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Proclamation

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, two bills were passed, one proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State, the other proposing an amendment to Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State, which said bills are in the words following, to wit:

CHAPTER 96.

AN ACT to amend Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in place and stead of Section 1 of said Article 1.

Section 1. All elections by the people shall be by ballot. Every male citizen of the United States, whether native born or naturalized, of the age of 21 years or upwards, who has resided in this State for one year and in the Legislative district of Baltimore city or in the county in which he may offer to vote for six months next preceding the election, and who moreover is duly registered as a qualified voter, as provided in this Article, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides at all elections hereinafter to be held in this State; and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senators, Delegates or other officers, then, to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote for six months next preceding the election, but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed. Every such male citizen of the United States having the above-prescribed qualifications of age and residence shall be entitled to be registered so as to become a qualified votr if he be

First—A person able to read any section of the Constitution of this State submitted to him by the officers of registration and to give a reasonable explanation of the same; or if unable to read such section is able to understand and give explanation thereof when read to him by the registration officers; or

Second—A person who on the first day of January, 1869, or prior thereto, was entitled to vote under the laws of this State or of any other State of the United States wherein he then resided; or

Third—Any male lineal descendant of such last-mentioned person who may be twenty-one (21) years of age or over in the year 1906.

No person not thus qualified by coming under some one of the above descriptions shall be entitled to be registered as a qualified voter, nor be entitled to vote.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be at the next general election for members of the General Assembly to be held in this State submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of the direction contained in Article XIV of the Constitution, and at said election the vote on said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment." or "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as the voters shall elect; and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote on said proposed amendment as directed by the said XIVth Article of the Constitution.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the Senate by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 2, 1904.

SPENCER C. JONES,
President of the Senate.
ROBERT MOSS,
Secretary of the Senate.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the House of Delegates by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all the members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 10, 1904.

GEORGE Y. EVERHART,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
BENJAMIN L. SMITH,
Chief Clerk.

CHAPTER 97.

AN ACT to amend Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of this State.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland (three-fifths of all the members of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of Section 34 of Article 3 of said Constitution.

Section 34. No debt shall be hereafter contracted by the General Assembly unless such debt shall be authorized by a law providing for the collection of an annual tax or taxes sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to discharge the principal thereof within fifteen years from the time of contracting the same, and the taxes laid for this purpose shall not be repealed or applied to any other object until the said debt and interest thereon shall be fully discharged. The credit of the State shall not in any manner be given or loaned to, or in aid of any individual, association or corporation; nor shall the General Assembly have the power in any mode to involve the State in the construction of works of internal improvement, nor in granting any aid thereto which shall involve the faith or credit of the State; nor make any appropriation therefor, except in aid of the construction of works of internal improvement in the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert, which had no direct advantage from such works as have been heretofore aided by the State; and provided that such aid, advances or appropriations shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, and they shall not use or appropriate the proceeds of the internal improvement companies, or of the State tax now levied or which may hereafter be levied to pay off the public debt, to any other purpose until the interest and debt are fully paid, or the sinking fund shall be equal to the amount of the outstanding debt; but the General Assembly may, without laying a tax, borrow an amount never to exceed fifty thousand dollars to meet temporary deficiencies in the treasury, and may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defense of the State.

But nothing in this section or in this Constitution contained shall deprive the General Assembly of the power to apportion amongst and to appropriate to the city of Baltimore and the several counties of the State out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum of money not exceeding four hundred thousand dollars each year, to be expended only in the construction and maintenance of public roads and highways under and in accordance with such regulations as the General Assembly may from time to time prescribe.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall be, at the next general election held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot shall be printed the words: "For Constitutional Amendment," and "Against Constitutional Amendment," as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said fourteenth article of the Constitution.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the Senate by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 3, 1904.

SPENCER C. JONES,
President of the Senate.
ROBERT MOSS,
Secretary of the Senate.

This is to certify that this engrossed document proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the original of which was passed by the House of Delegates by yeas and nays, more than three-fifths of all the members elected voting in the affirmative, on March 10, 1904.

GEORGE Y. EVERHART,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
BENJAMIN L. SMITH,
Chief Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, Edwin Warfield, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and of the mandate of the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that a copy of each of said bills proposing said amendments to said Articles 1 and 3 of the Constitution of the State be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State, where so many may be published, and in any county where not more than one newspaper may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers in the city of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next general election, which said election will be held on the 7th day of November, 1905, at which election the said proposed amendments shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the City of Annapolis, this — day of July, 1905.

