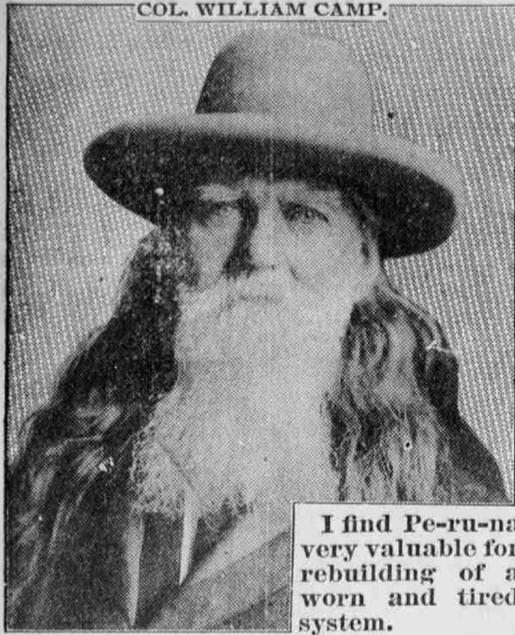


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DATE Changed For The Dixon Lecture To March 29

There seems to be no end to the changes that the high school lecture course committee are obliged to make on the course for this season.

Mr. Robert Brown of Staunton, Va., is spending several days in Mt. Vernon, the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. Louis Baker, who recently returned from Oklahoma, went to Orrville Wednesday to visit his brother, Mr. Otto S. Baker.

Mr. F. C. Mavis returned to his home in Howard Thursday morning after spending Wednesday in Mt. Vernon with friends.

Mr. Paul Baker went to Zanesville Wednesday evening to attend to some matters of business.

Mr. O. Poppleton went to Columbus Thursday morning to transact some matters of business.

Mr. William H. Thompson went to Zanesville today on business connected with the Ohio Fuel Supply Co.

Mr. Hugh Neal went to Columbus Thursday morning to attend to some business matters.

The Laymen's Missionary movement convention for Knox county, this city, March 15 and 16, opens with a banquet in K. of P. armory at 7 o'clock Tuesday night, March 15.

The second quarterly conference of the Mt. Vernon circuit Methodist Protestant church will convene at the Y. M. C. A. building Saturday of this week at 2 p. m., instead of at Liberty chapel as announced.

Mr. Adolph Wachner went to Newark Thursday noon to attend to some business matters.

Mrs. Caille Osborne has returned to her home after a several days' visit with friends and relatives in Springfield, O.

February clean-up sale closes Saturday night. The Meyer-Lindorf Co. Mrs. J. Griffith Ames returned today to her home in Jacksonville, Ill., after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Ben Ames, Lakeholm, being enroute from a visit with relatives at Washington, D. C.

In the line of the men's Bible class over the country last Sunday the standing was as follows: Nelsonville 265; Connorsville, Ind., 133; Mt. Vernon, 131. The Adelphians of Mt. Vernon hope to head the list next Sunday with an enrollment of 300 men.

Mr. S. G. Dowds went to Shelby this morning to attend a meeting of the Republican congressional committee of this district at which the time and place of holding the congressional convention was to be discussed and probably determined.

We feel sorry for the man who does not read this home paper. He is like a man without a country. He is like a homeless cow that has no regular pasture, but grazes promiscuously on weeds and thistles.

No matter what other papers he may read, a straightforward citizen always insists on having his home paper.—Ex.

Yonst-Hollingsworth Wedding Married at the parsonage, by W. E. Eglin, Tuesday afternoon, February 22, at 3 o'clock, Mr. W. R. Yonst and Miss Anna Belle Hollingsworth.

The groom is a highly respected young man of Brandon. The bride is one of the best young ladies of Mt. Liberty. She has for a number of years acted as organist of the Methodist church and her services have been very much appreciated.

The bride couple was accompanied by Miss Belle Robertson of Mt. Liberty. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy married life.—Centerburg Gazette.

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Society News

Butt-Warman Wedding Mr. Melvin C. Butt of Johnstown, O., and Miss Sylvia Warman of this city were married at the M. P. parsonage Wednesday evening by Rev. J. T. Black.

A Surprise Party For Mr. and Mrs. Zelsloft Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Zelsloft of East Front street were tendered a very pleasant surprise on Wednesday evening by about fifty of their friends who gathered at the home.

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President Talks Finances at Newark Banquet.

ENDORSES BUDGET SYSTEM Thinks American Plan of Having Expenditures Planned by One Committee and Revenues by Another is Antiquated and Productive of Much Harm—Says Congress by Adding to Expenditures of Government Can Wipe Out Hypothetical Surplus.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 24.—At the banquet of the board of trade, President Taft was the principal speaker, addressing 800 assembled guests on the subject of government expenses.

"I should like to direct your attention to the question of government expenses and government revenues, and the possible economies, and what expenditures are essential at whatever burden of taxation."

