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On Amphicelias, a genus of Saurians from the Dakota epoch of Colorado.

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The genus to which the above name is now given, is allied to *Camarasaurus*, of which, and the gigantic species *C. supremus*, I have given an account in my Paleontological Bulletin, No. 25. Both genera differ from their nearest ally *Ornithopsis* Seeley, in the excavation of the vertebral centra, so as to include large chambers separated by a septum, which communicate with the external median by a lateral foramen. In the *Ornithopsis* it is stated that the vertebral centra are occupied by a number of coarse cells. In the more remotely allied *Cetiosaurus*, Owen has observed that the tissue of the centra is coarsely spongy.

The vertebræ from all parts of the column of *Camarasaurus* are known, and those of the dorsal and lumbar regions present the extraordinary character, of which a trace is seen in *Cetiosaurus*, of neural spines expanded transversely to the axis of the column. Numerous vertebræ of *Amphicelias* are known, and in the dorsals in which the neural spine is preserved, the latter displays the usual form, that is, it is compressed in the direction of the axis of the column. The centra differ from those of *Camarasaurus* in the form of their articular extremities, resembling more nearly in this respect the genus *Tichosteus* Cope (Paleontological Bulletin, No. 26, p. 194). They are unequally amphicelous, the posterior extremity being more concave, and with concave prominent margins; while the opposite one is less expanded and is but slightly concave. The neural arch is coëssified to the centrum, and there is no capitular costal articulation on the latter.

The manner of the mutual articulation of the neural arches in this genus is peculiar, and is only paralleled in the genus *Camarasaurus*, so far as I can ascertain. The anterior zygapophyses are separated by a deep fissure, while the posterior zygapophyses are united on the middle line. From the latter from the point of junction, there descends a vertical plate which rapidly expands laterally, forming a wedge whose base looks downward. The supero-lateral faces are flat, and articulate with corresponding facets on the inferior side of the anterior zygapophyses, which look downward and inward, on each side of the fissure above described. When in relation, the anterior zygapophyses occupy a position between the posterior zygapophyses above, and the *hyposphen*, as the inferior reversed wedge may be termed, below. This arrangement accomplishes the purpose effected by the zygosphenal articulation, that is the strengthening of the articulation between the neural arches, but in a different way. The additional articulation is placed at the opposite extremity of the vertebra, and it is the anterior zygapophysis instead of the posterior one which is embraced. This structure entitles the genera which possess it to family rank, and as the two genera mentioned above belong to different families in consequence of the different types of vertebral centra, the one opisthocœlous, the other amphi-

celous, they may be called *Camarasauride* and *Amphicæliide* respectively.

The pubis is a stout bone with one slightly concave, thicker border, and an opposite strongly convex, thinner margin. One extremity is truncate; the other presents one transversely truncate and one oblique face. The femur is elongate, and presents a strong postero-external ridge or third trochanter near the middle of the shaft. The head is not separated by a well marked neck, and the great trochanter does not project beyond it.

Thus while there is a striking resemblance to *Camarasaurus* in what may be regarded as adaptive characters, in some important essentials the two genera are very different.

AMPHICÆLIAS ALTUS sp. nov.

The centrum of the dorsal vertebra of this reptile is contracted both laterally and inferiorly, so that the margins of the articular extremities flare outwards. The sides are flat, and the inferior surface but little convex in the transverse direction. The pneumatic foramen is situated at the bottom of a large lateral fossa which extends nearly the entire length of the superior portion of the centrum. Its inferior border is sunken abruptly, while the superior gradually shallows on the external surface of the base of the neural arch. The foramen is longer than high, in contradistinction to that of the *Camarasaurus supremus*, where it is round or higher than long.

The neural arch is very much elevated to the zygapophyses. It is strengthened by a prominent rib, which extends from the posterior base upwards and forwards to the base of the anterior zygapophysis. The surface above and behind this is occupied by an extensive excavation whose superior border is the line connecting the zygapophyses. The anterior zygapophyses are separated medially by a deep notch which extends to the base of the neural spine. The articular surfaces incline towards each other. Just behind the anterior zygapophysis, a process extends outwards and forwards whose extremity is lost in my specimen. Its posterior face is excavated by the lateral fossa above described. This process is probably the parapophysis which supports the rib. The diapophysis springs from the line connecting the zygapophyses and extends upwards and outwards. Its inferior surface is concave, or longitudinally excavated.

