

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

WHITNEY'S WEEKLY BUDGET OF NEWS

FARMER JIM VAN SCOTTEN'S RATTLESNAKE INDUSTRY.

Revival Meetings Held About the County—Fish in the Nozzle—Sue Graham Looking for Reward. News Told in a Line or So—Anxiety Among Wild Cats.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, Jan. 11.—Farmer Jim Van Scotten's Cascade Valley rattlesnake farm is a decided novelty. It is carried on for the purpose of propagating rattlesnakes, which are sold at a good round price. A certain firm in Philadelphia is at present using rattlesnake oil in the manufacture of a popular remedy for rheumatism. The Van Scottens have agreed to furnish two hundred and fifty rattlesnakes for the laboratory during the season, no reptile being less than six years old, or measuring less than four feet in length.

There are thirty-seven "mounds" on the farm—slightly raised hillocks—where the snakes burrow in winter, and live with their young in summer. On the south side of one mound, where they could get the full benefit of the sun, were to be seen, on the day of the writer's visit, over fifty reptiles, which took no notice of the visit of spectators. "That mound," said Farmer Van Scotten, "probably contains a dozen nests, and each nest at least ten eggs. I have seen nests holding eighteen young rattlers, the largest not over two inches in length. The young are about the size of those of a partridge, but have a soft shell."

In the farmhouse was a box of sawdust under the stove, containing twenty-seven rattlesnake eggs, which were almost at the point of hatching. After they had done so, the tiny reptiles would be fed upon flies caught for them by the children. Several pet snakes glide about the home. They are absolutely harmless, the poison sac having been removed from their mouths, and their fangs clipped with pliers while they were under the influence of chloroform. The reptiles have no equals as mice exterminators, and in the summer not only keep the place free from bugs and flies, but from tramps, book agents, lightning rod peddlers and other human intruders.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Revival meetings are in progress throughout Susquehanna county. The county ought to be the better for it. Rev. E. K. Thomas, pastor of the Montrose Baptist church, was in town on Wednesday, officiating at the funeral of the late Cornelius Wells Shaw, whose spiritual adviser he was while he was confined in the county jail. The Erie is putting into service fourteen and sixteen section sleeping cars. Sheriff Pryor, of Lackawanna county, says that he never saw a more successful execution than the one in Montrose on Tuesday.

The Susquehanna Transcript says County Commissioner's Clerk William Titworth, of Montrose, a deserved compliment. Mr. Titworth is evidently the right man in the right place.

The county commissioners will soon determine who is entitled to the reward of \$1,000 offered by the county for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Farmer Pepper. It will probably be divided between several persons.

Sueie Graham, of Binghamton, Eagan's former common-law wife, expects to receive a slice of the reward. All the same, Eagan and Shaw might have sent her to the penitentiary, but they refused to give evidence against her. This in spite of the fact that the woman gave the information which caused the arrest of the murderers. It's a queer old world!

FISH IN THE NOZZLE.

During a fire in Carbondale on Saturday night, when all was excitement, all at once, it is reported, the nozzle of the hose was blocked shut, and still the pressure was on the hose. Finally the water was shut off and the nozzle was unscrewed, when, behold, a 7-pound pickerel, fresh from the No. 1 pond, came bounding out of the hose. During the delay the fire gained great headway.

JUST BETWEEN US.

Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed. It is healthy up in the Ararat section, where you can often see a rain-storm below you. A man doesn't feel "under the weather" up there, you know! Trust in God—but try and not stumble yourself.

A nearby newspaper has an elaborate article for amateur vocalists. "How

to begin to sing." How to get them to quit is still an unsolved problem.

A drunken man is seldom injured by a fall, and he probably isn't by a spring—if the water is good.

The best cure for drunkenness is, when sober, to observe a drunken man.

IN A LINE OR SO.

Considerable money exchanged hands in Susquehanna on the result of the McGovern-Dixon fight.

The census ought to have been taken in Montrose on Tuesday.

It is said that the Mormons captured one convert in Susquehanna county. She was the fool of the family.

There are rumors that a Honesdale editor will soon commit matrimony.

It is in order for certain temperance people to stop fighting the political parties and to begin to wage a war upon the water company combined.

