shoot a rifle with considerable accuracy. He can see to read fine print. The singular case is attracting the attention of noted oculists.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY CURRENCY.

According to the Montrose Democrat, a rabbit with distinct and perfectly-formed horns, was a few days since killed at Flynn. There is room for temperance work in the district. Rev. John Knox, of Sayre, will probably become pastor of the Forest City Presbyterian church. It is to be hoped that he will give vice in that borough some hard Knox. Halstead will try to secure electric lights and do away with tallow dips, tin horn lanterns and kerosene street lamps. When she secures electric light, Halstead will build a fence 700 feet high, to prevent one little reflector stopping over into Great Bend, Halstead and Great Bend love each other, even as a cat loves hot soap. There is no good reason why the county should not build a free bridge across the river between Halstead and Great Bend. If those sister boroughs will bury their animosities, stop their causeless and ceaseless bickerings, pool their issues, and keep everlastingly at work, they will soon consign to oblivion and secure from the county a free, up-to-date bridge. Witness what Susquehanna did! Picture-like Little Brandt has menaced Levi Moss Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of New Milford, has gone glimmering through the things that were. There ought to be enough veterans in and about New Milford to maintain a strong organization. The funeral of Dr. Edwin Stone Butterfield occurred in Montross on Thursday with interment in South Montross. The Erie is having several locomotives constructed in Schenectady. Erie train No. 1 a few days since ran from Susquehanna to Binghamton, twenty-three miles, in twenty-six and one-half minutes. Several apprentices in the Erie shop, who the supreme expires Jan. 1, have received notice that their services will not be required after that date. Erie Operator Harry Smith has been transferred from Tioza Center to Susquehanna. The Erie continues to have a good, steady freight traffic. There are more or less rumors each week concerning impending changes among the Erie officials. If all the rumors are verified, east-bound trains will run west. This is the month for railroad guesses and new resolutions. A QUEER INVENTION. A Susquehanna mechanic has just invented an attachment for a fruit can, and he thinks it will make his fortune. When you are using the can for fruit, in the spring, you screw on this patent top, which supports a candle on the inside of the can, a handle is attached, and the can becomes a lantern. If you need a mouse trap, a slide in the cover is slipped up, disclosing an opening which forms a perfect trap when the can is laid on its side. When you have caught all the mice in the house you lay the jar in another position, a slide is slipped up and you have a cockroach trap, and when the fruit season comes around again you can take off the cover and again use the jar for preserves.

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NEWSPAPERS AND POLITICS

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PARTY STANDARDS.

Do the newspapers fairly fulfill this mission? The present party domination which spreads its arms in every other direction like an octopus naturally seeks to strengthen itself by subsidizing its own organs. The old odds of limited range and resources it largely succeeds. Does it now? On the contrary, the remarkable expansion and financial success of the party newspapers has brought a visible emancipation and elevation. The press has become far more than ever a ruling power because of its great intellectual strength of its own makes it self-respecting, self-asserting, independent and courageous. It is no longer, as it was so largely in the old days, the mere dependent or stipendiary. It no longer looks chiefly on the crumbs that fall from the official table. Why should it be swayed by official patronage which at the best is but an insignificant portion of its revenues? Why should it curry favor with the party which is a great popular success so immediately greater? The party which unfortunately still secures much toleration in the present position where there is no real personal subservience. The newspapers do not yet appreciate the full power and dignity of their position. Under our system where journalism should at once lead and follow the work of public impulses, the people will edit the editors; but it is no less true that, among the supreme expires Jan. 1, have received notice that their services will not be required after that date.

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