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"DOPING" ANIMALS.

Habit Has Been Pronounced a Senseless One.

There is no sense in persistently "doping" animals with drugs; yet some men seem to get into the habit and keep it up with detrimental effect rather than benefit to their beasts. Healthy animals need no drugs; the sick need attention and medicine from one specially trained intelligently and judiciously to give such aid. The less medicine the better, so long as the animal gets plenty of good feed and is protected against disease by every sensible means.

The chief aim of the veterinarian, as well as the owner of live stock, should be to prevent disease instead of having to treat it, and this is coming to be the prevailing conception of the matter. We hear far too much about concoctions to be dissolved and mixed in slop for tormented pigs; and too much about all manner of alleged cholera cures which, in every instance, are worthless. We hear far too little of the true causes of disease, and the sources of pestering parasites. Yet it is all-important that we should know how diseases arise and spread, and how they may be warded off, and made innocuous. So, too, of parasites. They are not inevitable and unavoidable. They may be rooted out and kept out. Neither are animals really "heirs to disease." They may be born healthy, stay healthy and live to a good old age without suffering from disease or requiring "dope" of any kind.

Habit explains much of the senseless employment of drugs. A shepherd got into the habit of taking purgative pills. Each time he had to increase the dose until at length he swallowed a "pitcherful," as a neighbor said, and died. In the same way hogs are kept "doped" with drugs, and take more and more until at last they died, and, of course, some dire disease is given the blame, when, actually, the drug had a lot to do with the demise. The determination of the cause of an ailment is of prime importance. Prevention is ever more important.

Instead of employing all manner of alleged preventives in the form of drugs, with the hope of keeping hogs free from cholera, mixed infection, necrotic diseases and parasites, let us change the tune, and see how it works. Let a universal and unanimous war be started and waged to the death against dirt and every item entering into the composition of an insanitary environment for swine. Then disease and parasites, internal and external, associates and helpers of disease germs, would be decimated and eventually destroyed. Drugs can't possibly do it. Hygiene and sanitation can win and will, if men put as much faith in these measures as some of them appear to have in drugs, and become as persistent in putting them into effect. The rest of the fight then, properly, must be conducted by the trained veterinarian, in whose hands now are powerful and effective biological products with which diseases may be fought, in conjunction with the efforts of the hygienist, and he may find it necessary, in some instances, to prescribe drugs, but drugs alone must fall. The combination suggested can succeed, and is certain in future to be the means adopted against disease.—Breeder's Gazette.

Poultry Needs of France.

Speaking at the International Poultry Conference held in London, Eng., last March, M. Ch. Voittellier of the French Ministry of Agriculture, said: "In the eleven departments invaded in 1918, whose total surface is 6,876,595 hectares (about 15 1/2 million acres), there is, from the recent returns made to the Chambre des Deputes, 2,837,000 cultivated hectares (about 6 1/2 million acres), more or less devastated.

"To this area invaded in 1918, we must add that invaded in 1914, 796,000 cultivated hectares (about 1,890,000 acres).

"In a study of the question which we published at the beginning of 1914, we gave a likely figure of the production of the poultry yards in France kept for the production of eggs, and that of young chickens, 65 millions of hens, one million of ducks, and 250,000 of guinea fowls.

"As the total surface of France is 52,952,000 hectares (about 119,200,000 acres), there will only be an average of one hen per hectare. But the Northern Departments had a cultivated surface, rather important, in which small and general culture were predominant.

"When saying the figure of four millions for adult poultry, the statement is less than the truth, nevertheless this figure can help to fix the mind on the rapidly with which poultry yards can be restored.

"It is not such a deficit that it cannot be quickly filled, if only the stock was fully maintained in the remaining poultry yards in France. That has, however, diminished by 50 per cent. If we admit that it was previously renewed by a third or by a quarter, a minimum of three or four years would be necessary to produce again in the North of France the previous number of fowls."

There died in Plympton, on Wednesday, January 21, 1920, Agnes Murray Paton, beloved wife of Matthew McFarlane, in the 63rd year of her age. The funeral was held from the family residence, lot 13, concession 9, Plympton, on Saturday, 24th inst. The remains were interred in the Camlachie cemetery.

BORN

In Brooke Tp. on Saturday, January 10, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. John Black, a son.

DIED

In Bothwell, on Monday, January 26th, 1920, William Reuben Hickey, barrister, aged 64 years. 1 month, 16 days.

In Arkona, on Wednesday, January 21st, 1920, Abraham E. Augustine, aged 89 years.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. George Mitchell, who fell asleep in Jesus one year ago February 4th, 1919. Sad and sudden was the call of her, so dearly loved by all. Her memory still is very dear. For oft it sheds a silent tear. She bids no one a last farewell. She said good-bye to none. And with farewells unspoken She gently entered home.—HER LOVING FAMILY.

Received Military Medal

(High River, Alberta, Times.)

Sergt. Allan Cameron, who went overseas with the 137th Battalion and was later transferred to the 50th Battalion was notified recently that a Military Medal was awaiting him at High River. This medal was awarded for conspicuous bravery displayed on the field of action, but Sergt. Cameron refuses to give the details as he is averse to speaking of past exploits. We are pleased to state that Allen has purchased a quarter section near that of his father, Mr. Alex. Cameron, which he will operate. Sergt. Cameron is a grandson of Mrs. J. Cameron, Watford.

CHOP STUFF

Water pipes in a stove exploded near Listowel, killing a little child.

The people of Petrolia have subscribed \$1000 towards Armenian relief.

Reeve Wilson of Wyoming is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Major Fairbank sent a cheque for \$500 to Cannon Hill for the Forward movement fund.

John Knapp, a former resident of Petrolia, died of Bright's disease last week, aged 64 years.