"In the first place, it should be said that we have been so far from exhausting the resources of national taxation, and federal revenues have been collected so easily and in such an amount that we have failed in the past to adopt a budget system, which is practiced in every other civilized country."

"By a budget system I mean a reference of proposed expenditures and receipts to some authority or tribunal, which, after determining what the revenues are to be, must also determine what the expenditures can be, and make a budget without a deficit."

Calls Attention to System. The president called attention to the incongruities of a system under which the revenues are provided by the ways and means committee of the house and finance committee of the senate, while the appropriations are made by the appropriations committee of the house and senate.

He said the rapid increase of the expenditures over the revenues had aroused the attention of congress, and now the secretary of the treasury is obliged to make up a budget from estimates submitted by the various governmental departments, and to make an estimate of the probable revenues, and if his calculations show a probable deficit to recommend legislation for additional taxation or the raising of money by bonds sufficient to meet it.

Continuing, Mr. Taft said: "The calculation of the secretary of the treasury for the present year showed that the deficit was likely to be \$34,000,000 in respect to ordinary receipts and expenditures. I am glad to say that the operation of the new tariff bill has been so much more productive of income that this deficit for the current year is likely to be considerably reduced. In addition, however, to the ordinary deficit, we have to add the Panama canal expenditure for immediate provision of \$38,000,000; and what was estimated to be a total deficit of \$72,000,000 is now reduced considerably by the better rates under the present tariff bill."

Can Meet Deficit. "By meeting the expenditures on the Panama canal with the proceeds of bond issues, we have enough cash in the treasury to meet the deficit in our ordinary expenses for the current year, and if we meet the expenditures on the Panama canal for the following year, we shall have a surplus of \$35,000,000; or if the revenue producing capacity of the new tariff keeps up, this surplus may be increased to \$50,000,000. On the other hand, if the congress proposes to add to the expenditures of the government over these estimated for new enterprises in the river and harbor bill, and for the construction of federal buildings under a building act, it will be very easy to consume or exceed the entire surplus."

Mather Has Bill Recommended. Columbus, O., Feb. 24.—Senator Mather was successful in having re-committed to the judiciary committee the bill of Senator Patterson, designed to put an end to annual sessions of the legislature. Mather contended that the legislature could not fix the time for the meeting of the next assembly if the constitution is to be observed. Senator Patterson thinks his measure is constitutional.

Milk Magnates Indicted. New York, Feb. 24.—A joint indictment against eight of the 17 directors of the Consolidated Milk Exchange were handed up to Justice Goff by the grand jury in the criminal branch of the supreme court. Under the Donnelly anti-monopoly act, the accused directors are charged with combining in the restraint of trade.

As a result of domestic troubles, Mrs. Carrie J. Shaw, wife of a Columbus (O.) contractor, ended her life by drinking carbolic acid.

Mrs. Edward Place of Wilkesbarre, Pa., accuses Miss Helma Sward of stealing her husband's affections and asks balm in the sum of \$15,000.

Camel's Elite Fatal. Cincinnati, O., Feb. 24.—Martin Garner, 66, is dead as the result of being bitten by a camel in winter quarters of a circus here.

THE SNAKE

Is Not A Very Bad Fellow After All

And Has Many Redeeming Qualities

(North American Review)

Exceptional love of music would redound to the credit of any other living creature as indicative of refined taste, but in the maligned snake even this artistic attribute is a mark of degradation.

Our own Quakers, for example, take up and indorse the diatribe of Epiphanius against the flute players. "Observe the figure that the player makes in blowing. Does he not bend himself up and down to the right hand and the left, like unto the serpent? These forms bath the devil used to manifest his blasphemy against things heavenly, to destroy things upon earth, to encompass the world, capturing right and left such as lend an ear to his seductions."

And so on. But not a word do we hear in condemnation of the unregenerate birds that carol heedlessly even while the minister is painting the horrors of an unmentionable place.

The fact that some snakes eject poison against their enemies is held to justify their indiscriminate extinction. We fail to see how. They did not have the choice of their means of defense; they necessarily took what the Lord gave them and they act as instinct directs. Clearly reason is not their guide, else they would not notify an intended victim, but would strike in silence. It is pleasing to think that in this they are actuated by a high sense of honor and fairness, but we do not venture so much as a supposition that they possess an attribute so fine. It is more likely, as Darwin maintains, that the rattlesnake uses its rattle, the cobra swells its frill and the puff adder swells and hisses in order to alarm the many birds and beasts which are known to attack the most venomous species, acting on the same principle which impels a hen to ruffle its feathers when a dog approaches its chickens. In any case, none of the traditional shrewdness or cunning is manifest in its performance.

