

# A SURE ENOUGH TALKING TURTLE.

## Informed Captain of Steamer That Sharks Were Astern.

Captain Oertel, who commands the United Fruit company's staunch steamship Bradford, which arrived recently from Port Antonio and made fast to Pier o.1, North River to handle passengers and to discharge a big cargo of bananas, was asked what he had seen of special interest on the trip and whether the sea serpent was sighted. Captain Oertel replied:

"We don't pay any more attention to marine monsters. They must keep abreast of modern times and fly to excite our curiosity nowadays. Saw a strange creature on the passage out last time. It was going through the air at lightning speed. We didn't catch him, no."

"Just now I am devoting my time to studying the language of a turtle which talks. Want to see him? Right aft here, gentlemen."

The obliging skipper led the way to a small tub in which a young turtle of the "hawkbill" species was paddling around. Captain Oertel said he had not been able to interpret any of the sounds emitted from the attenuated throat of the turtle, but was sure that after a little study it would be more intelligible than Prof. Gerner's "monkey language."

"He came aboard on the south-bound trip of the present voyage in a very unceremonious manner," said the Captain. "We were not far from the little island of Canary Brac, one of the West Indies, when my bos'un informed me something was disturbing the log line. Haul it in! I said. As the line was hauled aboard there was a sudden disturbance when one of the knots reached the surface and there was my boid turtle, with the line gripped in his teeth—no, I mean beak—and soon we had him on deck."

"No sooner had he struck the deck than he perched on his hind feet—I mean, flippers—and delivered himself of a sharp cry. Then came a word sure enough. Sharke, sharke! my bos'un declared it was."

"Whereabout? asked the bos'un. "Astern snapped the turtle—or it sounded like that."

"We all looked astern, and sure enough there were sharks!"—New York World.

## Kentucky Educational Association.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Kentucky Educational Association will be held at Eastill Springs, Irvine, Ky., on June 22, 23 and 24, 1909. There is probably no place in Kentucky so well equipped and so admirably adapted to the entertainment of the Association as Eastill Springs. The large old-fashioned home like hotel can easily accommodate four hundred people. The surroundings are beautiful and the meeting this year should be the greatest and best in the history of the Association.

No previous session of the Kentucky Educational Association has been held in the mountains of Kentucky. The people of this section of the State have given a special invitation to the people of the Blue-grass, the Bear-grass, the "Pennyridge" and the Purchase to come over and be their guests, breathe the pure air, and learn of the splendid school work which is being done. The people of all sections should be as willing and anxious to go as the mountain people are willing and anxious to have them come. The people of the mountain section of Kentucky need the educational enthusiasm and uplift that the Association can give, just as much as any other section of the State.

## Schools are Introducing Forestry

Forestry is attracting wide attention among the schools of the United States. Not only have many colleges and universities introduced courses and even professional schools of forestry, but elementary phases of the subject have been introduced into hundreds of the graded and high schools, and teachers give enthusiastic reports of the success which is attending the new study. Public school teachers say that they have found in it a subject interesting to children, and one which furnishes much attractive, tangible material to work upon, developing the child's observation and being at once acceptable to the young mind, and most practical.

The public schools of Washington, D. C., and of parts of Iowa are in the vanguard of this movement. Every graded school in Washington and a larger number of the rural schools of Postawattamie county, Iowa, are now teaching the elements of forestry. In Iowa the subject is being taught as a commercial course in

connection with home geography and agriculture, while in the Washington schools it is used in the nature study courses. The four upper grades of the Washington schools are studying the forest and this year all are following practically the same outline; next year this outline will be confined to the fifth grade, while the other grades will follow an outline one step advanced, and so on until by the fourth year a four-year course will have been introduced. As a preparation for this work, forestry has been taught in the Normal School of the District of Columbia for several years past, and when the young student teachers take up the actual work of teaching they are already familiar with the details of elementary forest study. Prominent among the other normal schools of the country to take up work of this kind are those of Cleveland, Ohio; Rochester, N. Y., and Joliet Ill.

