STORY OF AN OLD BEAR.

How He Came to Lose a Foot Three Years Before He Died.

Miss Amelia Burton, a daughter of Giles L. Burton of Fisher Mountain, in Lopez township, heard her father's hogs squealing in a piece of beech woods three years ago last May, and running out she saw a bear making off with a struggling and very noisy yearling shoat, says a Scranton, Pa., special to The New York Sun. Miss Burton chased the bear through a brush lot and shouted at him till she was out of breath, but he hugged the squealing hog to his breast and marched on his hind feet through the brush and dodged between the stumps as though he meant to make a meal off the shoat, no matter how long or how loud the young woman shouted. The bear disappeared in a piece of woodland soon after Miss Burton had abandoned the chase, and the hog stopped its noise.

Mr. Burton and the boys came home late in the afternoon and immediately went in search of the bear. They traced him to the edge of the Raccoon Swamp, nearly two miles to the north, where they found the partly devoured carcass of the hog. The bear had hidden in the swamp, and the supposition was that he would come out in a day or so and eat the rest of the pork. Mr. Burton and his sons set a trap near the remains of the hog that night and fastened a 30-pound log to the chain. On the fifth morning the trap was gone, but the remains of the hog hadn't been disturbed.

Armed with rifles, Mr. Burton and the boys followed the trail of the bear and trap into the swamp for nearly half a mile, where they found the trap wedged in between two spruce trees. The bear was gone, but the whole of his right forepaw was in the jaws. It was a gigantic paw, and Mr. Burton made up his mind to kill the owner of it. He and the boys hunted all day in the swamp for the bear, but failed to find him. The next day they put three dogs in and the result was the same. Then they gave up the search and Mr. Burton got a local taxidermist to mount the big paw.

Once in a while every winter since then resident hunters have run across the tracks of a three-footed bear in the snow at distances of from two to six miles from Mr. Burton's place, but none of them got a shot at the bear that made the tracks and they failed to trap him.

On Oct. 17, while picking wintergreen berries in the stumpy field through which she chased the bear with the hog in his paws three years ago last May, Miss Burton saw a lean and shaggy old bear hobbling towards her on three feet. She shouted and waved her hands, thinking to scare the lame old bear, but instead of turning around, as Miss Burton expected he would, he limped towards her and moaned as though begging for food. Miss Burton saw that the bear was harmless, and she stood still to see what the bear would do. He walked up and licked her hand, and she saw that his tusks were blunt and smooth. Then he sat up on his haunches, looked Miss Burton in the face and whined. She gave the bear a handful of wintergreen berries, and he ate them so greedily that she let him have all she had in her pail.

Miss Burton started for home then and the old bear hobbled after her. She swung her arms and tried to drive him back, but the bear whimpered and whined so hard that she took pity on him and let him follow her. He tagged her into the dooryard, where the dogs dashed out and tackled him till he growled. Then the dogs took fright and skedaddled, and Miss Burton coaxed the bear into the woodhouse and gave him some meat. He refused to eat it and she fastened him in the wagon barn, made a bed of straw for him and placed a wash basin full of new cider before him, which he drank.

When Mr. Burton saw that the bear's right forefoot was off he got the mounted paw and compared it with the old bear's left paw. It was a perfect mate and Mr. Burton was satisfied that the bear was the one that had left its paw in the trap. He at once confined the bear in the hog-pen, intending to fasten and kill him. The old bear refused everything but boiled apples and cider, and on Friday of last week he died in the pen. Mr. Burton thinks that the bear was more than 20 years old.

Varsity News.

A very successful meeting of the University Literary Society was held last evening in the University College Y.M.C.A. Hall, President DeLury in the chair. An essay was contributed by Mr. H. P. Biggar on Literary Style, and Mr. W. A. Braun gave a recitation in German. Mr. G. S. Faircloth rendered an instrumental selection on the violin. After this the main work of the evening was taken up, viz., Debate—"Resolved, that Home Rule will be beneficial for Ireland."

This was an inter-year debate between the freshmen and sophomores, championed respectively by Messrs. Falconbridge and Allen in support of the affirmative and Messrs. Montgomery and Proctor for the negative. Mr. DeLury in summing up gave his decision in favor of the negative. Leaders were then elected to lead the Government and Opposition parties in the mock Parliament, which will take place December 9, and last till the end of the session. Messrs. Strath and Boles were elected to lead the Conservative and Liberal parties respectively. Mr. C. A. Stuart, B.A., '91, was present and addressed the society in a few words, congratulating the members on its prosperous condition.

Next Friday evening the society will hold a public debate. Subject: Resolved, That merit is better rewarded at the present day than ever before in the world's history. Affirmative: Messrs. Bull and Phillips. Negative: Messrs. Hellems and McLean. Essayist, J. H. Brown. Reader, R. D. McMillan.

The Varsity Glee Club held its regular practice in the college, and numbered over 30 strong.

Mr. W. C. P. Bremner, B.A., fellow in French, has been unable to meet his classes during the week on account of illness, and has left the city for his home. Latest reports are favorable, and he will probably return for next week.

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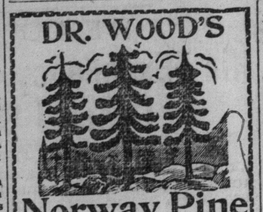

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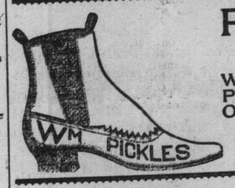

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