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Oregon's senators favor a boat railway at The Dalles, while the representatives these times. Whereas an appropriation representatives are pushing the best snakes had feet. plan.

England is agitated over a popular feeling to abolish the house of lords. It is certain that if such an action depended as life. It was coiled up like a upon the suffrages of the people the bunch of rope and as light as a kite. It house of lords would be short lived. It was surprising to know how frail a is a house composed upon the rules of structure of bone could make a very heredity, no matter how obnoxious or imbecile the members may be. Recent supple snake, able to give an elephant a hard tussle. counter legislation of the house of lords to that of commons has so embittered to that of commons has so embittered the lower classes that it is quite probable an issue will be soon made to abolish this of the python, which he held in his part of the English parliament.

The reported richness of the South African gold fields has attracted the attention of many of Oregon's young men who want to see the world, and at the can get along quite as well as he is. same time make fortunes for themselves. The Prineville Review very sensibly of former feet, especially the boa consays that if all who contemplate going there would pool the money it would cost them for passage there, and spend the ages during which big snakes have it in developing the mines of Eastern enjoyed existence, are found in some Oregon it is quite probable the results would be more satisfactory than would their pilgrimage to the "dark continent." Eastern Oregon has plenty of gold mines, and all that is needed to develop them is muscle and money.

The Knights of Labor of the United States are about to embark upon a campaign having for its object the removal and acquired monstrous dimensions. of the negroes from the United States and their colonization in the Congo basin, Liberia, or some other part of basin, Liberia, or some other part of sters and others of their tribe. Their Africa. Not to mention that this is a sole surviving descendants are the big contract to take hold of, the plan is half mythical sea serpents. They had visonary for other reasons. After sev-eral centuries of residence in the United may be the remains of these. When States it is not likely the negro will desire to return to savage Africa. It may be good enough for natives already there, but even the negroes are too enlightened not to choose in favor a civilization already attained, and the numberless comforts and inventions designed by white men.

Mr. Bland's bill directs Secretary Carlisle to go ahead at once and issue silver certificates to the amount of \$55,156,681that being the amount of the seigniorage, or profit to the government, on the purchase of silver bullion under the Sherman law of 1890. It commands Mr. Carlisle to go ahead and coin all the balance of the silver bullion in the treasury vaults, purchased under that same Sherman law, "into legal-tender standard silver dollars." Then it goes another step farther and orders Mr. Carlisle to use the standard silver dollars to be so coined to redeem the treasury notes issued against the silver bullion when it was purchased. The operation of this bill, if it becomes a law, in the opinion of the New York Recorder, cannot fail to be beneficial. First, it will replenish the treasury and give it lots of money for some time to come to pay current national expenses with. Second, it will block the bondholders' scheme for compelling the treasury to contract a series of new loans. Third, it will increase the volume of the currency by about \$4,000,-000 a month for the next fourteen months. Mr. Bland is the only democratic leader in the house who has proposed a single line of legislation that will afford the slightest relief to the existing financial and business situation. His bill is a good one, and the apparently fair chance it has of passing is the most cheerful bit of news sent from congress for a long time.

O. W. O. Hardman, Sheriff of Tyrel Co., W. Va., appreciates a good thing and does not hesitate to say so. He was almost prostrated with a cold when he procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He says: "It gave me Thus he moves his bulk along. He also prompt relief. I find it to be an invaluable remedy for coughs and colds." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, drug-

If you wish to see a fine assortment of the front part is pushed along. The oranges, lemons and bananas just call scientists do not believe that snakes and see the display at H. H. Campbell's, can spring, but they do sometime next door to the postoffice.

#### SNAKES USED TO WALK.

At Least So Says a Smithsonian Expert on Reptiles.

The Python Has Feet-An Illustration of the Serpent's Power of Locomotion
- The Snake Moves Like a Man Walking in a Hag-

The good housewives of New England, and, perhaps, in other parts of the country, are wont to meet the ques-tions of inquisitive youngsters with the exclamation: "Oh! snake's foot!" an expression like "hen's teeth," and a "side-hill badger," denoting the impossibility of a thing. The snake's foot, however, is something more than a nonentity, and the story of the ser-pent in the Garden of Eden, that was doomed forever to crawl upon its belly, is only partly, if it is at all, true.

This was proved to a representative of the Washington Post the other day who called at the Smithsonian institution. The wise men there who are skilled in anatomy of animals have recently received a big python that sickened and died in New York. His mottled hide was drying in the sun at want a portage. A boat railway can be the time in a sequestered spot between built almost as quickly as a portage, as the Smithsonian building and the woodthe two lines of rail are but a short dis- en shed where the taxidermists have their workshops. It is an uncanny the boat railway condemns it during place, and the man who chances to from the carcass of an ourang to that of for a portage road might be secured with a buffalo. Prof. F. A. Lucas, who had comparative ease, if it was built with the remains of the twenty-foot snake reference to a future boat railway. The from the east in charge, was asked if

"Oh! yes," said he, and he took down the skeleton of the python, which had been stripped of all the flesh so that the frame work of bones fastened with cartilage remained as perfect