There is a Section of the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture which works in co-operation with schools in teaching forestry and its related subjects. This co-operation is not limited to technical schools of forestry; it is equally open to primary and kindergarten grades; it is as willing to help teach tree study in a first year nature-study class as to assist in the establishment of a professional forest school.

This section of education as it is called is now working out model courses of study for graded and high schools in co-operation with the public schools of Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, Pa. The work in Philadelphia is being conducted by W. N. Clifford, head of the Commerce Department of the Southern High school where he is building up a modern equipment and evolving a practical system for the teaching of forestry in high schools.

In Washington, the Section of Education is directing a similar work for graded schools in four of the public schools of that city. Besides special lessons in the class room, the pupils collect and mount specimens of leaves, twigs, bark, and seeds, in connection with wood working, wood specimens of different commercial trees are prepared and placed in cabinets. Opposite each wood section is placed the name of the wood, its qualities, and uses. Extensive field work is planned for the spring months, and the different classes will be brought out into the woods, there to study the trees at first hand. As these courses are built up and tested they will be published from time to time for distribution among teachers and it is expected that the practical line along which the courses are being evolved will win for them a wide application in other schools.

Most of the schools now teaching forestry are using as text books several of the publications issued by the Forest Service, including Farmers Bulletin 173, "A Primer of Forestry." The Service also issues many circulars dealing with local conditions, which teachers in the localities dealt with might find very useful. By writing to the Forest Service, Washington, D. C., as many copies of these various publications as are needed for class room use, as well as other helpful material and information may be secured free of charge.

## Kentucky Fair Dates.

Hartford, September 8-4 days.  
Standford, July 31-3 days.  
Henderson, July 27-5 days.  
Georgetown, July 27-5 days.  
Madisonville, August 3-5 days.  
Winchester, August 3-4 days.  
Bluegrass Fair Lexington August 9-6 days.  
Taylorsville, August 10-4 days.  
Uniontown, August 10-5 days.  
Hornsburg, August 12-3 days.  
Leitchfield, August 17-4 days.  
Barbourville, August 18-3 days.  
Broddhead, August 18-3 days.  
Shepherdsville, August 18-3 days.  
Ewing, August 19-3 days.  
Shelbyville, August 24-5 days.  
Elizabethtown, August 24-3 days.  
Springfield, August 25-4 days.  
London, August 25-4 days.  
Florence, August 25-4 days.  
Herdinsburg, August 31-3 days.  
Nicholasville, August 31-4 days.  
Tompkinsville, September 1-5 days.  
Fern Creek, September 1-5 days.  
Bardstown, September 1-4 days.  
Hodgenville, September 7-3 days.  
Monticello, September 7-4 days.  
Glasgow, September 8-4 days.  
Sanders, September 8-4 days.  
Kentucky State Fair, Louisville September 13-6 days.  
Scottsville, September 16-3 days.  
Bedford, October 1-2 days.

## Kentucky Statistics.

Admitted to the Union June 1, 1792. Kentucky's population, slightly in excess of 2,200,000.  
Area, 41,363 square miles. (Two-thirds the entire territory of New England).  
In normal years the State's barley tobacco crop is worth \$14,000,000.  
State's greatest length 411 miles; greatest breadth, 175 miles.  
River boundary, 813 miles.  
Persons of foreign birth in State,

50,249.  
Kentucky is famous for its production of tobacco, whiskey, horses and minerals.  
More hemp is raised in this State than in any other territory in the world.

Kentucky's undeveloped coal fields could supply the world for 100 years.  
Three-fifths of the output of flour spar in the United States comes from Kentucky.

Lead, zinc, cobalt, oil, gas coal and iron are found in commercial quantities in Kentucky.

Mammoth Cave, one of the world's wonders, includes 200 miles of subterranean avenues.

Golden Rod is the State flower.  
State Motto—"United we stand, divided we fall."

