

Snake Yarns of Spring

Delaware Valley Furnishes the Initial Crop

The Y. M. C. A. Movement—Conductor Oree's Novel Method of Catching Wildcats at McClure—A Long Eddy Bear Story—The Renomination of Hon. C. Fred Wright Gives Universal Satisfaction.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, March 15.—"Talk about snakes!" said John Hale, a noted Delaware Valley snake hunter and chamer. "There are more snakes along the Delaware river section than ever quenched in Ireland before good St. Patrick gave them the grand bounce."

"With a Hancock friend who digs roots for doctors, I was out on the hills recently. I wanted to get all the rattlers for a New York museum. There were rattlesnakes all around us, but they did not seem to be very savage. We would scare them up by throwing big stones down the mountain, and they would sneak away from us. Near a bluestone quarry we heard a big noise, or rather a combination of noises, and if we'd been shot the next minute we couldn't have told where they came from. The racket was more than that of a boiler shop."

"The noise increased every step we took up the hill. By the time we got to the summit overlooking the Delaware river it was a little less than terrific. Looking down the slope we saw a sight. On a big rock or moss mound was a regular rattlesnake reunion or concert. The rock and ground were just yellow with them, and if there was one there were six hundred snakes in the gang. They were of all ages and sizes."

"The two oldest snakes in the crowd were in the center, and all the other snakes were gathered about them. Each and every reptile had coiled himself up in such a manner as to allow his rattles and tail to have good play, and they were rattling away as if for wages. Their tongues were darting out and in, keeping time with the music of their tails."

"All of a sudden, with a flourish, the rattles stopped. The two old snakes reared their heads at least three feet from the ground and looked at the other over the field like generals over a battlefield. After seeing that all the gang was ready for business they sounded a note like a country fiddler tuning up, and the whole crowd began their concert again. Jimmy Peter! what a racket it was!"

"I took them about ten minutes to finish each overture, and we must have listened to a dozen. After a while we got tired of the business and rolled a big rock into the crowd. This broke up the meeting. Scores of the snakes were crushed to death. The survivors, with a final rattling, crawled rapidly away to their dens."

"I have been among snakes all my life, but this was the first snake concert I ever struck."

THE Y. M. C. A. MOVEMENT. A substantial movement is on foot here for the formation of a Young Men's Christian association. Several preliminary meetings have been held during the past two weeks and a number of committees are at work soliciting members and financial support. It is expected that should the present effort be successful the association will start with a membership of 300 men. On Sunday afternoon a mass meeting was held in Odd Fellows' hall at which the speakers were State Secretary Buckalew, of Harrisburg, and John R. Clements, of Binghamton. The meeting was largely attended and very enthusiastic.

Snake Swallowed Its End. Farmer Adam Little, of Glenwood, is wintering a big constrictor and a bear for the proprietor of a "one-horse" menagerie. A few nights since the snake, which had not tasted food for several days, was left crawling about on a soft white blanket. When the owner returned the blanket was gone, but his snake was not as symmetrical as formerly.

He was all bunions, knots and balls, and had evidently grown much stouter. Then the truth dawned upon Mr. Little that the snake had swallowed his foot. \$5 blanket. Medical aid was summoned, and the snake was given a gallon of cider to wash it down, and at last accounts he was as chipper and frisky as ever.

IN A PARAGRAPH. Charles E. Tobey, of Scranton, who has been appointed assistant superintendent of the coal mining department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company, is a former popular resident of Susquehanna, and his friends here congratulate him heartily upon his deserved promotion.

Late advices from Wyoming county are to the effect that the Republicans are in favor of Congressman Wright for the third time. When the offices of Eric Mechanical Superintendent Barr and the offices of the store department of the road leave Susquehanna, as they probably will in the near future, about one hundred clerks will be home. It might be worse. Two hundred might go.

HOOKED A WILDCAT. For a week or two trainmen on the Delaware division of the Erie railroad have noticed a big wildcat in the vicinity of McClure, and several times the crews have in vain discharged revolvers and shotguns at it from the caboose.

The other day Conductor Oree had a big hook made. This he baited with a chicken and attached a piece of bell cord to it. When the train was discharging the heavy grade was down. The conductor hunted the baited hook and line off the rear of the caboose. When rounding a sharp curve the wildcat suddenly sprang from a pile of railroad ties and seized the

chicken. Oree gave a hard, quick pull, and in a moment the screaming, struggling cat was hauled upon the platform, where the trainmen, after a severe struggle, succeeded in killing it. It weighed forty pounds.

Oree will get the scalp bounty from the Broome county authorities and have the hide made into a cap to wear over the historic Delaware division next winter.

IN A FEW LINES. Colonel Charles C. Pratt will make a model candidate for state senator. If elected, as he probably will be, he will honor the district.

Hon. C. Fred Wright's renomination by the Republicans of Susquehanna county is richly deserved. He has made a splendid record in congress, and a third term will be a proper and graceful recognition of his services. The popular congressman from this district is all Wright, in every respect.

TRIED TO SAVE HER YOUNG. Two Long Eddy lumbermen last week felled a tree which fell upon another and partially uprooted it, dismembering the young.

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MARCH 13. It is a mild case, and Miss Croft has not at any time been in danger.

Mrs. C. E. Wright is on the road to recovery from an exceedingly severe attack of grip, accompanied by heart trouble.

Those engaged in making sugar and maple syrup have been kept quite busy over the past few pleasant days, condensing the sap into syrup and sugar.

During the night of the 15th inst. a portion of the stone bridge at Lee's, which crosses the Paupack river, was taken away by the high water.

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