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Assets,
\$4,212,000.00.

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Oil City, Pa.

Where Bluebeard Lived.

Most of our readers have heard of Bluebeard, the enterprising gentleman who made a hobby of marrying and had a way of his own for getting rid of superfluous wives. Probably very few people, however, know that the story has any sort of basis in fact. Yet on the banks of the world famous Bosphorus near Constantinople there is situated a picturesque old medieval fortress known as "Bluebeard's castle" and which is said to have been the abode of a terrible old pastia, whose playful little ways gave rise to the story.—Wide World Magazine.

Waves in Solid Metal.

As illustrating the advances in metallurgy and engineering it has been demonstrated that solid metals may reveal by their structure the vibrations to which they have been subjected. In explaining this phenomenon experiments have been shown proving that a beautiful wave structure can be imparted to the surface of mercury by the vibrations of a tuning fork, and that even the surface of solid lead which had been subjected to similar vibrations possesses a structure resembling that of a vibrating surface of mercury. Mild steel has been defined as a "solid solution" of iron and carbon, free from cinders. Metallurgists have doubled the strength of steel as it was known in its early days.—Scientific American.

Relieved.

"Where did you get these examples of faultily constructed sentences?" asked Dr. Campbell, the great rhetorician, of a student.

"Out of one of your books, doctor."
"What? Where? Out of one of my books?"
"Yes, sir; out of your 'Rhetoric.'"
"Out of my 'Rhetoric!'" roared the doctor. "Impossible! Never did I make use of such language. You are mistaken, badly mistaken. But—but where in my 'Rhetoric' did you find such composition?" he demanded angrily.
"In the part, 'Sentences to be Corrected.'"
"Oh-h-h-h-h! Ah-h-h-h! Yes, yes," said the relieved doctor.—Philadelphia North American.

HEALTH HINT FOR TODAY.

Cure For Indigestion.

Indigestion may sometimes be cured by eating at regular hours and partaking of the food very slowly. The diet should be as varied as possible, but consist only of such foods as have been found easily digestible.

A Sensitive Horse.

Harsh treatment, though it stops short of inflicting physical pain, keeps a nervous horse in a state of misery. A single blow may be enough to spoil a racer. Daniel Lambert, founder of the Lambert branch of the Morgan family, was thought as a three-year-old to be the fastest trotting stallion of his day. He was a very handsome, stylish, intelligent horse and also extremely sensitive. His driver, Dan Mace, thought one of the best reinmen in America, once made the mistake, through ill temper or bad judgment, of giving Daniel Lambert a severe cut with the whip, and that single blow put an end to his usefulness as a trotter. He became wild and unmanageable in harness and remained so for the rest of his life.

How Kangaroos Fight.

Kangaroos are distributed over all parts of Queensland. The "old man" or fully grown male, is mostly found on downs and in open forest country. An "old man" sometimes grows to the height of six feet and when hunted into a rocky gorge or corner will turn and face its pursuer. It is a formidable adversary at close quarters. Its mode of fighting is to clasp its enemy in its arms, hug him to its breast and then with its powerful hind claws rip him open.

A Dubious Compliment.

Dobby was showing off his baby.
"Think he looks like me, Silthers?" he asked.
"Well—no," said Silthers, looking at the youngster critically. "He's a queer looking little cuss all right, but I shouldn't go as far as to say that he looks like you."—Judge.

FIGHTING DISEASE ON THE FARM

Scientific Methods of State Board in Protecting Live Stock Investments.

PLANS SAVING OF MILLIONS

Vigorous Campaign Against Bovine Tuberculosis—Value of Laboratory Work to Stockmen and Veterinarians.

A state board at Harrisburg proposes to save the farmers of Pennsylvania five million dollars a year. It is estimated that the farmers of this state annually lose live stock worth that amount of money by diseases which can be prevented. The State Live Stock Sanitary Board has rendered valuable service to the Pennsylvania farmer since its organization fourteen years ago, but its work appears to have only begun. The last census shows that there are 206,975 farms in Pennsylvania, and that the value of the live stock on these farms is \$133,219,000. The plans of the state board to protect this investment from preventable losses from disease are being closely followed, not only by live stock raisers and breeders of the United States, but by those abroad.

Pennsylvania was the first state to organize and properly equip a laboratory where diseases of animals could be studied and recognized. It has proven of inestimable value to stockmen and veterinarians. It is located at the veterinary school in Philadelphia, where all possible facilities are employed to study the mysterious diseases of animals. The laboratory is under the direction of Dr. Karl F. Meyer, who was trained in the best schools of continental Europe. Dr. Meyer also has charge of experimental work on the state farm, which is located in Delaware County. He, with his staff of qualified assistants, are engaged in studying the diseases of domestic animals in Pennsylvania. At the same time they are engaged in the preparation of many test fluids, such as tuberculin, mallein, etc., for the diagnosis of disease. The preparation of vaccine and sera for all diseases against which preventive vaccination measures can be taken, are made in accordance with the latest advancements of science.

Wide Range of Laboratory Work.

