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PRINCIPLE FIRST

Horses Die

MOULD POISON

The following article written for last Friday's Gastonia Gazette by Dr. R. H. Parker, veterinarian, will be of interest to Herald readers. It appeared in the Gazette as follows:

To the Editor of The Gazette:

For the past two or three weeks there has been much sickness among horses and mules and a good many have died from eating moldy corn.

Almost every day we see these cases and hear of a great many more cases in nearby counties. From all appearances, the conditions are becoming serious for the stock owners.

This year the poisoning is much more rapid and fatal than usual and, in a number of cases, as many as two or three horses and mules have died on the same farm. Treatment seems to be of no avail unless taken at the very first signs of the attack and even then it presents much difficulty as the animal is many times delirious or vicious.

This disease is known as "forage poisoning," "mould poisoning," "blind staggers," "sleepy staggers," "cerebro-spinal meningitis," etc. Every year there is more or less loss of livestock from this disease in the Middle West, South and Southeastern States. Many times the outbreaks have very much the appearance of some highly infectious disease in that certain localities lose a high percentage of horses and mules of all ages.

The causative agent is not always the same, but is due to moulds of various kinds and occasionally poisonous bacteria that have grown on the feedstuff, the grain or roughness. Some seasons are such as to favor the growth of the various moulds and bacteria, hence some years the disease is found so often and other years we do not find it.

Lately the writer has had occasion to examine much of the feedstuff used in Gaston and adjoining counties. There is much of the late corn and some of the early corn that is affected with a pink mould on the small end of the ear and in some cases this mould is not very noticeable. The pink mould, in my experience, is the most poisonous of all moulds found on corn and often it will kill an animal in a few hours.

The farmers and stockmen that are feeding corn should look carefully for this mould and should the corn be affected he should stop feeding it to his horses and mules immediately. It is not necessary that the corn be thrown away for in most cases it can be fed to cattle and hogs as neither of these animals are susceptible to this disease.

Here the old maxim of, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is more than true, because in this case prevention is easy and the cure is almost hopeless in many cases.

SYMPTOMS OF MOULD POISONING

These vary a great deal, but those symptoms that are more common are: First, loss of appetite, stupid appearance, impaired eye sight, weakness, staggy gait, inability to swallow, subnormal temperature, weak and rapid pulse, twitching of muscles, sometimes a desire to push the head against the wall, walk in a circle, diarrhea, convulsions, etc.

More Teachers

MUCH NEEDED

The Kings Mountain Graded school is making an excellent show this year in point of attendance and the superintendent and teachers are doing their level best and are accomplishing fully as much as could possibly be expected of them. They are all faithful, hard working teachers. They have the interest of the school and community at heart and are showing great efficiency. But they simply have more than they can do. The school is congested and needs more teachers. The board is helpless to employ more teachers without more funds. And here we are. Nobody deplores the large attendance. We are all glad of it. Nobody looks to the teachers for work. They are doing as much and doing it as well as can be expected. Nobody blames the board of school commissioners for not providing more teachers. They use all the money at their command and use it wisely. Let's take a look into the situation more particularly.

We have an enrollment of 431 and an average daily attendance of 378. Deducting the average attendance of the High school, three highest grades, which is 42, we have left an average daily attendance for the elementary school, the first seven grades, of 336, which divided amongst the 7 teachers of department gives each an average of 47 pupils. All school authorities are now agreed that 35 pupils should be the maximum allowance for one teacher with the recommendation that the most efficient work can be done with 30 pupils. Under present conditions we have an excess of 12 above the recognized maximum, and 17 above the most efficient. The congestion is felt mainly in the 2nd grade in which we have enrollment of 63 and an attendance of 57 under one teacher, and also in the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades, in which grades a total attendance of 100 is maintained under two teachers. In our High school department also there is need of another teacher. With our present three years course and two teachers including superintendent it is impossible to prepare our students for unconditional entrance into the freshman class of the standard colleges of our state. With the addition of another teacher, we would be able to add an eleventh grade, and would also give our superintendent some time for supervision.

