



### SWAGGART TALKS.

#### Horse Disease Discussed By Practical Stock Raiser.

EDITOR HEPPNER GAZETTE:

In the recent issues of the Gazette, I have read with interest the articles on the now prevailing disease among horses and hogs in our county. These articles, written by professional men, and purporting to analyze the symptoms of the disease, were rather theoretical than practical in their elucidation as to what causes the disease and how to prevent it.

It is true that we should cooperate in this matter and do our best in order to find either a cure or a preventative for this life-destroying disease, but we can never accomplish it if we rely on the "public parasites" who are interested only in filling their own pockets at the expense of their fellow-men.

The disease called "walking disease" has baffled the skill and the two-by-four mental capacity of the twentieth century veterinary.

In the Northwest, the hog cholera and the walking disease have caused great losses amounting to millions of dollars.

As to the hog industry, it is a pity that we are compelled, by loss of many hogs, to import our bacon, lard, etc., from the East. "Facts are stubborn things," and in order to either prevent or to cure the life-destroying element of our stock, we must set forth energies and painstaking efforts to eliminate the disease of our horses and hogs by tangible and effective means, not by vague theories which do not effect practical and beneficial results to those in need of it.

Theory, in the domain of science is alright and has its proper place, but not so in the present stock crisis.

As to whether or not this disease is contagious, it has not yet been successfully demonstrated by those who should be competent to ascertain either its contagious or non-contagious character.

I have spent the best part of my life in raising stock of nearly every kind, and being a close observer, speak of facts gained from practical experience.

The present disease of the horse appears to be identical with that of the swine, or in plainer words, the disease which kills horses is also death dealing to hogs. The disease now prevalent among horses has been fatal to horses in California, Oregon and other states for the last 25 years. Until recent years it has been called "loco," which was supposed to be caused by the loco weed, of which the animals had previously eaten. However, this theory, as well as any other, has never been satisfactorily demonstrated.

Dr. Winnard, of Heppner, in a recent issue of the Heppner Gazette, put forth a very good theory as to the prevailing disease among horses and he deserves much credit for the interest he is taking in the welfare of Morrow county by sending portions of the brain and the spine to the State Veterinary at Portland to be dissected and analyzed for the purpose of finding a cure or a preventative for it.

The theory of hydrophobia, advocated by the doctors as the cause of the disease, does not

seem to be reasonable and logical to my mind, because an animal stricken with hydrophobia can never recover, while some of the horses subjected to the walking disease, do some times survive the ordeal. If the disease were hydrophobia, would not dogs, coyotes and other carnivorous animals become inoculated with the germs of this dreadful disease and act as carriers of the same by giving it to other animals with which the infected dogs or coyotes come in contact? The dead horses on the range and in the various pastures are generally eaten by dogs, coyotes, and carnivorous birds, and these in turn would spread the disease wherever they go.

During the last summer we have been convinced that the disease now prevalent among horses and hogs is not hog cholera and it is very doubtful as to whether it is contagious or not.

Not theories, but demonstrative facts are needed to bring forth either a preventative or a cure of this dreadful disease.

Jacks, mules and jennets are not subjected to this malady, but if it were hydrophobia they would not be exempt from its death-dealing effects.

Some of our people are too credulous and accept every theory of the disease which the would-be veterinarians advocate.

The agricultural college at Corvallis is sending its demonstration train, equipped with learned men in agricultural branches and necessary accessories, to many sections of Oregon to demonstrate the best methods of farming and stockraising, and these experts should bring to bear every effort in order to find out the nature and the cure of this disease.

We must co-operate and do our best to determine by the inductive method of reasoning all that must be known in order to find either the preventative or the cure of this very expensive disease.

This is the only way by which we must maintain the prosperity of the stockraising and farming industries of our county.

Very Respectfully,  
B. F. SWAGGART.

#### Elks Entertain.

Heppner Lodge of Elks entertained their wives and sweethearts on last Thursday evening, following a regular meeting. The hall was amply furnished with tables, and all those who desired, participated in the game of five hundred, while others amused themselves at other games. Prof. Otto's orchestra of five pieces discoursed music, and there was a song by the lodge boys. A dainty lunch was served as a fitting climax to a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

#### Estrayed.

From my place on Rood canyon, three head of two-year-old horses; a sorrel, black and bay; also four head of yearlings, all bays; All branded quarter circle K on right stifle. missed from my place about the 4th of this month. Write or phone me at my expense.  
E. M. KEITHLEY.  
Eight mile, Oregon.