Since Jan. 1, 1911, 22,000 doses of tuberculin, 1900 doses of anthrax vaccine and sixty gallons of hog cholera serum have been prepared in the laboratory and distributed among Pennsylvania farmers free of cost. These three products alone, if purchased in the market, would have cost practically \$15,000; more than half the amount of money appropriated for laboratory work for the next two years. Hog cholera causes the largest proportionate loss of any disease of swine, and this industry represents a money value of over six million dollars. Much of the laboratory work has been done under adverse circumstances, but ample facilities are now provided for doing the work under the best and safest conditions and much better results may be expected in the future.

During the period referred to the laboratory examined 550 pathological specimens sent in by local practitioners. In many cases the cause of the disease was discovered and valuable information furnished for handling it. The diseases caused by poisonous plants and parasites have been made the subject of special investigation. The laboratory has gained an international reputation on account of its tuberculin research work, and it is hoped that with the improved facilities and equipment furnished by the state that it will take a prominent place among those of the countries of Europe in veterinary research work.

The fight of the board against bovine tuberculosis is an impressive feature of its efficient service to the cattle industry. This was one of the first animal diseases to receive the board's attention. The plans for handling it were carefully made and judiciously executed. The first tuberculin testing in America was done by the late Dr. Leonard Pearson, and a vigorous campaign against this disease has been directed.

Menace of Bovine Tuberculosis.

The laws and rules regulating the board's work are recognized as the best by veterinarians throughout the country. Recently during six weeks 3742 head of cattle, brought into Pennsylvania for dairy purposes were submitted to the test. Of this number twenty-three failed to pass the test. During the same period 952 native cows were tested for farmers and forty were condemned and safely eliminated from the herds. Dealers are becoming more in sympathy with the work of testing animals properly before offering them for sale. Dairymen are much more careful in purchasing dairy cattle that are free from tuberculosis than they were formerly. The most intelligent realize that a dairy business cannot be conducted profitably unless the disease is checked.

The importance of keeping tuberculosis free herds is still more apparent in breeding herds. All states in which dairying is carried on extensively have laws requiring that dairy animals be tested before they are bred. It is imperative that dealers, drymen and breeders should observe the laws, rules and regulations for shipping cattle from one state to another in accordance with the requirements of the state live stock sanitary board. The federal authorities have wisely provided that cattle failing to pass a tuberculin test cannot be shipped or moved from one state to another.

Rabies is one of the most important diseases with which the state board has to deal. A rabid dog frequently

bites and infects several animals in a herd, and the owner is not aware of its visit until the animal bitten shows symptoms of a strange disease that is seldom diagnosed properly until a veterinarian is called.

Decline of Sheep Industry.

A few years ago Pennsylvania ranked high as a sheep raising state, while at the present time comparatively few sheep are kept. The decline followed a marked degree of the development of mining in the western section of the state, not only because the mining operations decreased the amount of pasture lands, but because of the great number of foreigners who worked in the mines and gathered about them a vast horde of worthless dogs, over which they had little or no control. These dogs were underfed, not confined and roamed about, fought with other dogs and spread rabies through those sections.

During two months of this year thirty-four cases of rabies were reported from twenty-four counties, and in five additional cases the diagnosis of rabies was made at the laboratory. Quarantines to the number of 161 were served on 425 animals, and they were kept under close observation for 100 days. In four communities it was necessary to establish general quarantines which covered territory ranging in size from one to five townships. In addition to suppressing and eradicating the disease the state board, through representatives in the field, is endeavoring to educate farmers as to the symptoms presented by different animals affected with rabies.

Anthrax has been prevalent in several sections of the state for years, and in some cases the losses have been high. For the past few years the board has recommended the annual spring vaccination of animals against anthrax in sections where the disease has been known to exist.

Expense Borne by the State.

The work is done at the expense of the state and the results have been uniformly satisfactory. In addition to the annual spring vaccination 457 animals were immunized this year during July and August in five counties. Blackleg occurs occasionally in all portions of the state. It has many points in common with anthrax and preventive vaccination is the only means known for checking it. The state board has been remarkably successful in fighting it.

A quarantine against Texas fever has been maintained by the federal bureau of animal industry for years yet occasionally native cattle are confined in sheds, driven across chutes or shipped in cars that have been contaminated by southern cattle and have not been properly cleaned or disinfected. During the past summer three outbreaks occurred in Pennsylvania. In each case the disease was recognized promptly and its spread immediately checked. Nearly 200 animals were exposed and twenty-four died.

The board employs agents to supervise slaughter houses in the rural districts of the state. As a result the rural slaughter houses now are better equipped, cleaner and far better managed than ever before. Many diseased carcasses, which would have found their way to the table if they had not been discovered by these agents, have been condemned and destroyed. The state provides money to pay the owner the appraised value of a condemned tuberculous carcass so he will not be tempted to dispose of it for food purposes to prevent his own loss.

Support of Tamer Administration.

A milk hygiene service recently has been organized. Three qualified agents have been selected to travel through the state and assist the local agents in carrying out the requirements of the board. The bulk of the work will be carried on by local veterinarians. Their principal duties at first will be along educational lines.

