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ANOTHER THIRTY YEARS AGO!

V. Nixon Had It When He Captured an 800 Pound Sea Turtle 'Way Down South in Florida.

Dear Mitchell:
The old saw that "some are born great, some achieve greatness and others have greatness thrust upon them" seems a solution to my Florida hunt for "gators." Though no "gator" has been added to my string, there has been added a new branch of business to my career.

Yes, sir; I'm running a menagerie. Yes, and I own the whole show. But must explain.
Plea (that's Pleinatory's Pomeroy, my punster) and I were out on the lagoon punting and watching for "gators, and as the sun was making it too warm for us on the water, concluded to go upon the beach and sunbathe. The tide was running out, but we found a delightful spot, pulled our boat up, went into the shade and made ready for a smoke.

Plea is one of the laziest mortals, with perhaps a few exceptions, that I ever saw. He was to all intent and knowledge of mine sound asleep in five minutes. But with a snort all suddenly he was up and grabbed me by the arm, exclaiming, "Oh, Lordy, Lordy, there's a hant." Well, I'm not slow in telling you that his actions provoked me and maybe there were some words used not very polite.

"Hear 'em, hear 'em," he kept saying, and all that could be heard was a sort of moaning sound, similar to the telephone wires one hears at times. But that confounded Darkey was trembling and really was a frightened man. The moaning sound came from the beach just over a small hill behind the shore from us. Telling Plea to come along and we would see what that noise meant, I started, but that confounded Darkey would not come with me.

With Darkey already to shoot, I quietly walked up and looked over the small hill. The tide had gone out and left the beach white for at least 12 to 15 rods. I could see some large object and could see that it was a large movement of some sort. Finally my curiosity carried me nearer and it dawned upon me that this was a huge turtle which had been washed up by the tide and heavy wind and was left high and dry. It was simply the phantom of a turtle, but why it did not take to the water was a mystery to me. Working my way nearer, I found that the thing could not go on land; that it was actually trying to walk, but could not. The feet, or flippers, did not seem to have strength to move that huge body.

Now, then, can you imagine what my thoughts were? Peabody, Jack Bald, and Whitehead, Mills and Bledsoe, all the yaras they used to tell came to me and I owned up to myself that they had been accused wrongfully. But something must be done. I finally had Plea up to that he understood that he must go and get me a span of mules and stoneboat soon as possible and two more men. "Yes, sah, yes sah." And mightily glad he was to go he was almost white he was that scared. Soon he came back and had three men with him. Asked him where the stoneboat was, "Dar am no sich thing," and seemed to be of no use to anyone. Telling him to stay and watch my prize I went in search of a way to get my animal up to my hotel, which was where I wanted and the man agreed for a dollar to go with me. Soon as we reached the shore I called Plea and asked him why he said there was no such thing as a stone boat. "Huh, Marse, dat ain't no stone boat, but man knows dat. Dat am a tote boat." But it was what I wanted. We tried to get the mules down near enough to the turtle so we could roll him on, but no, sir. Finally by blinding those mules we had the tote boat come alongside and near enough. Then we for by this time there were some 50 men and Darkeys on the spot, got him on the tote boat. This surely was some job as it was some turtle. It acted just as our common turtle acts, kept its head down in. One man said he had seen one once before and that it was a sea turtle; that the storm and tide had caught it and washed it up on land where it was perfectly helpless. Eventually we hauled it up town, and probably there were two or three hundred people in our crowd, among them the landlady where we live. He whispered to me and said, "We pan put him in the boat house for a time. After much hard work he was put off the tote boat onto the floor of the boat house.

A stranger came and offered me 100 pounds. There was night and day by this time that it was his—Starnum & Bailey's circus. The landlady again came to my rescue, saying, "I'll get the crowd out, and you charge a tip for anyone to go in and see the 'king of all turtles.'" So to make long and short, the fins are coming in and Plea is door tender taking a tickle. He has his "sarcus clox" on, as I told him he must dress up if he was to be my

Items Published in the Eccentric a Quarter of a Century Ago This Week.

Geo. Shutes is home again for a few weeks before starting out on his regular sea collecting trip.

Will Loves and family arrived back again last week from Port Townsend, Wash., after about three years life in the far northwest.

Our farmer friends are gathering their loc for next summer and a very fine quality of it and being about foot chick makes it just right to handle in the coming warm weather.

John Strong, from northern Michigan, has been visiting his brothers Will, Ike and the rest of the family the past week.

