

Good Done by Snakes Is Far More Than the Harm

Since the Garden of Eden snakes have been generally disliked. But the good they do far surpasses the evil, according to a report on "The Reptiles of Connecticut," issued by the Connecticut Geological and Natural History Survey.

"The snake is disliked because it is slimy, while, as a matter of fact, the snake is covered with scales and these are dry, although the coldness of the snake's body may induce one to believe it is slimy," states the report. "The blacksnake is accused of twisting itself about persons and trying to squeeze them, while the whipsnake is supposed to lash them to death with its long, slender body. These tales are false and ridiculous. Then we have the wild imaginative pictures of the hoopsnake taking its tail in its mouth and rolling about. Could anything be more of a contradiction of nature than to have a horse-hair turn into a snake when it has been left in the rain barrel over night?"

"Around the barns of farms the banded milksnake is often found and killed because it is accused of stealing milk from cows. A snake has no lips so it cannot suck a cow, and if it were able to, the amount would not be noticed. We hear stories of how a mother snake will swallow her young to protect them, and later allow them to come forth. This story is said to be false."

Mizpah, Anciently Name of Towns in Palestine

Mizpah is a Hebrew word meaning literally "the watchtower." It was anciently the name of several garrisoned towns or regions of Palestine. Use of the word as a parting salutation, states a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, is a reference to its employment in Genesis 31:49, where a place is called "Mizpah, for he said, the Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

"Jacob gave it the name it bears," says the Standard Bible Dictionary. "In commemoration of the compact with Laban; but the sense in which the word 'mizpah' is used in this connection is slightly different from that in other places. Instead of an outlook-point, it indicates a place where God is invoked as a watcher. Accordingly it was a place invested with sacredness, and, on this ground perhaps, was resorted to in making covenants between clans."

"The location of the spot is fixed by the fact that Jacob on his way to Canaan crossed the Jabbok after the covenant with Laban. This would place Mizpah north of the river Jabbok. Suf, northwest of Jerash, is supposed by many to be the exact spot, but the identification is not quite certain."

However, there were five other places named Mizpah or Mizpeh.

A Smiling Face

A smile! Nothing on earth can smile, but the face of man. Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond flash compared with an eye's flash and a mind's flash? Flowers cannot smile. This is a charm which even they cannot claim. Birds cannot smile; nor can any living things. It is the prerogative of man. It is the color which love wears, and cheerfulness, and joy—these three. It is the light in the window of the face by which the heart signifies to father, husband or friend, that it is at home and waiting. Laughter is day, and sobriety is night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both, and is more bewitching than either.

"Most Lovable of Composers"

Franz Schubert (1797-1828) was born in Lichtenthal, a village just north of Vienna, and was a son of the parish schoolmaster. He was a student of the famous Salieri. He earned his living by instructing in music in schools and in private homes. He died of typhoid when not quite thirty-two years old. He composed an amazing amount of work for such a brief career. He is known chiefly as a lyric writer and a composer of beautiful melodies and has often been called "the most lovable of composers."

Never 39 Stars in Flag

There were never 39 stars in the flag. This is because the thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second and forty-third states were all admitted in one year. North and South Dakota were admitted on the same day, November 2, 1889; Montana on November 8 and Washington on November 11 of the same year. The forty-third state, Idaho, was admitted July 3, 1900, so that on July 4, 1900, five stars were added.

Randalls Island

Randalls Island comprises 150 acres in East River, New York city, at the confluence of the Harlem river. It was long the site of hospitals and homes for children.

Nearby News

HEBRON.

June 23.—Mr. and Mrs. John Keibelbeck, Carl and Florence Keibelbeck and house guest, Miss Florence Franzen motored to the coast Sunday.

Miss Florence Franzen, who had been visiting her cousin, Mrs. John Keibelbeck, for a month, left Monday for her home in Wisconsin.

Leonard Gilchrist returned to Dunsmuir Tuesday after spending a week with his mother, Mrs. Jessie Gilchrist.

The E. J. Edwards family motored to Salem Saturday.

Miss Katie Gilchrist visited Miss Emma Rodgers in Springfield from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl Murry suffered a fractured collarbone Monday of last week while cranking her car.

Mrs. John Murry gave her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Earl Murry, a shower and tied two comforts for her last Tuesday.

The Ladies' club met Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Stewart Williams and pieced on a Dresden plate quilt. There were two visitors present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Frank LaBlue July 1. It will be an all-day meeting with quilting to be done.

Bernice and Ivan Patten, Lucy Edwards and Nathan Edwards, Evelyn Abeene, Marie Gilham, Levetta Clark and Effie Richardson, 4-H club members returned home Saturday after spending two weeks at the 4-H summer school at Corvallis.

Mrs. Jessie Gilchrist and son Leonard spent Sunday at the Fred Overton home on Mosby creek. Jessie and Gene Overton accompanied them home and stayed until Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walden Hileman of Cottage Grove and the Add Heath family picnicked Sunday up the river.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allison of Cottage Grove spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Add Heath.

Evelyn and Audrey White left Sunday for Couville to visit a sister, Mrs. Violet Wilson, for two weeks.

The Townsend club will meet next Sunday afternoon at the Union hall at 2:30 to decide whether to keep the club going or to transfer to the Cottage Grove club.

A. L. Gilham purchased a new Chevrolet last week.

LONDON.

Howard Cox took his family to Gaston Thursday, where they will visit Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doney, for a week. Mr. Cox returned Saturday.

The Townsend club for the Coast fork communities will meet Sunday afternoon at the Hebron hall. A large attendance is urged.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McGuire went to Orland, Cal., Friday to bring the Cecil Stairwalt family back to camp A. The Stairwalts left here about six weeks ago.