There may come a time when the poor man cannot afford to drink city water. Of necessity he will be compelled to drink the cheaper beer.

Since the county commissioners placed a bounty of \$2 upon their scops, Susquehanna county wildcats cannot sleep nights.

All agree that the recent execution in Susquehanna county was a "success." There ought to be more of them!

THOMPSON.

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Thompson, Jan. 11.—G. D. Barnes was in Forest City Monday on business.

Rev. R. H. Tower was doing business in Susquehanna and calling on friends in Lanesboro Monday.

Mrs. N. B. McInnis, of Starbuck, spent Monday with her daughter, Bertha, at C. M. Lewis.

G. W. Newton and wife, of Orono, Ill., after a two weeks' visit at her sister's, Mrs. Will Whitney, at her township, leave for Scranton tomorrow, where they will visit his brother, James McInnis, of North Jackson.

His sister, Mrs. Floss, of Dunmore, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. McInnis, of Carbondale, are helping to care for him. He is a native of South Canaan, Wayne county.

Durham Pickering, an aged resident of Gelatt, dropped dead there Monday. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

The officers of Frank Hall post and those of the Hollet corps of said post were installed yesterday at a joint installation service in Grand Army of the Republic hall.

Captain Hall, of Susquehanna, came up to install the officers and was entertained by his sister, Mrs. B. F. Barnes.

Miss Nellie Chaney, of Susquehanna, after a two days' visit with friends here, returned to her home on the evening train yesterday.

Mrs. Smith, of the Jefferson house, is confined to her bed with rheumatism.

Mrs. George Curtis, of Horlick Center, returned to her home today after a visit of several days with relatives here.

He only Repents What Has Been Said Around the Globe.

It has been demonstrated repeatedly in every state in the union and in many foreign countries that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain preventive and cure for croup. It has become the universal remedy for that disease. M. A. Fisher, of Liberty, Va., only repents what has been said around the globe when he writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for several years and always with perfect success. We believe that it is not only the best cough remedy, but that it is a sure cure for croup. It has saved the lives of our children a number of times. This remedy is for sale by all druggists. Matthews Brothers, wholesale and retail agents."

TUNKHANNOCK.

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Tunkhannock, Jan. 11.—The stockholders of the Laceyville Bridge company held a meeting at the Mingo House in Laceyville on Wednesday evening for the purpose of organization. The following board of directors were elected: Dr. D. W. Sturdevant, J. O. Mingo, P. H. Brick, J. B. Edwards, E. S. Bois, E. A. Perkins and G. N. Fassett. This board of directors then organized by electing Dr. D. W. Sturdevant, president; J. O. Mingo, vice-president; P. H. Brick, treasurer; and J. B. Edwards, secretary.

Charles E. Terry, of Wilkes-Barre, was in Tunkhannock on Thursday.

The pension examining board of Wyoming county met at the Packer House on Wednesday. Doctor Heller, of Factoryville; Sturdevant, of Laceyville, and Bardwell, of this place, being attendants.

C. A. Link, of Factoryville, was in town on Thursday.

Ex-Sheriff A. G. Gregory, of Meshop-

It's Scrofula

Those little kernels in the neck! Has your child ever had them? You know sometimes they swell, become painful, soften, and end in a scar. Give such a child Scott's Emulsion, just as soon as the kernels appear. The little swellings will grow less and less and soon will disappear altogether. Continue the Emulsion until the child has good flesh and a healthy color.

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Scott & Bowne, Chemists, New York.

pen, was in attendance before the county auditors on Thursday afternoon engaged in settlement of his accounts for the past three years.

The degree team of the local Knights of Pythias lodge went to Laceyville on Thursday to confer degrees on some members of the lodge there. Quite a delegation of members of the lodge here accompanied the team.

On Friday evening, Jan. 12, the Italian Conservatory of Music concert company, of Elmira, gives an entertainment in the Baptist church for the benefit of the church. The entertainment consists of piano and violin solos, vocal music and readings.

William W. Decker, of Meshopany, was in Tunkhannock on Thursday.

AVOCA.

Bertie, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, of the West Side, died at the residence of James Lougher on Wednesday morning, after two days' illness of meningitis.