Strathroy public school board will require \$10,000 to run the public schools in that town in 1920.

The Florence Agricultural Society have a balance on hand of \$882.54 from last year, and a retained membership of 109.

Lieut. Alex. V. McPhail, son of the late Alex. McPhail, former postmaster at Alvington, died on Wednesday last in New York. He was three years overseas.

Eight public school teachers in Wallaceburg have resigned because the salary offered them seems inadequate. \$700 is the minimum, and board costs \$7 a week.

M. D. Cameron and P. D. Shaw have been appointed county auditors at a salary of \$140 each and P. Jennings was made a member of the County Board of Audit.

A Grand Rapids motorman in kicking a bundle of papers off his car dislocated a leg. On the way to a hospital the jolting of the ambulance twisted his lumb and replaced the leg.

Clerks in various stores of Sarnia held a meeting recently, when it was decided to ask their employers to close at 5 p.m. every evening except Saturday all the year round.

In parts of East Williams and Lobo the mail failed to get through for a week owing to the drifted condition of the roads. In many places they had to be shovelled out. Several sections dispensed with school.

The Petrolia Wagon Works Company has closed its doors after an eventful career of twenty years. Although a splendid industry for the town it was a white elephant for the shareholders. Ten years ago there were 160 hands on the payroll.

At the special meeting of the Plympton Township Council, held on Monday last, Wm. Mathews and T. W. Paterson were appointed Auditors for 1920, at a salary of \$20 each. There were eight applications for the two positions. Geo. Symington was appointed School Attendance Official for the year.

At the meeting of Kent County Council a proposal was made to petition the Government to amend the Drainage Act to permit county judges to hear drainage cases. Under the present system the drainage referee is, in the opinion of the Council, unable to devote sufficient time to the hearing of the many cases which arise in the whole of the province.

The Castile Oil and Gas Company are completing their sixth well on the Lewis farm in Ruphemis township. The formations in this well show a rise of about ten feet over the wells previously sunk, and the results are good. At the present time the company has a production of approximately two million cubic feet of gas per day.

According to reports, some of the tobacco growers in the Ridgetown district are not ready for angel's wings yet. A buyer relates that he found over 1,000 pounds of dirt and stones in one lot of tobacco purchased, and in another over 500 pounds. Such growers bring discredit on all engaged in the growing industry, and should be given terms behind prison bars.

In quite a number of rural Public schools teacher and pupils have adopted an innovation in the form of hot refreshments at the noon hour. In some cases the proper utensils required for the serving of hot tea, coffee, cocoa and soup with their cold lunch have been secured and placed in the schools for this purpose. This practice is highly recommended by the Education Department.

WATFORD COUNCIL.

Watford, February 2, 1920.

Regular meeting of Council; present, Messrs. Johnston, Harper, Hollingsworth, Stapleford and Doan.

Mr. Johnston, the Reeve, was called away and Mr. Stapleford was voted to take the Reeve's chair and proceed with the business.

Stapleford—Harper, that auditors' report be received and Clerk have the usual number of copies printed.—Carried.

Harper—Hollingsworth, that in the absence of Mr. Johnston, Mr. Stapleford act as Reeve.—Carried.

Doan—Harper, that the printing contract for 1920, as per schedule submitted, be given to the Guide-Advocate at \$100.—Carried.

Harper—Doan, that we appoint Wm. Roche to ring the bell, clean crossings on Main street from Front street to Simcoe street inclusive, and keep water tanks on Main street cleaned and open, at a salary of \$80.00 per year payable quarterly.—Carried.

Doan—Harper, that Bylaw No. 2 for borrowing monies from the Merchants Bank be read first time.—Carried and bylaw read.

Harper—Hollingsworth, that Bylaw No. 2 for borrowing monies be read second time and filled in with \$10,000.—Carried and bylaw read and filled in.

Doan—Hollingsworth, that Bylaw No. 2 be read third time and passed.—Carried and by-law read and passed.

Finance Committee examined accounts and recommended payment.

And Harrower, shovelling snow. \$ 70

T. Glen, " " 4 20

C. Pearce, " " 5 25

R. Hollingsworth, " " 1 00

Gordon Jamieson, " " 8 70

W. H. Sheppell, auditor & supplies 13 00

David Watt, salary as auditor. 12 50

Wm. Styles & McCausland, labor on Eric st. drain. 8 70

Walter Scott, January services. 10 00

J. F. Elliot, January salary. 15 00

Treas. Library Board. 90 00

Treas. Bd. Education, F. S. 400 00

Hydro Com. January light. 130 81

Harper—Hollingsworth, that accounts be passed and Reeve grant his order.—Carried.

Hollingsworth—Doan, that we adjourn.—Carried.

W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

Grieve—Bailey

St. John's Church Rectory, Wyoming, was the scene of a quiet wedding Thursday, Jan. 22nd, when Edna Beatrice, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bailey, was united in marriage to Wm. E. Grieve, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grieve, London Road, Plympton, by Rev. H. R. Williams.

The bride wore her travelling suit of beaver shade gabardine, and hat to match. After a dinner at the home of the bride's parents where only the immediate relatives were present, the young couple left on the afternoon train amid showers of confetti and good wishes for London and points east.

The bride, was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Grieve returned from their wedding trip Tuesday noon and drove to their new home, London Road, where they are now comfortably settled "Down on the Farm."

A number of Kent county tobacco growers will go south to investigate and study conditions of the business in Virginia.

Battery service station coming! We are installing a storage battery service station and will be able to overhaul any make of battery at the least notice. We will be carrying a stock of new Pres-O-Lite batteries on hand also will have service batteries to rent while your old one is in for recharge or repair. Pres-O-Lite are equipped on seventy-five per cent of cars made in Canada this season.—R. MORNINGSTAR.