

PIGEONS, SNAKES AND BUFFALOES

Did you ever kill a buffalo? The chances are ten thousand to one that you never even saw a live one, except in captivity. Did you ever kill a wild pigeon? Unless you are more than forty years old, the last wild pigeon died before you were born. Did you ever kill a snake? Chorus by entire company: "Yes, lots of times!" And therein lurks the greatest mystery of the natural history world.

snake is as the overworked "red rag to a bull." While only a tiny fraction of mankind hunted the buffalo and the wild pigeon—and that for only a very few years—all mankind, for sixty centuries or more, has slain snakes.

Yet the snake is not extinct. He is not even dying out. Except in superpopulated communities, he is as plentiful as he was a thousand years ago. Why? There is no answer. But there must be a theory. Is the old Indian belief true? Is the snake Satan's own pet, and kept alive on earth through his master's intervention?—A. P. T.

PORTLAND MARKET

Cattle—There was a fair supply of cattle here Monday, over 1,600 head being offered, most of them being on the good to prime variety, which found exceptionally good sales. Trading started at the opening of the market and most all arrivals were sold long before noon. Prices ruled steady to strong. Feeder trade was limited, although several loads of ordinary stockers were bought up. A number of loads of prime steers got in at \$7.25, with others at \$6.85 to \$7.10. Everything sold readily, the quality being very good on the bulk of stuff.

Cows and Heifers—The demand for good quality she stuff continues very good and all offerings are finding anxious buyers. Best cows sold at \$6 and \$6.15 Monday. Packers and butchers bid spiritedly for the stuff, all of which changed hands early in the trade. Good cows sold at \$5.75, with fair ones around \$5.50.

Ordinary valley cows brought from \$5 to \$5.25, with common grades down to \$3.

Hogs—The largest run of this year's packing season was on the market Monday, over 7,000 head being received. After a slow start buyers and sellers agreed and trading was active. A few lots sold at \$9.75, but the bulk of the prime hogs brought \$9.55 to \$9.70; which was 5 to 10 cents lower. There was quite a display of half finished and light hogs, although a good many loads of choice stuff were offered. Pigs sold for the bulk of \$8.25; the range was from \$8 to \$8.50.

Sheep—Sheep prices made further advances, when a mixed load of yearlings, lambs and ewes brought \$8.50, an advance of fully 25 cents. Lambs were quoted up to \$9.25 for selects. Choice east of the mountains lambs are quoted at \$9 to \$9.10; choice valley lambs, \$8.75 to \$9; yearlings, \$7.75 to \$8; ewes, \$6 to \$7.

THE FIRST OIL LEASE IN AMERICA

Interesting now as a curiosity is the first known oil lease made in this country, which reads:

"Agreed this fourth day of July, A. D. 1853, with J. D. Angier, of Cherrytree Township, in the County of Venango, Pa., that he shall repair up and keep in order the old oil spring on land in said Cherrytree Township, or dig and make new springs, and the expenses to be deducted out of the proceeds of the oil, and the balance, if any, to be equally divided, the one-half to J. D. Angier and the other half to Brewer, Watson & Co., for the full term of five years from this date, if profitable.

"Brewer, Watson & Co. J. D. Angier."

To carry out the requirements of the lease Angier dug several trenches to collect the oil, but for all his efforts the production amounted to but from three to six gallons per day, which did not prove to be profitable.

This district, however, known as the "Oil Creek Region of Pennsylvania," a few years later became famous as one of the greatest oil centers of the world.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY. In the Matter of the Estate of Samuel Johnson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the estate of Samuel Johnson, deceased, to present the same, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned, administrator of said estate, at his residence, at Mist, in Columbia County, State of Oregon, that being the place designated for the transaction of the business of said estate, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated November 3rd, 1916. JOHN HELDLUND, Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Johnson, Deceased. 46-5

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by order of the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Daniel Keller, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me, duly verified, at Columbia County Abstract Company, St. Helens, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. GOTTlieb KELLER, Administrator. H. E. CROSS, Attorney for the Estate, Oregon City, Ore. 50-5

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SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

A. A. McDonnell, Plaintiff, vs. Maria Photina Koberstein, Anna Troll, and Bernhard Troll, her husband, Ludwig Koberstein and Jane Doe Koberstein, his wife, Maria Ankenbrand, Cathrina Helman, Cecilia Koepf and Albert Koepf, her husband; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants. To Maria Photina Koberstein, Anna Troll, and Bernhard Troll, her husband, Ludwig Koberstein and Jane Doe Koberstein, his wife, Maria Ankenbrand, Cathrina Helman, Cecilia Koepf and Albert Koepf, her husband; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants above named:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before the sixth day of January, 1917, and if you fail so to do for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint herein, to-wit: for a decree that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Six (6) North, Range Five (5) West of the Willamette Meridian, in Columbia County, Oregon, and that the defendants have not, nor has either or any of them, any right, title, estate or interest in or lawful lien, claim or demand upon said real property, or any part thereof, and that a certain deed dated August 7th, 1908, and recorded at page 625 of Book 9 of the Records of Deeds of Columbia County, Oregon, conveying the above described

real property and purporting to have been made and executed by George Hoberstein, was, in fact, made, executed and delivered by George Koberstein, and conveyed all of the interest of the said George Koberstein in the said real property, and for such further or other relief as to the Court may seem meet and equitable.

Service of this summons is made upon you by publication of the same in the St. Helens Mist for six consecutive weeks, by virtue of an order made by the Hon. J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court on the 21st day of November, 1916, and the date of the first publication is November 24, 1916.

VEAZIE, McCOURT & VEAZIE, 49-6 Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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