The case is a particularly sad one. The mother is suffering from temporary insanity and is undergoing treatment in Danville asylum. The father is left to care for three children, the relatives have taken considerable interest in their welfare and Bertie had been taken in charge by Mrs. Lougher. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

J. F. Conroy and Edward Murphy are candidates for burgess on the Democratic ticket.

T. J. Durn is a candidate for councilman in the Second ward.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Lancashire cemetery John Connor was elected superintendent, to succeed J. H. Anderson. All business relative to the cemetery will be transacted through Mr. Connor.

Miss Edwards, of Hyde Park, began her duties as teacher in vocal music in the schools.

The Elite orchestra will furnish music at the Red Men's hall on Monday evening.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review.

New York, Jan. 11.—Today's stock market was characterized by considerable speculative activity. The market was generally firm, but the price of the stock market, however, was not so high as it had been in the past few days. The price of the stock market was generally firm, but the price of the stock market, however, was not so high as it had been in the past few days.

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Union Pacific, Wash, Pr, West Union, Panna, R, Am. S. & W, Fed. Steel, Fed. Steel, CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE, WHEAT, LARD, PORK

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Far of 100. STOCKS, Bid, Asked, First National Bank, Scranton Savings Bank, Third National Bank, Dime Sav. & Loan Bank, Economy Light, L. & P. Co., Lacka. Trust & Safe Dep. Co., Scranton Fuel Co., Clark & Shover, Prof., Ser. Iron Pines & Lumber Co., Scranton Axle Works, Lacka. Dairy Co., Prof., City Savings Bank & Trust Co., First Nat. Bank (Carbondale), Standard Drilling Co.

BONDS, Scranton Pass. Railway, first mortgage, due 1923, 115, People's Street Railway, first mortgage, due 1918, 115, People's Street Railway, General mortgage, due 1912, 115, Dickson Manufacturing Co., 100, Lacka. Township, due 1912, 102, City of Scranton St. Imp., 102, Mt. Vernon Coal Co., 85, Scranton Traction Co. bonds, 80

Scranton Wholesale Market (Corrected by H. G. Dale, 21 Lackawanna Avenue.) Butter—Creamery, 24 1/2c; print, 25c; 27c; dairy, 25c. Eggs—Select, full cream, new, 13 1/2c; Beans—Per bu. choice marrow, \$2.30; medium, \$2; pea, 42c. Potatoes—Per bu., 50c. Lemons—\$3.50 to 5 per box. Flour—\$1.20.

Philadelphia Grain and Produce, Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—Wheat—Firm; contract grade, January, 60 1/2c; Corn—Firm and in demand; No. 2 mixed, 34 1/2c; Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 27 1/2c; No. 3 do., 26 1/2c; No. 4 do., 25 1/2c; Potatoes—Choice, per bushel, 60c; New York and western do., do., 60c; do., do., fair to good, do., 55c; Butter—Dull and easier; fancy western creamery, 24 1/2c; do., print, 25c. Eggs—Quiet but steady demand; old roasters, 24c; spring chickens, 54c; ducks, 30c; geese, 30c; turkeys, 80c; do. southern, 10c; Cheese—Firm; refined Sugar—Firm; good demand; Cotton—Firm and 1-16c higher; middling uplands, 15c; Fallow—Unchanged; city prime, in bushels, 11c; do., medium, 10c; rils, 50c; dark, do., 45c; cakes, 45c; grease, 24c; Live Poultry—Firm; fall demand; old roasters, 24c; spring chickens, 54c; ducks, 30c; geese, 30c; turkeys, 80c; do. southern, 10c; Cheese—Firm; refined Sugar—Firm; good demand; Cotton—Firm and 1-16c higher; middling uplands, 15c; Fallow—Unchanged; city prime, in bushels, 11c; do., medium, 10c; rils, 50c; dark, do., 45c; cakes, 45c; grease, 24c; Live Poultry—Firm; fall demand; old roasters, 24c; spring chickens, 54c; ducks, 30c; geese, 30c; turkeys, 80c; do. southern, 10c; Cheese—Firm; refined Sugar—Firm; good demand; Cotton—Firm and 1-16c higher; middling uplands, 15c; Fallow—Unchanged; city prime, in bushels, 11c; do., medium, 10c; rils, 50c; dark, do., 45c; 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