The neural spine is thin, but its anterior and posterior borders are thickened and double, the lateral rib-like edges being separated by grooves which expand at the base. The posterior groove continues to a more elevated point than the posterior. Each side of the spine is divided into two shallow wide grooves by a median keel. The apex of the spine is much thickened transversely, its obtuse extremity having the fore and aft and transverse diameters equal.

The pubic bone resembles that of the *Camarasaurus supremus*, but is less robust in all its parts. It is also less extended in antero-posterior width near the proximal extremity.

The femur is remarkable for its slender form. It is a few inches longer

than that of the *Camarasaurus supremus*, but is not so robust. The shaft is nearly round and somewhat contracted at the middle, where it is slightly convex backwards. It is slightly curved inwards at the great trochanter. Here the shaft is moderately grooved on the posterior face. This trochanter is only a prominent ledge below the head. The third trochanter is situated a little above the middle of the shaft; it is a prominent obtuse ridge directed backwards. The condyles are extended well posteriorly, and are separated by a deep groove, which originates on the inferior portion of the shaft. They are also separated anteriorly by a shallow open groove. The external condyle is rather more robust than the internal.

The length of the femur is six feet four inches; the elevation of the dorsal vertebra three feet three inches.

	<i>Measurements.</i>	M.	
Diameter of dorsal centrum	{	fore and aft.....	.245
		vertical270
		transverse265
Total elevation of vertebra		1.100	
Length of neural spine.....		.600	
Elevation of anterior zygapophyses.....		.500	
Diameter of neural spine	{	antero-posterior160
		transverse (at middle)....	.065
		“ at summit140
Depth of centrum below pneumatic foramen.....		.120	
Fore and aft diameter of pneumatic foramen.....		.080	
Length of pubic bone.....		1.060	
Thickness of stoutest extremity.....		.140	
Length of femur.....		1.524	
Transverse extent of proximal end.....		.420	
“ “ “ condyles320	
Diameter of middle of shaft.....		.220	
Distance from head to third trochanter.....		.665	
Diameter of head (compressed).....		.260	

AMPHICELIAS LATUS sp. nov.

Of the wonderful fauna of the Dakota epoch of the Rocky Mountains the *Camarasaurus supremus* was preëminent in several proportions, the *Amphicelias altus* was the tallest, and the saurian now to be described, was the most robust. It is represented in Mr. Lucas' collection by a right femur and four caudal vertebrae which are in good preservation. They reveal the existence of another saurian of huge dimensions, and of great mass in proportion to its height.

The caudal vertebrae are apparently from the anterior part of the series. They are all strongly bi-concave; the anterior face more so than the posterior. They all possess diapophyses of depressed form which take their origin below the base of the neural arch. The centra are short in antero-

posterior diameter, and do not present lateral angles. They are composed of not very dense osseous tissue. The anterior zygapophyses are rather elongate, and their articular faces are directed steeply inwards. They are received by corresponding shallow excavations, one on each side of the posterior base of the neural spine. The neural spines are compressed and straight, and become very robust towards the apex.

The femur is extraordinarily robust. The great trochanter is low, but the shaft is widest where it expands outward. The third trochanter is above the middle, and is short and little prominent. It is on the inner edge of the posterior aspect of the shaft, and looks backwards and inwards. The shaft in its present state is compressed so as to reduce the antero-posterior diameter. It is not however crushed or cracked. The condyles have much greater transverse than antero-posterior extent. They are moderately produced backward, and are separated by a deep inter-condylar groove, while the anterior trochlear groove is wide and well marked. The inner condyle is narrowed posteriorly while the external one is obtuse and robust. The articular extremity is marked with irregular pits as in *Dystrophæus* and *Cetiosaurus*.

Measurements.

	M.
Diameter of anterior caudal vertebra. {	fore and aft... .150
	vertical..... .200
	transverse..... .260
Elevation to zygapophyses of the same.....	.250
Total elevation of the same.....	.480
Length of femur.....	1.400
Proximal diameter of femur {	fore and aft..... .165
	transverse..... .410
Distal diameter of femur {	fore and aft..... .360
	transverse..... .450
Diameter of middle of shaft of femur.....	.280

The caudal vertebræ of this species are much more deeply bi-concave than those of the *Camarasaurus supremus*; they also differ in their relative and absolutely greater breadth of centrum.