The live stock sanitary board has received the support of every legislature since its organization. The favorable attitude of Governor John K. Tener is indicated by his deep interest in its work and his approval of measures intended to increase its efficiency. Governor Tener is president of the board. His work is directed by Dr. C. J. Marshall, state veterinarian, and one of the highest authorities in this country on the diseases of domestic animals.

Too Much For Her.

Calling one day to see an old friend who was visiting her married son, I inquired of the colored maid who answered the bell, "Is Mrs. Smith at home?"
"Yas'm, she home," the girl replied, showing no inclination to invite me in. "She here, all right, but she got a misery in de haid."
"Mrs. Smith senior?" I asked with concern.

"Seen me?" she exclaimed suspiciously. "Cose she see me. Huccome she ain't see me wen she hire me las' night huh own self?" And she significantly shut the door.—Lippincott's.

The Worst.

"My wife has been having some trouble with her throat," confided a friend, "and I got pretty worried about it and sent for a doctor. He examined her and looked very grave, and that scared me even worse. So I said, 'Tell me the worst at once, Doc,' and he whispered, 'She will recover her voice.' And my wife overheard the question and the answer, and now Doc and I are both in bad."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Resentment.

"Did you say I was a cheap trickster?" asked the ward worker.
"No, I didn't," replied the man who is close to the boss. "I merely said you were a trickster."
"Well, that's all right, but don't you ever insinuate that I am doing a cut rate business?"—Washington Star.

A Tragedy.

"How did you like my new tragedy?"
"Tragedy? I thought it was comedy."
"So did I till I got my check for the profits."—

Paradoxical.

"All this time the cashier was burning the candle at both ends."
"And keeping it dark. Well, I declare!"—Exchange.



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AUSTIN FLOOD FUND REPORT

Governor Shows Where Every Penny Was Spent

ANSWERS REVEREND CRITIC

Expenditures Far Less Than Supposed—Books Open for Inspection—State Pleased With Red Cross.

Harrisburg, Pa.—In reply to a letter sent by Rev. G. P. Donehoo of Connersport, secretary of the Austin Relief association to Governor Tener expressing doubt as to the integrity of the committee handling the Austin flood relief fund the governor has made public a summary of the reports of the heads of the departments of the state government who participated in the organization and conduct of the relief and sanitary measures following the disaster of Sept. 30. The financial statement shows that the cost to the commonwealth was exactly \$23,952.82. It is also shown that in addition to carrying on work that won commendation of the National Red Cross authorities for promptness and effectiveness and praise of people all over the country the commissioner of health the directing genius of it all, has paid over to the Austin Relief Committee in cash the sum of \$12,545.29 contributed through Governor Tener and other officials and to Commissioner of Health Dixon for the relief of the destitute and suffering.

The financial end of the relief work, which shows expenditures far less than popularly supposed, accounts for every penny. All data is on state records and open for inspection. Pennsylvania state officials are highly pleased with the praise bestowed upon the relief arrangements by the National Red Cross authorities. The relief work, embracing many sanitary problems and the search for dead, was placed in the hands of Commissioner Dixon. He organized the forces and systematized the distribution of food, clothing, shelter and other branches of the gigantic task. Dr. Dixon and his division chiefs and engineers remained on the ground for two weeks.

The summaries of the reports show that Adjutant-General Thomas J. Stewart had five cars filled with 1,500 tents, commissary stores, 823 overcoats, blankets and other stores sufficient to care for 1,500 homeless persons, starting from Harrisburg within nine hours after work was received of the horror. Stores not needed were returned and the outlay from this well-managed department totaled only \$1,153.49.

Bromley Wharton, secretary of the State Board of Charities, reports on the systematizing of the humane work among the destitute and the caring for orphans so that not a single child bereft of parents by the waters had to go to an institution, all being placed in the homes of Pennsylvania people who gladly welcomed them to family circles.

Dr. Dixon's financial report, dated November 28, acknowledges contributions to the amount of \$11,982.54 and he paid \$10,816.79, making a total of \$22,799.33. In addition there was received \$562.66 contributed through Governor Tener. The adjuster general's disbursements amounted to \$1,153.49, so that the total accounted for is as stated above. The sum of \$12,545.29 was sent to the Austin committee.

The disbursements made by the health commissioner were: wages of men cleaning up the town and other purposes, \$13,271.17; foodstuffs, \$4,677.81; pensions of employees of departments, \$1,434.81; transportation, \$41.02; drugs and disinfectants, \$38.75; blankets and mattresses, \$1,200.98; miscellaneous, \$1,545.79.

Concluding his report Governor Tener says to his reverend critic: "Our only purpose in accepting what subscriptions have been made direct to Dr. Dixon, was that the greatest good might be accomplished with the least delay, and I assure you that every dollar so received will be accounted for and turned over to the proper committee. I regret the tone of your letter, and that you appear to find more to condemn than to commend in what others find to be most satisfactory work on the part of the state. I am saying this without feeling on my part, appreciating, as I do, the great interest your association has in the work at hand."

Reports from some of the hunters who sought deer this season are commencing to come in. A few are of the opinion that deer are not more numerous than they were last year. Game Commissioner Kalbfus thinks there are more.

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