Mrs. E. E. Trowbridge met with the painful accident Tuesday last week. While going downstairs she slipped and fell and was badly hurt. Dr. LeBaron was summoned and found that her arm was broken. He reduced the fracture and rendered the patient as comfortable as possible.

The parents of Will Simonson, P. C. Simonson and wife, were shocked to receive a telegram from the U. S. surgeon of the barracks at Columbus, O., telling of the death of the boy, who had died of pneumonia "foret at that place. A friend of the family went to Columbus after the remains and returned with the body Tuesday morning.

The village has just perfected a very complete fire alarm system, with the principal alarm bell at the cooper shop of Sara Mills on Manie avenue east.

A. H. Campbell died very suddenly Thursday last at his home about three miles north of this place on the Pontiac road. A post mortem examination was made by Dr. Campbell on Monday, who decided that death resulted from heart disease. The funeral took place at the late residence of the deceased Monday and the remains were deposited in the vault in the cemetery at Pontiac.

We conclude this week a very interesting letter from Mrs. Mary McCarrill, daughter of Rev. J. McCracken of Southfield, who started August 1 for Syria to become a missionary in that heathen land. Her letter has been read by a great number of her old friends who are greatly interested in her welfare and success and read with no small amount of pride of her progress in that distant clime.

Our "Itinerary" Offer—This and So. Contains a list of places to visit, including Se to Foley & Co., Chicago, Illinois, writing your name and address on the card, and enclosing a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup. Also containing a trial package of Foley's Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Have had several offers to sell him, but I have refused. Cut out this article. He estimates his weight at 800 pounds, from 500 to 800 pounds. So you see that in addition to my tip (5c) for every one who goes in, my pocketbook is healthy.

The landlady wanted to know what I would do if my weight was 300 pounds instead of 140.

H.ven't added a 'gator to my string yet, but just keep your eyes out, my time is coming.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and that is the fact. For a greater many years doctors pronounced it incurable, and by conventional local remedies, and by constant failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Harkness' Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer \$100 for any case it fails to cure. Send for literature and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Advertisement.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.
EASTERN TIME
Sunday morning, preaching 10:30.
Bible school at 11:45 a. m.
Juniors at 3:30 p. m.
R. Y. P. U. at 8:30 p. m.
Evening preaching service at 7:30.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.
All are welcome.

G. L. CONLEY, Pastor.
The Woman's guild of St. James' church will serve a 50c banquet supper January 27, at six o'clock.

Council Proceedings.

Regular meeting of the village council January 10, 1916.

Present: President pro tem., Chas. E. Jones.
Trustees present: Harris, Jones, Clizbe, Bailey, Brown.
Trustees absent: None.

Brown moved, Bailey seconded, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as read.
Motion carried.

Clizbe moved, Bailey seconded, that Mr. Jones act as president pro tem.
Clizbe moved, Brown seconded, that bills as follows be paid as read:
Stuart Found Co. \$13 00
Standard Oil Co. 18 91
Frank Roach 9 20
Geo. Stephenson 27 50
D. E. Wilkinson 50 00
S. S. Hays 22 00
Harry Allen 6 60
Harry Allen 3 00
Levi Allen 11 25
E. Carter 40 39
Guy Miller 32 50
Detroit Lead Pipe Co. 5 65
Lawson-Erb Lumber Co. 25 02
Port Foundry Co. 43 00
Richmond-Backus Co. 3 25
Canton Hughes Pump Co. 12 80
John Gavalik 27 22
Glenn Allen 30 00
Birmingham Eccentric 29 30
W. J. Thornton 17 70
H. St. State Tel. Co. 95 64
American Sewing Machine Co. 106 22
Huston Hardware Co. 04 04
Grand Trunk 81 00
Detroit Edison Co. 187 30
Detroit Edison Co. 11 19

Nays—None.
Motion carried.

Clizbe moved, Brown seconded, that Mr. John Hanna's communication be made a part of the records, as follows:
"Birmingham," January 1, 1916.

"To the Honorable:
"The President and Common Council of the Village of Birmingham."
"Gentlemen,
"On December 28, 1915, I received a notice from the village clerk, stating I was appointed trustee to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. R. B. Hewitt.

"Thanking you for the compliment, I decline to serve.
"JOHN HANNA,
"131 West Maple Ave.,
"Birmingham, Mich."

Nays—None.
Motion carried.