"Yes," said Prof. Lucas again, "snakes have feet, and the best examhand, and showed two long ribs on each side of the body well back toward the tail. Those are the remains of the snake's feet and legs. Like the vermiform appendix in man, the snake has no earthly use for them now, and All the big snakes have these remains strictors and the anacondas. Prof. Lucas says that the bones of the legs, which have withered and shortened in small species of snakes in this country, although it is not common. The best known species is the glass snake of Florida, of which so much has been

There was a monster of old that frequented the waters of prehistoric seas when the world was young that was probably the ancestor of the present snake. He was called the plesiosaurus, Popular zoologists like to picture battles in the seas where the water was made red with the blood of these monthe reptiles came to the land to live, and learned, for some reason unknown, to burrow in the sand, they would undoubtedly lose these. There are missing links, however, in the line of descent of the snake, and all the scientists tell about reptilian genealogy is

partly a matter of conjecture. Of the many snakes that live in the water nowadays the major part are rapid swimmers and are deadly to handle. Prof. Lucas mentioned one called the platurus, on account of its big flat tail, which swims in tropical waters. He says it is accounted great sport to catch it with a hook and line, but the danger comes when the catch is hauled in, and the average man is very shy of that kind of fishing, as one bite means death right speedily, and in the most agonizing form.

There is still another explanation of the rudimentary foot of modern times in the snake world, and that is that it is the remains of a flying dragon There were undoubtedly dragons in the times of old, and when the dragons ceased to fly and came to the earth to drag out an existence, it is not improbable that some of them survived as snakes, and that the remnants of their feet and wings survive in the species that tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden.

The usual method of locomotion with the snake tribe is rather peculiar, and is more like walking in a bag than anything else. In fact, a snake walking, for a snake does not crawl, is like a number of boys put in a bag at a Fourth of July sack race. Prof. Lu-cas was showing the other day how this done. The snake walks on his ribs. The old Germans, or Teutons, as they were called in the early days, used to have a warlike custom of proclaiming their kings. The sturdy warriors would lock together their brazen shields, lifted high above their heads, on which the future king was elevated. A snake's belly is in all respects like the inter-locked Teutonic shields. His feet are his ribs, which he is capable of working backward and forward, and at the same time bending them. Over each rib, or foot, there is a shield. and as the foot moves the point of the shield is lowered and digs into the ground or takes hold of any projection on the surface over which it is going. eurls himself up, and thus he move along more swiftly. Grabbing hold with his front ribs an ugly snake can hold fast while he pulls up his other half, which in turn takes a hold while

#### RAILROADS IN JAPAN.

No Conductor Ever Enters the Cars, and

the Newsboy Is Probibited.

The railroads of Japan are solidly constructed and carefully run, says the Philadelphia Telegraph. The gauge is three feet six inches, and the cars are generally eighteen feet long. There are first, second and third classes, and the fares are for several classes one, two and three sen (cents) a mile. The Japanese are great travelers, and more than nine-tenths of the travel is of second and third class. The rate of speed is uniformly about twenty miles an hour. The trains are run on what is known as the "staff" system, and a train is not allowed to leave the station where it meets another until the conductor has received from the conductor of the other train a symbol called a "staff," which is his evidence that he is entitled to leave.

In the first-class carriage, which is either one room, like our drawingroom cars, or in three compartments, like the English, one finds cushion seats, wash hand bowls and water closets, and generally a teapot and cups, the former occasionally replen-ished with hot water. If this is lacking, the passenger can buy on the platform at any station a teapot full of tea and a cup for two and one-half cents. The teapot is pretty enough to bring a quarter in this country, and the cup would be cheap at ten cents. You buy the whole "outfit" and could carry it away if you pleased. As a rule, the pot and cup are left in the car and about sixty per cent. of them are re-covered by the vender.

The railroads in Japan are partly owned by the government and partly by private stockholders, but the rates and rules of the government roads govern the others also. At all the stations are overhead bridges, and crossing the track at grade is prohibited, as in England. The stations are roomy and neat, the platforms ample, and at both ends of the platform the name of the station is conspicuously posted. The passenger shows his ticket on going through the gate to his train, and surrenders it at the gate on leaving. nothing. Sold by Snipes & Kinersly. No conductor enters the cars. We also miss the familiar visits of the enterprising young man who sells newspapers and popular books, and who loads our seats at home with lozenges, photograph albums, comic periodicals, vegetable ivory, matches, chewing gum and other merchandise

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America Owes More to Nick Van Stan Than It Can Pay.

One never reads in American colonial history of the Dutchman seeking gold like the Spaniards or Englishmen, remarks Harper's Magazine. His head was too level and his eye too clear. Excelling as farmers, yet even more as traders, the Dutch laid the foundations of the commercial supremacy of New York by inherited intincts reenforced by wise policy and large ideas. They gave points not only as to fish, fur and wampum to their neighbors down east.

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#### Why Rats Gnaw Continually.

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Sagacity of Wild Fowl.

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