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Dr. Alfred Sherwood Romer, former director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University, will speak at the University of Montana Thursday night (Oct. 31). Dr. Romer will discuss "The Early Evolution of Land Vertebrates" at 8 p.m. Thursday in room 107 of the Geology Building.

The lecture, which is open to the public without charge, is sponsored by the UM Department of Geology in conjunction with the University Public Exercises Committee. A question-answer session follows the lecture.

Dr. Romer, who received his doctorate in zoology from Columbia University in 1921, has written more than 200 scientific papers on such subjects as vertebrate anatomy, reptiles and amphibians. He also is author of several books including "The Vertebrate Story" and "Osteology of the Reptiles."

From 1921-23 Dr. Romer served as an instructor of anatomy at New York University and the Bellevue Hospital Medical College. He later worked at the University of Chicago.

From 1946-51 Dr. Romer served at Harvard as director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology. In 1946 he also was named Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology at the Cambridge, Mass., institution. He has received several doctor of science degrees from various colleges and universities.

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