

ANTI-CRUELTY WORK AND WORKERS

Organized in 1877, the Mercy Crusade Now Covers the Land, Protecting Children and Animals and Disciplining the Brutal.

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Washington, Nov. 20.—The American Humane association, which has been in session in New Orleans this week, has for its object to introduce the Golden Rule into all the walks of life. The first half of the meeting was devoted to the protection of children, and the other half to the protection of animals. It is one of a half dozen great national organizations which are working to the end that children and animals may be made exempt from the un pitying ravages of cruelty. The meeting has been attended by thousands of devoted men and women from all parts of the country and from all walks of life. President-elect Taft is one of the vice-presidents of the organization.

The association was organized in 1877, and has been one of the leading forces in the anti-cruelty crusade. For some years interest in the humane movement lagged, but the present president has given it a particularly wide-awake administration, and its work promises to be prosecuted with new vigor in the coming years.

The list of subjects discussed was a long one. Elbridge T. Gerry of New York, author of the famous Gerry law, read a paper on parental religion as a factor in child saving work, and a number of speakers discussed the introduction of further humane education into the schools of the land. The association has also heard that the very work they are doing may be overdone. The speaker to tell them this was John Partridge, president of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He pointed out the danger of the anti-cruelty crusade as a method of wrecking the society engaged in the work of humane education. He pointed out that the introduction of the anti-cruelty crusade as a method of wrecking the society engaged in the work of humane education. He pointed out that the introduction of the anti-cruelty crusade as a method of wrecking the society engaged in the work of humane education.

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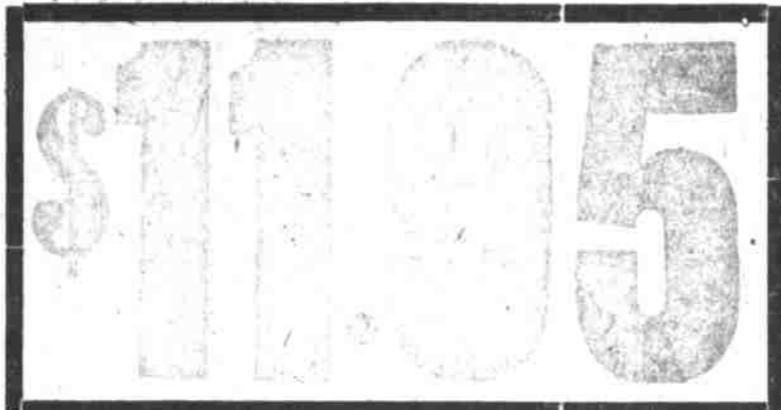
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Starvation on Stock Ranges.
One of the most impressive publications that has appeared in the interest of the humanitarian movement is the report of the Colorado state board. It is filled with pictures of landscapes showing thousands of horses, cattle and sheep which were literally starved to death. One picture shows a well-to-do farmhouse, with large barns filled with hay, which could then be bought for \$4 a ton. Yet in the foreground, in full sight of this scene of prosperity, are the skinned carcasses of dozens of cattle. The farmer was inhuman enough to let them starve, and grasping enough to profit by the hides that covered their starved bodies. In other pictures there are shown hundreds of sheep that were allowed to starve to death, and in some of them even horses dead from starvation. In every case they were within the reach of succor if only the people had been willing to give it.

The first anti-cruelty society in the United States was chartered in 1866. Since then the movement has had a steady and uninterrupted growth. Texas and Colorado have enacted a law to prevent steer-roping. This cowboy sport always carried with it more or less danger to the life and limb of the wild steers, so that even in the lands where

the cowboy once reigned supreme, his lasso is forever robbed of its power. The cowboys failed to rope in the proposed legislation, because of a bad throw of their opposition lasso.

Protection of Children.
The work of protecting children from cruelty is one of the largest functions of the anti-cruelty societies of the country. There are about a million children in the United States in whose interests the law has to intervene. Thousands of them are abandoned, and but for these societies might spend their whole lives in ignorance, squalor and misery. The last report of the Colorado commissioner shows the picture of a white boy who was abandoned and was forced to seek shelter in a negro hut. There are thousands of cases like this throughout the land. There has been much discussion as to whether it was proper to combine the protection of children and of animals under one society, but the doubt has been resolved in favor of one organization in places where the population does not warrant the maintenance of two separate societies.

Moral Suasion Best Reformer.
Most anti-cruelty societies have come to the conclusion that moral suasion is the best way to combat cruelty to animals and children. They say that a fine often serves to make a driver more cruel and vindictive toward his beast than ever, whereas moral suasion may make him permanently a kind man to his beast. While in exceptional cases a fine, or even a jail sentence may be necessary, yet in the majority of cases a suspension of judgment on a promise to be kind to his beast in the future is productive of the most good. Sometimes the anti-cruelty societies

have to resort to unique methods to accomplish their ends. Not long ago there was a long distance riding contest announced. It was an interesting affair, and no method could be devised to prevent its taking place. At last the humanitarians hit upon a plan which succeeded. They interested the local societies in the cities along the route and notice was served on the proposed riders that every city would be looking for them and that the least cruelty to their mounts would result in arrest. The plan worked like a charm. All but a few of the riders gave it up and these were exceedingly careful not to override their steeds.

Work of Massachusetts Society.
The Massachusetts societies are about the most active in the United States. During a recent year they put to death by humanitarian methods, 2,800 horses and other animals. They maintain an ambulance for sick horses, and responded to about 300 calls during the year. They have aided in the establishment of watering places for horses in the various cities and towns of the state, at each of which is posted the sign, "Blessed are the merciful." They offered prizes aggregating many hundreds of dollars for the best essays on given humanitarian subjects. Besides this, they have circulated hundreds of thousands of pamphlets, pleading for mercy for children and animals, and on the whole, have insured to the children and animals of the Bay state about as kind treatment as they are accorded in any other state in the Union.

One of the best monuments to the activity of the humane societies of the country is the law preventing railroads from hauling cattle for more than 28 hours without rest, food and water.

It means some added expense to do this, but before the law was enacted cattle were kept in cars as much as 50 hours at a time, with no more feed and water than they could get out of little side troughs. A big fight has been made for the repeal of this legislation, but fortunately for the cattle, without success.

MONEY FOR COOK FROM HIS FRIENDS
(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Nov. 20.—Financial aid for Jerry Knode Cook, the unfrocked minister of a Brooklyn church who ran away with Floretta Whaley and is here working as a house painter, is offered him by Detective Harry M. Hammersla, a member of the Baltimore police force, who is here today looking for the minister and who declares that Baltimore friends of the minister are ready to aid him.

Hammersla left today for Cook's home in San Rafael to find the former minister and offer him the money sent by his eastern friends.

Notaries Commissioned.
Salem, Or., Nov. 20.—Commissions as notaries have been issued to James Cole and J. L. Misenheimer, Portland; G. E. Hayes, Oregon City; C. McDonnell, Ontario; L. G. Hullin, Eugene; J. C. Johnson, Cottage Grove; A. M. Tichenor, Clatskanie, and Ira B. Riddis, Roseburg.

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