

THE PUMP SNAKE.

Reptile Who Is of Great Use in Dakota, They Say.

In central Dakota, on the "Missouri bottoms," there exists one of nature's strangest snakes. The settlers term it the "pump snake." How it came there or where it came from is yet unknown. It first made its appearance in Emmons county in the spring of '86. A full grown pump snake measures sixteen feet in length and about three inches in diameter. They are of gregarious habits, roaming the prairies in large herds, as many as 200 having been counted in a single flock. In dissecting one of these reptiles, it was found a tube which extends from the tip of the jaw to the extremity of the tail, terminating in an opening. This tube is about two inches in diameter, and lined with a tough, yielding substance, similar to rubber. The pump snake is easily trained to answer the call of man. The inhabitants in a section trap them in large numbers.

A farmer on Cat Tail creek has a flock of pump snakes trained to a remarkable degree of proficiency. At the blast of a whistle the snakes assemble on the banks of the creek. The leader there is always a male. In dissecting one of these snakes, who is led by two-thirds majority dashes into the water of the creek, leaving only the extremity of its tail on the bank. Another snake immediately grasps the end of the leader's tail in its jaws, a third snake takes hold of the second snake's tail in a similar manner, and so on until there is a continuous line of snakes joined end on, extending to the water troughs in the cattle yards, 300 feet away. The leading snake commences to allow or pump the waters of the creek, which passes through the long line of snakes. It would through a hose and falls in a very stream into the trough.

This agriculturalist told of an extraordinary circumstance which occurred a short time ago. While working in the field near his home he observed flames issuing from the side of his barn. Wild with excitement he hurried to the burning building, only to see that it was a hopeless task for himself alone to attempt to extinguish the flames. In despair he gazed on the work of destruction; suddenly he heard a loud rustling in the tall grass, whence issued his herd of pump snakes on the run. The leader hurried himself into the creek, the rest instantly adjusting themselves, heads and tails, from the side of the burning building. The last snake, standing on its head, waving its long flexible body, from the tail, end of which a stream of water, that was thrown with terrific force on the burning building, dashed forth and dashed the tail end of that snake, squirting the water where it would do the most good, while the loud rustling of the leader could be heard above the roar of the conflagration. Within fifteen minutes the last spark was out. Then, and until then, did the pump snakes quit work. They were completely exhausted, the leader having fainted away. The main part of the building and its contents were saved, thanks to the presence of mind of these wonderful snakes.

The territorial government is becoming awakened to the extreme usefulness of these rustling creatures, and laws are to be enacted to protect the pump snake.—Dakota or Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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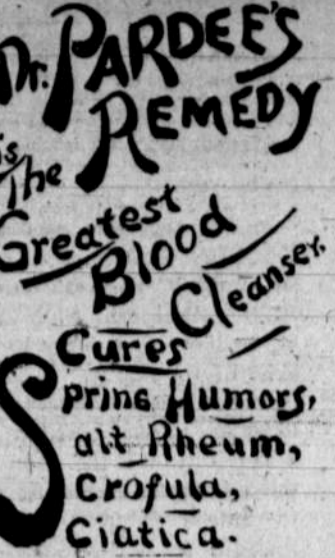
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