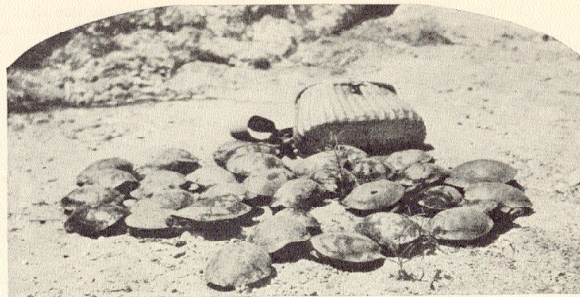




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A TORTOISE CONCLAVE
*They are not looking for fish—but are protesting their removal
from their favorite riffles and rocks*

“Turtles” of the West

Concerning A Tortoise That Has Speed

by O. L. Brauer

The author of this 1929 article on “pond tortoises” (the western pond turtle) collected an estimated 30 turtles, depicted here “protesting their removal from their favorite riffles and rocks”. Brauer wrote: “The number of tortoises that live in a small stream is quite large. I counted nine dozen in a distance of three miles up one small creek; ten individuals were in one riffle.” [MB]