Can somebody suggest how we can provide more school funds?

The A. R. P. Bazaar A Success.

The bazaar conducted by the ladies of the A. R. P. church in the Hord building Friday was quite a success. The ladies had made ample preparation for the event and the people responded promptly to their invitation to eat good things and purchase nice fancy work. Everything was sold at reasonable prices and therefore sold well. From the effort the ladies realized about forty dollars for missions.

Some cases remind one of a rabid animal and are vicious. The disease was the cause in many cases.

SHOP AT HOME

Let this be the slogan of Herald readers this holiday season. Buy your Christmas presents from your local merchants. Look through the advertisements in this issue of the Herald and let them be your directory. Next week we will have a still larger line of Christmas offerings.

These are your own home merchants. They have bought these goods for you to buy and have thought enough of the proposition to tell you about it through these columns. Now be loyal. Shop when you get ready but be sure to shop at home.

Where Will You Spend Christmas?

Where will you spend Christmas and whom are you expecting to visit you? The Herald would like to have these questions answered in next week's issue. As the Herald will not issue the week following Christmas we will not be able to tell who went and came and we wish to give much detail of the contemplated movements of the people in next issue as possible. That will be our big Christmas edition anyway and we want all the good local news we can get. Let everyone who reads this article get together all such information as possible and mail it to the Herald tomorrow. But be sure to sign your name to it or it will go into the waste basket.

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Offer Expires With The Year

Our big subscription offer of fourteen months for a dollar to old subscribers who are more than a year in arrears will be withdrawn December 31st. We sent out cards to some of our delinquent subscribers a few weeks ago

making them special offer for immediate settlement. A good many have responded and we hope that the balance will before the end of the year for these offers will also be withdrawn and are hereby withdrawn December 31st.

Our Christmas Issue

Our Christmas issue will come out Tuesday of next week. It will be clothed in a beautiful holiday cover and will carry some good Christmas stories. It will also have the finest array of advertising this paper has published under the present management. Keep it in mind.

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The McSwain Tour

By E. S. McSwain

Although they did not bring but three women over with the company, more were brought later, and if we should judge from Captain Young's boyntul supply, they must have come in numbers. He married 27 wives, and had 87 concubines. Later he built a house for 26 of these wives, which is yet in use, a house with thirteen gables on either side, with as many departments, or homes, for each of the 26 wives. For Ameline, his favorite wife, he built across the street a mansion. Brigham Young is now dead and Joseph Smith is now President of the Mormon Church, but none are looked up to as was Brigham; he was not only their leader but was their God. Notwithstanding all of his wives, felt himself so Holy that on one occasion he actually tried to walk on the water, stepping out of a boat on the Lake. This attempt almost cost him his life, and would have, had it not been for others rescuing him. Despite of this, he was a man of great courage, a noble leader, and founder of a city that has done him credit. He built the great Tabernacle, in which is located the largest pipe organ in the world, and on which the daily concerts are given. It required sixteen years to build the roof of this building alone, with a much longer time to build the walls. It required forty years to build the Temple, which cost over two million dollars, and contains the

"Holy of Holies," in which only the very best (just a few) of Mormons may enter.

We stated farther up that the Mormons are losing ground, as well as weakening in their faith. We might add to this that none of them are now weakening in their faith. We might add to this that none of them are now allowed to have more than one wife, a law having been passed, over their heads, by the state prohibiting more than one marriage, or one wife at a time those having more than one at the time were forced to choose between them and let the rest go free. There are many other changes taking place that are gradually but surely, working out and doing away with the old Mormon principals and ideas. Salt Lake City is a thriving place, has splendid school facilities, girls and boys having separate buildings; has very fine water secured from a mountain 9 miles away. They now have under construction a new Capitol building, which is being built entirely with Utah labor; a very nice building situated on high portion of the city. There is also a great deal of mining the vicinity of Salt Lake City, as well as immense vegetable farming and kindred industries. After spending three very pleasant hours in the "Mormon City" we leave over the Denver at our next object. Passing out from the city we get a view of the great Salt Lake, in fact pass

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FIRST GRADE—Millard Caldwell, Roy Hord, Robert Frenno, Styers, Anna K. Myrtle Hullender, gal., Eva Gamble, Lily May Miller, Sudie White, Willie Pearl Hord, Nannie Plonk, beth Peterson, Albert Horace Allman, Charles Boyce King, Eugene Parks Fisher.