#### For Rent.

35000 acres good summer sheep range to lease for one or two years. See S. W. Spencer, Heppner, or Otis Pattetson, Canyon City.

### W. C. T. U. Column.

Under supervision of the Press Department of the W. C. T. U. of Heppner.

Use me my God, in thy great harvest field,  
Which stretcheth far and wide like a wide sea;  
The gatherers are so few, I fear the precious yield  
Will suffer loss. Oh find a place for me.  
—Christina Rossetti.

The first hearing on the Kenyon-Sheppard bill, took place Thursday, January, 11, before a sub-committee of the House Judiciary. This is a bill to prohibit inter-state commerce in intoxicating liquors in certain cases.

To the anti-canteen testimony of Colonel L. Mervin Maus, Chief Surgeon and Chief Medical Inspector of the Central Division of the U. S. Army, is now added that of General Frederic D. Grant. Gen. Grant says "many times in the past, in official reports, I have recommended the restoration of the canteen in the army. This I did believing that the canteen was the lesser of two evils. In the course of ten years the enlisted personnel of the army has changed and the soldiers who are now in the army have adjusted themselves to present conditions. If the question were left to me, owing to this change of conditions I would not recommend the restoration of the canteen."

In reply to the argument that alcohol has a value as food, Dr. Joseph Crooker of Boston presents the following: "If alcohol is a valuable food why do Arctic explorers like Nansen refuse to use it? Why are men under athletic training prohibited from using it? Why do a majority of life insurance companies in Great Britain give total abstainers lower rates, their experience showing that they have a decided advantage over moderate drinkers? Why was it strictly prohibited by Lord Kitchen in his campaign in the Sudan? If a valuable food why have the great captains of industry in America placed a ban on liquor so far as their employers are concerned? These are not sentimental temperance fanatics who are trying to 'suppress or distort' scientific facts."

The following letter from Sir Ernest Shackleton, who, as every one is aware, almost succeeded in reaching the South Pole, once more denounce the theory that alcohol is useful as a means of keeping out the cold; "Alcohol in any form in the Arctic or Antarctic regions is most injurious, and is never used. The less alcohol is used in any part of the world the better it is for the community. Yours truly, E. H. Shackleton"

One does not ordinarily look for signs of temperance progress in Russia, yet the press reports the very recent passage by the Russian Duma of a bill prohibiting the sale of strong alcoholic drinks in Government institutions and in places of public amusement, theaters, cinematographic theaters, refreshment gardens and music halls. It also provides for a reduction in the amount of pure alcohol in spirits for consumption from 40 per cent to 37 per cent. The Duma also expresses the desire that the pupils in the intermediate schools should be instructed in the harmfulness of vodka.

### FARMERS' CONVENTION BIG SUCCESS

#### County Union Attracts a Good Crowd—Resolutions Adopted.

The mass convention of the Morrow County Farmer's Union held at the county court house January 30th, was one of unusually large attendance, and the interest and enthusiasm shown by the members surpassed any gathering of the kind yet held in the county. Oh no! The Farmers Union is not dead, but with unflinching step it goes marching on to the tune of co-operation, with its flag of education unfurled to the breezes. Every member seemed to be chucked to the brim with good suggestions and encouragement with which to unload for the good of the union and the people in general; and with difficulty on the part of the president to see that no more than two talked at a time, it was unloaded with the enthusiasm and eloquence not surpassed since the sojourn of Patrick Henry. Many items of both an educational and financial nature were very ably discussed.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, there seems to be too much time and energy wasted in the public schools in studying a few subjects which might easily be sacrificed if necessary, for the study of that with which the average pupil will be obliged to come in daily contact, and to which he or she will owe more for their future welfare, and realizing that all wealth and comforts of life are derived from the earth and that the bread and butter question is by far the greatest subject, with which the coming generation will have to contend and the education necessary to obtain it is wholly neglected for the sake of less important items; and

Whereas, the officers of public instruction have lately seen fit to attempt to teach agriculture and domestic science in our public schools; be it

Resolved, that the Morrow County Union of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, in mass convention assembled, this 30th day of Jan., 1912, do heartily approve the teaching of agriculture and domestic science in the public schools; and be it further

Resolved, that we appreciate and extend our thanks to those who are laboring to adopt as a course of study the long overdue subject of agriculture and domestic science, and urge its adoption as soon as convenient. And be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the officers of Public Instruction, and that it be published in each of the local papers.