Mrs. Harry Zimmerman and brother, Russell Bemis, were here from Forest Grove Thursday visiting relatives.

C. H. Woods and son Robin and Lillian Geer and Lovelle Abeene made a trip to Salem Monday.

Mrs. W. L. Townsend attended a birthday dinner given for her father, W. B. Addleman, in Eugene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks of Eugene were overnight guests Sunday at the W. L. Townsend home.

The Felix Ems family, Marjorie Small, Wendie Small, Mildred Cox, Ferrell Cox, Kenneth VanNortwick and Frank VanNortwick spent Sunday at Central View.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Banton, Geraldine Banton, Mrs. Harold Abeene and children spent Sunday afternoon at Central View.

Mildred Cox is spending this week at the Jesse Hooker home near Lorane.

Lyle Hobwood is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Geer, Mrs. Harold Phillips, Mrs. Harry Zimmerman and Russell Bemis visited Friday with Geo. Small at the hospital at Roseburg. They report Mr. Small much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips spent Sunday at Winchester bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox will entertain the card club Saturday evening.

The 4-H club members who had spent two weeks at Corvallis returned home Saturday. All report having a fine time. Lillian Geer, Geraldine Banton and Lovelle Abeene won prizes in room improvement and Ethel Ann Newton in cooking.

Work was resumed on the Hobart Butte road Tuesday after a several days layoff.

SILK CREEK.

Mrs. C. E. Ruth was given a birthday party Sunday by relatives and friends. Guests were the O. G. Sullivan family of Eugene, Mrs. Hickok and Mr. and Mrs. Moffit and daughter Geraldine of North Bend, Mrs. Moffit and Mr. Sullivan are niece and nephew of Mrs. Ruth, the Charles Tague family and Mrs. R. C. Ruth and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kernett and son Howard and Frank Maughn of Eugene and the Arthur Woolcott family. Refreshments were served.

Charles Matthews of Portland visited Thursday afternoon at the Arthur Woolcott home.

Sybil Ruth attended the Baptist young people's picnic at Swimmers' Delight Friday evening.

The Alvin Allen family were Sunday dinner guests at the O. Knight home near Saginaw.

Mrs. Wertz visited a niece in Anlauf Sunday.

Charles Tague and Robert and Russell Woolcott visited Rudolph Davis in the Shoe String valley Sunday.

Mrs. Harley Gates and Mrs. Harry Tennis and son of Cottage Grove visited last Wednesday at the Bud Lowrance home.

Mr. and Mrs. Newmire left Saturday for their home in Los Angeles. They had been visiting here with the N. L. Bolton family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cobb drove to Kitson Springs Sunday, and Monday visited Mr. Cobb's parents in Eugene.

Mrs. Rose Maurer of Linton, N. D., visited at the Henry Rohde home Friday of last week. Mrs. Maurer is a cousin of Mrs. Rohde.

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The H. D. Bolton family of Cutler City arrived at the N. L. Bolton home Tuesday of last week to spend a few days visiting with a sister of H. D. Bolton, who is here from California with her family.

H. Venake of Pasadena visited at the Henry Rohde home one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bolton and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bolton and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Parker visited Sunday at The Dalles with a brother.

Mrs. M. J. Cherry of Cottage Grove visited at the Henry Rohde home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe and daughter Ina of Cottage Grove visited Sunday afternoon at the J. G. Grimes home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hemenway and Margaret Hemenway of Eugene visited Sunday at the Reed Hemenway home in Cottage Grove.

Elizabeth and Viola Rohde are visiting with a grandmother, Mrs. Fahrwald of Latham, this week.

FAIRVIEW.

The Noble Elliott family visited Thursday at the Earl Elliott home on Mosby creek.

Mrs. Luther Bettis was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hawker, at Dorena Thursday.

Mrs. Orvel Johns and Mrs. Ernest Higginbotham of Roseburg were overnight guests Saturday at the Earl Higginbotham home, enroute to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard England of Cottage Grove spent Saturday at the Glen Gillispie home.

Mrs. Hattie Van Schoelack and grandson Lyle of Portland came Friday for a few days' visit with relatives and friends in this neighborhood.

Lila Van Schoelack of Dorena visited with a grandmother, Mrs. Harry Mayben, Thursday of last week.

Sunday dinner guests at the Earl Higginbotham home were Frank and Walter McHughill and Pat Engelson of Gazelle, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cain of Cottage Grove.

Arthur Bales of Dorena spent Sunday at the Lowry England home.

Edwin Voss attended the Mt. View neighborhood club which met Wednesday with Mrs. Claude Arne.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Garoutte and son Eddie of Culp Creek spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Ida Garoutte. Gene Garoutte of Marcola returned home with them for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kelly attended the Townsend meeting in Cottage Grove Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Elliott and son Earl

spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Noble Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy England of Rujada spent a few days the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gillispie.

The farmers in this neighborhood are quite busy haying since the good weather has arrived.

MOUNT VIEW.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Annand and son of Cottage Grove spent the week end at the G. E. Annand home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Layng who had been living at Sisters for several months, moved back here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Snauer and little granddaughter, Shirley Arne, left Friday for Winchester bay to spend a week.

Mrs. Ernest Guggisberg and three daughters of Cottage Grove visited Sunday afternoon at the Fred Guggisberg home.

Mrs. Susie Garoutte, Frank Smithson and Harry Wilson of Cottage Grove spent Sunday at the C. A. King home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chet Vinson of Hebron, motored to Empire Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith.

Mrs. Lenora Lane, recently of

Kansas, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Russum, in Cottage Grove, was an overnight guest Saturday of a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Judson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sears of Walker spent Sunday evening at the Mrs. Amanda Sears home.

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