It is a matter of gratification, naturally, that our snake was considered to be as intelligent as his predecessors; but there was really no need of exceptional acumen to enable him to play his part successfully. If the Devil took possession of his body in order to accomplish a nefarious purpose, it was the Devil, not the snake, who framed the enticing argument for the unsuspecting Eve. If, again, it was Lillith who seized an opportunity to advance the cause of woman suffrage, clearly 'twas her keen appreciation of the power of curiosity that led to the fall. In either case the snake was a mere dupe used by one more cunning than himself to further a project in which he had no personal interest and whose method of accomplishment was foreign to his shy inclinations. If he had been as crafty as he has been reputed, can one suppose for a moment that he would have assumed a role which was certain to win the everlasting hatred of mankind? No; there have been and are good snakes and bad snakes just as there have been good Eves, like Godiva, or Good-eva, of Coventry, and there are bad Eves, some of whom we know; but there is no real ground for the common belief that snakes are endowed with peculiar sapience.

No snake that ever lived won greater fame than Alexander's. Lucian tells the story. Apollonius, a master of the magic arts, had many disciples, among whom was a practicing physician who lived in Abanotichus, a small town on the shore of the Black Sea. There Alexander was born of humble parentage and imbibed from the old doctor all that he had learned from Apollonius of medicine and magic. He was a lad of striking appearance, tall, handsome, with a fine head of hair, lustrous brown eyes and a voice sweet and limpid. "God grant," wrote Lucian, who knew him, "that I may never meet with such another. His cunning was wonderful, his dexterity matchless. His eagerness for knowledge, his capacity for learning and power of memory were equally extraordinary."

Such was the well-favored young peasant who sallied forth from his native town in search of fame and fortune. Soon he fell in with one Coconnas, a shrewd tipster for the races and somewhat of a juggler. The two rogues joined forces and meandered about telling fortunes. Arriving at Pella, they found a great number of huge, harmless snakes, which lived in the houses, played and slept with the children and destroyed poisonous rats. Alexander promptly purchased

one of the largest, a veritable monster, so tame that it would coil about his body and remain in any desired position. Then he made a human face for it out of linen, painted it ingeniously and shaped it so that the mouth would open and shut by an arrangement of horse-air, letting the forked tongue shoot in and out at the will of the monster. Having no further use for Coconnas he either administered poison to him or let him die from some infection and returned with his snake to his native town. There he declared himself a prophet and announced that the god Aesculapius was about to appear. The people were credulous, excitable and eager for a new divinity.

When the great day arrived Alexander pretended to discover in a puddle of water a goose egg, which he had placed there after removing the contents, substituting a small embryo snake just born and carefully sealing the shell with wax. When the multitude had gathered he broke the shell and produced the tiny creature, which in a few moments grew to be the monster from Pella by the simple process of substitution. Thereafter the big snake, believed to be Aesculapius, led a busy life. He gave seances, told fortunes in writing and even spoke freely, with the aid of the prophet's ventriloquial powers. Alexander grew rich and powerful, kept a small army of retainers and spies, wielded no little influence over the government even at Rome, and died at a ripe old age in the fullness of his renown. What became of the snake nobody knows. Probably at the last the prophet dispatched the faithful creature to prevent the discovery of his deception after his death.

A WAITER AT \$100 A WEEK The revelation in a New York divorce suit, the other day, that the defendant, a waiter at the Waldorf-Astoria, receives tips to the amount of \$100 a week may help to explain the cost of high living in New York. The further intimation that this waiter is only a second-class receiver of tips and that there are men in that humble calling who have a revenue of \$10,000 a year is calculated, still further to open the eyes of the general public to the value of humility as a virtue. Here is a man who hands you your bill of fare, listens attentively while you give your order, walks to the serving room and brings back your dinner which he spreads with a certain art and in a prescribed order before you, stands at the back of your chair while you eat, picks up your napkin when it falls to the floor, keeps your glass full of water, brings you an extra cup of coffee and, when you have finished, takes the coin or the bill from your hand or from under the napkin with an adroitness that puts your own clumsiness to shame. He is a great man and you want him to think you a greater; so you tip him so generously that he has an income greater than a college president or a railway corporation treasurer.

It is a great game and many there be that play it with varying results, but most of them to a greater financial advantage than the service justifies. Most men do not give excessive tips because they love the waiter, but because they love themselves and fear they will be estimated at something less than other men. A man in any other relation in life who would render them a similar service they would compensate at the rate of ten cents an hour and would be just at that. But tip-giving in the swell places of earth is a fools' competition and the waiter is the beneficiary.

TO CURTAIL Power of Making Repairs To The Public Roads A bill will be introduced by Representative Russell of Wayne county to cut short a peculiar system of grafting from the state by counties and townships, which has crippled the state's efforts towards encouraging scientific road building. The bill would amend present laws granting state aid in building highways.

The original bill provides that the state aid may also be used for repairing highways. Thrifty county commissioners and township trustees have applied the state money to repairs which should have been met from local funds and have decreased their local taxes just that much.

Out of the \$825,000 paid by the state to aid road construction, less than \$200,000 has been used for construction while nearly \$625,000 has been used for repairs.

Something For Nothing. Wise Old Uncle—Remember, Tommy, as you go through this world that you can't get something for nothing. Precocious Nephew—Oh, yes, you can, Uncle! When I don't eat nothing I git an awful pain in my stomachick.—Chicago Tribune.