

Downers Grove Reporter

DELINQUENT TAX LIST.

Public notice is hereby given that I, Frank J. Knight, County Collector of DuPage county, in the state of Illinois, shall apply to the County Court of said DuPage county, at the June term, 1903, for judgment against the owners of the lands mentioned in the following list of delinquent lands and lots, for the taxes, special assessments, interest and costs due severally thereon; and for an order to sell said lands and lots for the satisfaction thereof. Also that on the first Monday next succeeding the first Monday in June, 1903, the same being the day fixed by law for the commencement of such term of said County Court, to-wit, on the 8th day of June, A. D. 1903, all the lands and lots for the sale of which an order shall be made will be exposed at public sale, at the Court house in said county, for the amount of taxes, special assessments, interest and costs due thereon.

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HOW A SNAKE MOVES.

Wonderful Rib Formation of the Unpopular Reptile.

Now any one who has looked at the skeleton of a snake—and it is really a very beautiful object—will have been struck by the great number of ribs, which may be as many as ten hundred and fifty pairs. In these lies the secret of the ability of the serpent to do some of the wonderful things. The lower end of each rib is connected with one of the broad scales that run along the under side of the snake, and when a rib is twisted slowly backward, it pushes on the scale, the edge of the scale catches on the ground or whatever object his snakeship may be resting on, and the body of the snake is pushed just a little bit forward. Of course, each rib moves the body but a mere trifle, but where the ribs are so many, and they are moved one after another, the result is that the snake moves slowly but steadily ahead.—St. Nicholas.

Living Conditions in Egypt.

A traveler of the upper Nile thus describes a typical native village: "The houses are built of Nile mud, each house accommodating a family of no matter what size, the inhabitants of each village almost all related to each other, comprising sometimes several hundreds of people. Their streets are littered with filth, animals of every kind obstruct one's path, dogs growl and snarl at the appearance and intrusion of a stranger, women rush about, hiding their faces in their yashmaks, and a white man should behold their features. Flies in swarms settle on the children and lay their eggs on their eyelids, unwashed, because they believe it to be contrary to their religion to wash or remove the flies from their eyes."

Richest Cathedral in the World.

The Cathedral of St. Isaac, in St. Petersburg, which was recently robbed of about \$5,000 worth of diamonds, is considered to be the richest cathedral in the world. It cost more than \$2,500,000 to build. The gold alone used for gilding and ornamenting the interior amounted to about three and a half hundredweight. All the vessels of this sacred edifice are composed entirely of gold and silver and weigh about four tons. The interior of the building is most gorgeous, and contains a great number of statues, mosaics, bas-reliefs and precious "ikons," or holy pictures, which are of great age, and are supposed to possess miraculous powers.

Thoroughbred.

"I was coming from my hotel on Christmas day, when a little urchin ran up to me with a newspaper. As he ran he fell, and some other boys got ahead of him and tried to sell me a paper, but I refused to buy until the little fellow came up, half crying, with his papers. I handed him half a dollar, and when he reached in his pockets to get me the change I said: 'Never mind, sonny. Keep the change.' He looked up in my face and said, 'Say, mister, you're a torobred.' Now that was the only Christmas present I had that day, but to my mind it was the best I could have had.—Capt. Jack Crawford in the Household.

Plans to Honor Emerson.

The committee which is raising the fund of \$150,000 for the erection of a building for the department of philosophy at Harvard university as a memorial of Ralph Waldo Emerson has announced a gift of \$50,000 toward that fund from one anonymous benefactor and of \$10,000 from another—the former conditioned on the completion of the fund by the next commencement and the latter on its completion in time to admit of the corner stone being laid in connection with the celebration of the Emerson centennial on May 21. These two gifts bring the total amount now on hand to \$125,000.

Birds Call Them from Bed.

Some children in Cranford, N. J., think they know just how the old king felt "when the pie was opened" that contained the "four and twenty blackbirds," for the blackbirds have been waking them up regularly every morning since March 1. About 6:15 every morning a tremendous squeaking noise like the creaking of a giant gate sounds right outside the bedroom window and the children open their eyes wide to see the hundreds of black wings flying by. The birds light on the top branches of some very tall trees near the house, and there they chatter noisily for an hour or so.

Tribute to Birds.

A number of Parisians who were in the steeple have decided to erect a monument to the memory of the pigeons that carried the dispatches which kept up communication with the outside world. It will consist of a pedestal surmounted by a bronze vase, on which will be cast a group of the birds that proved of such utility to the French. The committee includes the names of many well-known literary and scientific people. The gratitude comes somewhat late, for after the war the pigeons in question were sold by auction and commemoated in pigeon pies.

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