Popular name of State—"Bluegrass."  
Popular name of People—"Cottontailers."  
State name is of Indian origin.

## The Aurora Borealis.

The aurora borealis, or northern light, is something that we have all heard about, but very few, perhaps, can give any explanation of it. No one definitely knows what causes it, but the scientists are pretty well agreed that it is due to electricity. They believe that the light is made by the recombination of the positive and negative electricity always in the upper and lower strata of air, respectively. M. Lenstrom made an interesting experiment in Finland in 1882, his object being to determine the nature of the aurora. He had the peak of a mountain surrounded by a copper wire, pointed at intervals with tin nibs. When he had charged the wire with electricity a yellow light appeared on the tin tips, and, an examination of the light by the spectroscope revealed the greenish yellow ray that is a marked feature of the aurora. This evidence among scientists is almost convincing, for it is by means of the spectroscope that we discover the constituent parts of the sun and the stars.—Exchange.

## "Thou Diest on Point of Fox."

Fox blades were celebrated all through the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries for their excellent temper, and mention of them is frequent in English drama. This is their history: There was a certain Julian del Rei, believed to be a Morisco, who set up a forge at Toledo in the early part of the sixteenth century and became famous for the excellence of his sword blades, which were regarded as the best of Toledo. That city had for many ages previous been renowned for swordmaking, it being supposed that the Moors introduced the art, as they did so many good things, from the east.

Julian del Rei's mark was a little dog, which came to be taken for a fox, and so the "fox blade" or simply "fox" for any good sword. See "Henry V.," act 4, scene 4, "Thou diest on point of fox." The brand came to be imitated in other places, and there are countless blades of comparatively modern manufacture which still bear the little dog of Julian del Rei.—London Notes and Queries.

## A Royal Snake Slaughterer.

The "secretary bird" is one of the most precious birds in South Africa. It is royal game, and any person destroying one is liable to a fine of £50. Majestic looking birds, they stand about three feet high and generally go in pairs. They are of drab color, with black, feathery legs, and are valued for their propensity for killing snakes. Where the secretary bird is seen there are sure to be many reptiles about. The bird beats down its adversary first with one wing and then with the other, at the same time trampling on it with its feet until the snake is sufficiently stunned to catch it by the head with its claws. Then the bird rises far up in the air and drops its victim to the ground, to be killed. By this means thousands of venomous reptiles are destroyed.—London Scraps.

## Caleb Powers Visits His Famous Old Law Instructor.

Hon. Caleb Powers, former Secretary of State, was in Lebanon a few hours Tuesday. Mr. Powers was returning to his home at Barbourville from a successful lecturing tour in the North, and while at Junction City the thought entered his mind that as he was so near his distinguished old law instructor, the Hon. J. Proctor Knott, he should make him a brief visit. The Governor greeted Mr. Powers very cordially at his home and the latter seemed moved to the deepest emotion when he was afforded the opportunity once more to grasp the hand of the venerable old gentleman whom he had always remembered so lovingly. Governor Knott was quite fond of Mr. Powers when he was his pupil at the law department of old Centre College, classing him as one of his brightest scholars and predicting a bright future for him as a lawyer. The famous young lecturer had heard that the old statesman had sympathized with him in his recent troubles, and realizing that the shadows were hovering closely about him in his tottering years as he leans heavily upon his cane, he made it a point to express his gratitude to him from the depths of his heart. The Governor was on the street soon after Mr. Powers' visit to him and in speaking of the visit, he remarked to some friends that he didn't believe Powers had any-

thing to do with the murder of Senator Goebel.

Mr. Powers was warmly received by some old friends and some new acquaintances, both Republicans and Democrats. He is looking remarkably well and is the same gentle, handsome and courteous gentleman that he has always been—whether in his gloomiest or sunniest days. He asked us to say for him in The Leader that he regretted very much he was not able to see all of his friends and express his thankfulness to them for any kind act they extended to him during his troubles.—Marion County Leader.

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