Bert Ward and wife were down from Hardman on Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

Mose Ashbaugh of Eight Mile, was present at the meeting of the Farmers Union on Tuesday.

F. J. Campbell, the Portland horsebuyer, arrived in Heppner, Wednesday, to look up horse sales.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Case entertained a number of young people at their home last Friday evening in honor of Miss Edith Slocum.

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### School Notes.

BY SUPT. NOTSON.

Last Friday, the writer visited several rooms of the Heppner Public School. In Miss Quick's room, there was a lively troop of little people. They were all eager to do whatever the teacher required of them. The work in reading was excellent. The pupils read in natural tones and with excellent expression. Miss Quick has a number of supplementary reading charts which she constructed herself. The pupils contributed some interesting pictures, and Miss Quick pasted them upon large manilla cards, upon which she printed, with large rubber type, interesting stories. The pupils also engaged in a very interesting language game.

In Miss Winnard's room, I noted an excellent display of map work. The pupils were reading "Hiawatha". They were not only doing excellent work in reading, but they were getting the keenest enjoyment out of the work. How much more valuable is school work when it is enjoyed? A hard question to answer, but one worth thinking about. The pupils are enthusiastic over their efforts to acquire good muscular movement in writing, and Miss Winnard is striving to secure results worth while in that direction. There will be good progress made between now and the end of the year.

In Miss Barker's room there is also a fine display of map work. The pupils were reciting in geography when I entered. They were doing work with life in it. While in this room, Miss Funk came in to conduct the work in music. It certainly does one good to hear these pupils sing, and Miss Funk knows how to get results.

In Miss Fuller's room, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades held their regular literary society. There were a number of songs, dialogues, and other exercises, followed by a spicy debate. The young debaters discussed the question as to whether the Indian had received better treatment than had the Negro. The negative seemed to have the better of the argument. The debaters were very much in earnest. As they practice more in this line, they will realize that epithets are not argument and that questions can not be decided purely upon opinion, even the opinions of experts. The work of debating is very valuable. It compels study. It broadens ones views. It teaches one to respect the opinions of others, while giving facility in maintaining one's own opinions. It cultivates patience under fire. It affords excellent language training. It trains for the duties of citizenship.

I noted the tasty decorations in all the rooms visited. I caught a glimpse of Mr. Hoffman armed with a brush, changing the appearance of some of the desks.

### Eight Mile.

M. C. Fuqua is visiting his mother at Walla Walla for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones were Heppner visitors, Monday and Tuesday.

Mesdames Bert Ward and L. E. Knighten made a flying trip to Heppner, Saturday.

Clyde Swift and wife spent Friday and Saturday visiting relatives and friends at Hardman.

Oscar Keithly had an attack of the grippe the first of the week but at last report was about OK again.

Howard Lane and wife of Lexington, are visiting with Mrs. Lane's sisters, Mrs. Bert Ward and Dell Fuqua, of Eightmile.

Frank Glascock and wife returned from upper Rhea creek, Saturday, where they visited three or four days with Wm. Bayless and wife.

Everybody is attending the protracted meeting at Liberty schoolhouse these days. There seems to be quite an interest taken in the meetings.

Dell Fuqua is reported to be very ill and is to be taken to the Heppner hospital for medical treatment. We have not learned the nature of her sickness.

Eightmile is enjoying some excellent spring weather these days. Grass is growing and many are making early garden. Look out for a few cold ones to follow.

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School Dist. No. 25, at Castle Rock, voted a ten mill tax for school purposes recently, and when it was figured up it was found that the railroad would have to pay something over \$8000 to the district. It afterwards occurred to the people down there that they had made a mistake, so the county court reduced the levy to one mill, and the county clerk instructed to make a correction on the tax roll to correspond with the reduction.

D. E. Gilman returned from a visit to the Alberta country the past week. That is a dismal land this time of year, with the mercury hovering around the 40 below point and its snow-covered fields of unharvested grain. Gilman is of the opinion that after all the Morrow county country is not to be beat, and he is right.

J. A. Depuy, a former Morrow county boy, is here looking into the feasibility of establishing a couple of small shearing plants near Heppner. He is figuring on putting in a plant above town and one down the creek near the sand country.