

FONDLING SICK ANIMALS MAY BE DANGEROUS

The occurrence of a number of cases of psittacosis or parrot disease in this country demonstrates definitely that it is not always safe to handle sick birds carelessly.

The vast majority of animal diseases are not transmitted to man. In certain communicable diseases the specific organisms may be capable of transmission to several different species of animals including man. If man comes into intimate contact with these diseases infection may occur. Among the diseases that may be transmitted from animals to man are bovine tuberculosis, rabies, undulant fever, tularemia, tick fever, infective rat bite fever, parrot disease, ring worm and a number of other animal diseases.

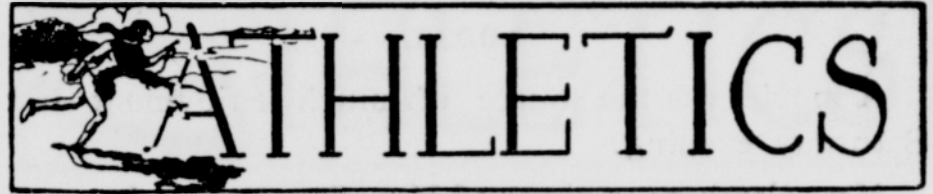
It is a safe rule not to fondle or carelessly handle sick animals or animals recovering from a sickness. Dogs, cats, birds and other pets may transmit infections to man.

Parrot disease is a rare disease. The number of cases reported recently by the press indicated that this disease can be spread by the shipping of infected birds. No cases of psittacosis have ever been reported in this state according to the records of the State Board of Health. There is also no evidence that parrots from an infected district have been consigned to this state. The United States Public Health Service has taken steps to prevent the shipment of sick or convalescent parrots from infected districts. Psittacosis is an infective disease occurring in birds, particularly in parrots. The disease in parrots is characterized by diarrhea, wasting and loss of appetite, and falling of feathers. The disease in man is practically always associated with the handling of parrots having this disease or that have recovered from this disease. There is usually a history of the bird having been fondled or the cage carelessly handled. The disease is caused by the bacillus psittacosis. In man the symptoms are those of a grave typhoid with diarrhea and a malignant atypical pneumonia. Preventive measures include care in handling sick parrots, and proper disinfection of cages. Patients with the disease should be isolated.

From the lower animal man may contract a number of other infections. Various skin parasites are also contracted from lower animals, such as ring worm from cats. The best way to prevent these infections is to exercise precaution in handling the animals. This does not mean that we cannot have animal pets but it does mean that if we are going to have animal pets they should be carefully examined to see that they are free from disease. All sick animals should be isolated until it is known definitely that they are not suffering with a communicable disease.

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CHEMAWA DROPS TWO MORE

The zeal and strong heartedness displayed by two of our girls in the game here with West Linn last Friday evening was good to see. When it appeared we were just about to sink completely these two would seem to shoulder the load for the instant and hope was revived once more and another effort to conquer would be launched. West Linn's crack team started with a bang and the way they handled the ball and threw baskets was enough to make the best sit up and take notice. So it is little wonder that our new team, in its first game, should find it a little difficult to time passes and get together. Their failure to connect with their passes and hit the basket in the first half was due largely to the speed and aggressiveness of the opposition. The half ended 16 to 3 against us. But in spite of such a discouraging first half our sextet took the floor when the whistle blew again with an air of determination and this time their passes reached their target and the shots to the basket began to count points and gradually the wide gap that separated the two scores was slowly being closed up. But that thirteen point lead was too great and the game ended with the score 27 to 19 against us. But at that our team clearly out-played their opponents in the second two periods and scored 16 to their 11 points.

Julia Blackfox and Serena Twiggs, forwards; Alice Ladderoute, center; Minnie Partain, Francis Heart, side center; Margaret Hoptowit, Agnes Dowd and Theo Bird and Evangeline Gillette, guards played the game for Chemawa and each one did well. But the aggressive work of Alice and Margaret was especially noticable and it deserves special mention.

In the second game of the evening our boys were snowed under by the boys' team from West Linn. Our hoopers tried hard but seemed unable to get anywhere against the fast and accurate green-clad boys from across the river. The same old trouble of not being able to handle the ball still seemed to haunt the trail of our quintet. Throughout the first two periods, at least, the opponents' five-man defense must have looked like the proverbial stone-wall for they rushed up to its edge and from there they continued to try shots that failed to hit the mark. West Linn would grab them off the back-board and dash back for a score till the half ended 19 to 6 against us. However in the second half our five got together and at times showed some real basketball but not enough to overcome any such onesided lead. Yet we held a one-point margin on them in the second half. The game ended 31 to 19 against us.

This week Jesse Prettyman and Albert Miller become eligible after warming the bench all season. In practice these two boys manifest much of the "main spring" ability and it is hoped, with them in the line-up we may gain a few of our lost laurels.