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Here are some facts about snakes given by a young man who has studied them since he was ten years old:

The best way to catch a snake is to simply stoop down and pick it up, as you would a toad or a turtle. Sometimes with a rattler it is as well to put a stick on his head until you get your hand on him. If the snake is coiled, simply lay one hand over it and the other under it, and the snake will not move to get away.

There is a surer cure for snake bite than any brand of whisky. It is strychnia sulphate, nitroglycerin and potassium permanganate, which may be carried in tablet form and must be dissolved in water and injected hypodermically.

This young naturalist was without his antidote the first time he was bitten by a rattler. It was on the Mojave desert, and he was prowling around among some old prospect holes. Stooping down to pick up a piece of copper ore lying at the mouth of a hole, he disturbed a big rattler, and it struck him. He placed ligatures on his hand and arm and started for camp. At the first camp he got a razor and bled his finger as well as he could, but it was nine hours before he could get to his medicine. The next day his whole side was numb and stiff, and it was three weeks before he entirely recovered from the effects of the poison. He had not neglected, however, to catch the snake, and this became his special pet.

The lesson he learned was that a quick movement in front of a rattler's eyes is a most dangerous proceeding and it will make a snake strike quicker than anything else. In handling strange rattlesnakes he is always a little careful and usually draws them into his hand over his coat sleeve. A caressing little pat on the head seems to have the same effect on snakes as on other animals.

After putting a rattler on the floor of his room and teasing it, to make it coil and strike, this snake trainer picked it up in his hand, patted its head and then pried open the big mouth with a nail to show its fangs, seven on each side, in different stages of development, from one like a pin point to one the size of a bird's claw. The large fang is likely to drop out at least once a year, but if injured it may be replaced three or four times a year.

There is about the same danger from the bite of a nonvenomous snake as from the bite of a dog or a cat. It may or may not be serious. All depends upon whether a poisonous germ is transmitted and upon the condition of the blood of the person bitten.

Baby rattlers are fitted from the beginning with fangs and sacs of poison and are ready for business, but they have only a little button on their tails where the rattles are to come later.

In the matter of food snakes vary. They cannot be treated to cold scraps of all kinds. In fact, most of them are rather particular about having their food served alive. If they are very hungry they may take something freshly killed, but they vastly prefer to do their own killing.

Gopher snakes live principally on rodents, with birds and occasionally birds' eggs as delicacies. Rattlers also prefer rodents. Water snakes have a weakness for frogs. The corral snake, which is very common in the southwest, is quite a general eater. He takes birds' eggs, lizards, horned toads, gophers, rats and frogs. He is a cannibal too. A corral snake was once seen to devour a racer eighteen inches longer than himself. He did not eat again for some time.

Constricting snakes squeeze their victims until they can no longer resist. Viperine snakes strike and poison their prey. Water snakes start right in on a frog while it is alive.

A snake's teeth are fine and sharp and numerous. They look like fine fish bones, all curved backward. The under jawbone is divided in the middle, and the food is worked in with an alternating movement of the lower jaw, aided by a forward and back movement of the upper jaw with its row of hooked teeth. With such teeth it would seem quite impossible for a snake to disgorge, yet this young man made one give up a bird which had been partly swallowed and stuck fast by its beak having gone through the snake's body.

A snake's digestive organs may be slow, but they are very sure. Teeth, skin, hair and every part of the prey is digested. The hard, flinty teeth of a rat will be found, if the snake is dissected within a week, to be soft enough to crush in the fingers.

Snakes only care to eat once in three or four months, though they drink much water. Through the winter they hibernate in captivity as when free. Occasionally they may be roused and will possibly eat something, but they are very sluggish.

Constricting snakes have a powerful grip, but it can be loosened instantly by unwinding from the head or tail.—New York Herald.

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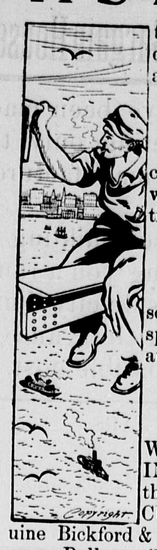
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