Brown moved, Clizbe seconded, that E. E. Cowan be appointed to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. R. B. Hewitt.
Nays—None.
Motion carried.

Moved by Clizbe, supported by Brown:
Whereas, by reason of the laying of new pavement on Maple avenue west between Bates street and Southfield avenue and between West Maple street and Martin street on Pierce street and this improvement being a public necessity.

Resolved, that the water service on the above streets from the mains to a curb line be laid of lead pipe under direction of the superintendent of utilities or engineer within 60 days and at the expense of abutting property holders and if not so laid by them within said time, then the village superintendent shall lay such lead service and charge costs of same to abutting property holders.

Nays—None.
Motion carried.

Whereas, Hazel street was ordered opened April 12, 1915, and whereas, plans have been prepared and survey in deed of said property; and whereas, suit was ordered begun against E. L. Torrey for possession of the land by condemnation; and whereas, the D. J. G. M. & M. own some land to be condemned for said street; therefore,

Resolved, that this council order it attorney to proceed to panel a jury to determine the case.
Nays—None.
Motion carried.

Clizbe moved, Jones seconded, that by Detroit Edison Co. be notified to make arrangement for a suitable conduit across Woodward avenue under a pavement, looking forward to underground wiring and to saving the pavement.
Nays—None.
Motion carried.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to this council praying for the opening of Hazel street in this village, by its present westerly terminus to the easterly line of Woodward avenue in this village, and

Whereas, the village engineer has heretofore submitted to this council a diagram and plat of the proposed street opening and extension as aforesaid, and

Whereas, it appears to this council that it is necessary to take the private property hereinafter described, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the opening and extending of Hazel street in this village from its present westerly terminus to the easterly line of Woodward avenue in this village is a necessary public improvement in this village, and be it further

Resolved, that this council deems it necessary to take the private property hereinafter described as said improvement, and be it further

Resolved, that the village attorney be and he is hereby directed to forthwith commence in behalf of this village before Albert W. Campbell, a justice of the peace within the county of Oakland, such proceedings as are necessary to acquire and take said private property for said improvement, said private property hereinafter referred to, to be taken as aforesaid for said public improvement being described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel I.—Commencing at a point in the easterly line of Woodward avenue in said village, which point bears south 82 degrees 20 minutes east and distant 587.8 feet from the intersection of the east line of Woodward avenue and the south line of Forest avenue, thence north 54 degrees 53 minutes, east 228 feet to the west line of the right of way of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company, thence southerly along the westerly line of said right of way 47.7 feet to a point, being the southeasterly corner of land owned by Elbert L. Torrey, thence westerly along the southerly line of said Torrey's land 212 feet to the easterly line of Woodward avenue, thence northerly along said easterly line of Woodward avenue 50 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel II.—Beginning at a point in the westerly line of the right of way of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company, being the northeasterly corner of the land above designated as Parcel I, thence north 88 degrees 53 minutes east to a point in the easterly line of said right of way and being the westerly terminus of the northerly line of Hazel street as now laid out and established, thence southerly along the said easterly line of said railroad right of way to its point of intersection with the southerly line of Hazel street as now laid out and established, thence westerly to the southeasterly corner of the lands above designated as Parcel I, thence northerly along said westerly line of the said railroad right of way 47.7 feet to the place of beginning.

Roll call:
Nays—5.
Motion carried.

W. E. LUKAS,
President pro tem. Clerk.

Six-year-old Had Croup.
"I have a little girl 6 years old who has a good deal of trouble with croup," writes W. E. Curry, Evansville, Indiana. "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, and it has given me and my wife and I also use it and will say it is the best cure for a bad cold, cough, croup, and whooping cough I ever saw." Sold everywhere.—Adv.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
List of letters remaining unclaimed for at Birmingham Michigan, Postoffice on January 15, 1916.
Aldrich, Miss Julia A.
Allen, Mr. and Mrs.
Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Herman
Carper, H. W.
Copeland, John
Davis, Miss Clarabell (2)
Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Will
Care of R. G. Neighbors
Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. O. M.
Goodfellow, C.
King, Mr. and Mrs. Edward
Israel, Miss Grace
Pepper, Mr.
Reanes, Mrs. Lizzie
Robinson, Mr. H. W.
Smith, Mrs. George
Wakeman, Miss Jean
Wade, Mr. George
POSTCARDS
Payne, Mrs. Hettie L.
Phelps, Miss Sadie
Cory, Mrs. Frank
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

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