SECOND GRADE—Rufus Mitcham, Helen Forest, Ramsaur Orangel Barrett, Charlie Carpenter, May Costner, Margaret Cornwell, DeWitte Cornwell, Charles Fulton, Lois Fortune, Lorene Cornwell, Bertie Lee Hambricht, William Jackson, Katharine McAllister, Margaret McGinnis, Francis Mauney, Loreda Ramsey, Bright Richardson, Ida Walker, Ethel Styers, Clyde Hullender.

THIRD GRADE—Wilma Mercer, Margaret Osment, Lona Sipe, Pearl Stivers, Margaret Barnes.

FOURTH GRADE—Margaret Lackey, Julia Catherine Mauney, Ruth Wilson.

SIXTH GRADE—Winnie Vera Mauney, Ruth Plonk, Gertrude King, Gussie Huffstetler, Miriam Goforth, Lester Ware, Eleanor Gamble, J. D. Hord, Roberta Kuntz, Nellie Graham, Nell Cansler.

SEVENTH GRADE—Sara Fulton, Jaunita Mauney, Mary Plonk, Sara Allison.

EIGHTH GRADE—Lois Radcliff, Lena Radcliff.

TENTH GRADE—Kathleen Williams, Mary Fulton, Mattie Ware, Vester Davidson, Mary King, Kateleen Hord, Nina Hunter.

R. A. YODER SUPT.

Friday will be the last session of the singing school at the Baptist church until weather conditions improve.

over a part of it. The lake is about 100 by 60 miles, and contains water six times as salty as the Ocean, or about 22 per cent salt. This is, of course, as above stated, caused by being down in a valley with no outlet for the water except by evaporation. The salt is of course settling all the time, and the lake is becoming not only shallower but smaller from year to year. This salt is gathered in great refineries being located here. On this lake is located the famous Salt Air Beach, where the bathing suit beauties may enjoy their favorite pastime without the fear of drowning, as we are told it is almost impossible to sink in this water, but you had best keep head above water—it will almost put your eyes out if it is so salty, and one comes out with a white coat of salt. It is very healthful, however, and the resort is well patronized. No fish are found here, in fact no creatures in the water except a very small shrimp.

Passing on we cross the River Jordan which connects the Salt Lake with Utah Lake, much in the same manner as does the River Jordan of the Holy Land connect the Sea of Galilee with the Dead Sea. We soon begin to mount the Wasatch range of mountains, which reach to great heights, and many are covered with perpetual snow.

(To be continued next week)

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There were 18,111 bales of cotton ginned in Cleveland prior to Dec. 1 1915 as compared with 19,936 bales ginned or to Dec. 1 1914.
J. L. Smith
Special Agent.

Progress In Sewerage Work.

The first two weeks on our sewerage work was fine. The weather was good and lots of progress was made. During the two weeks Railroad avenue from W. L. Plonk's residence to the overhead bridge, King street between Railroad avenue and Piedmont street, Piedmont street between King and Mountain streets, Mountain street between Piedmont and Railroad avenue, and Cherokee street from Richardson's stable to the Bonnie Mill, was worked. Notable features about the work are that no profanity is heard, no beating of time, expert leadership and thorough business principles.

But the snow Saturday night and the consequent stop put a halt to the work and threw pedestrians woefully into the mud.

Quarterly Conference Saturday night.

The first quarterly meeting of the Kings Mountain church will be held at the Wesleyan Methodist church next Saturday night, Dec. 18. J. A. Olin, pastor, will be present. Notable features will be a prayer meeting, a sermon, and a social hour. The church is well attended on Sunday. Every one is invited.