

MUZZING DOGS IS ONLY CAUSE RABIES RAPIDLY STAMPED OUT IN ENGLAND BOYS ARE BITTEN BECAUSE OF THOUGHTLESS CONDUCT

Not Many Dogs Are "Mad," According to Local Woman Who Has Made Study of the Situation

A new book on "Emergencies," just issued by Charlotte Vetter Gulick, wife of Luther Hasley Gulick, who addressed the Teachers' association in Los Angeles last week, contains a chapter on dog bites which is especially pertinent and valuable at the present time in its application to the local situation. It is given in full:

During the month of June, 1908, I received 332 clippings from the newspapers telling about people who were bitten during that month by dogs. Of these 219 were boys, 100 were girls and 13 were grown people. Why were there over twice as many boys bitten as girls? And why so few grown people? Perhaps the two notices I am going to quote will suggest an answer:

"George Hanes was the victim of an enraged dog yesterday, and as a result is suffering from a number of bad bites. The boy was walking along the street and in passing a butcher's wagon kicked at a dog belonging to the butcher. The dog was eating a bone and resented the blow. He attacked the boy, and before he could be dragged away the dog had torn his hands and face badly. The wounds were cauterized."

"Walter Warren was sitting on a stoop playing with a big mongrel dog, when something the boy did angered the animal, and it attacked him. The dog managed to reach his face and buried its fangs in his right cheek. The other children fled, screaming with terror. The cry of 'mad dog' was soon raised and there was much excitement. Several men came to the boy's rescue. He was taken to a hospital, and there his wounds were cauterized and dressed."

Most of the boys bitten were between 7 and 11 years old. Have you not noticed that boys of about that age like to see what a dog will do? Boys love dogs, and they do not realize the danger there is in meddling with a strange dog. Most girls are more cautious than their brothers. Older people know better and have learned to leave dogs alone.

The fact is that boys bother dogs more than girls and grown-up people do. Biting is a dog's only means of self-defense. He must bite to protect himself.

The newspapers call most of these dogs that bite children "mad," but this is not true. Dogs are children's playmates. They play ball, run, jump and are happy or disappointed, as the case may be. They resent harsh treatment just as human beings do. It is just as much the dog's nature to bite if it is tormented as it is a boy's nature to fight if he is ill used.

Dogs Seldom "Mad"

"Mad" dogs are uncommon. Many good people believe that there are none and that there is no such disease as rabies in dogs. The fact is, however, that men tell us that there is, and everyone dreads it so much that whenever a dog begins to act queerly people say immediately that it is mad.

The agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals say that rabies is so rare that they have no fear of it. They probably handle more dogs than any other group of men in the world. Agents have been bitten more than 15,000 times by dogs, yet never has a case of hydrophobia developed from these bites. This may be due in large measure to the fact that they know at sight a rapid dog from other dogs. It is their business to take care of dogs. Notice the picture of a dog ambulance.

A mad dog never yelps or barks. If he makes any sound it is a howl, said to be "impossible to describe, but never forgotten when once heard." A mad dog never frolics at the mouth. A brown, rosy mucus hangs from his mouth, which he often tries to paw off with his forelegs. A mad dog never runs about much. He is usually alone and goes along slowly from place to place, paying no attention to things unless they come his way. He is supposed to dread water, but he does not. He will plunge his paws into it and will cross streams if they are across his path. In the last stages of the disease he can't swallow water, and it is difficult for him even to lap it.

The disposition of dogs changes if he is mad. A frisky dog is apt to become quiet, and the quiet dog is apt to become frisky. There are no more cases of rabies in the summer time than in winter. There is no "mad dog" season to fear.

We can stop having rabies or mad dogs in our country in a short time if we are willing to do what they have done in a number of European countries. They have had no rabies in England for nine years. The authorities there issued an order that all dogs should be muzzled when let out of doors. Any dogs found unmuzzled, unless held by a leash, were captured and the owners were fined; or if the owners could not be found the dogs were killed in a short time they had no rabies. Study the following:

Steady Decrease Noted

You can see that in 1889 England had 312 cases of rabies. In this year an order to muzzle the dogs was made. The disease steadily decreased until in 1892 (three years later) there were only thirty-eight cases. The authorities thought that they had the disease under control and allowed the dogs their freedom again. But rabies was not entirely removed and from the thirty-eight cases left the disease rapidly increased, until in 1895—in only three years' time—there were 472 cases. Again the authorities became alarmed and again issued the order to have all the dogs muzzled, with the result that in 1899 there were no more cases. Rabies was stamped out of England.

We need to do something. In 1908 the United States department of Agriculture made a study of this subject. It was discovered that the disease is increasing here in America. Of all infectious diseases this is the easiest to stop.

It does not like to see dogs muzzled. We seem unkind. No one person sees mad dogs often enough to make it seem important to protect ourselves so strictly against them. I have never seen one, and I doubt if many who read this book have. But if we think about it with the future in mind, muzzling our dogs will no longer seem an act of unkindness. In three years' time the disease could be stopped, and all dog suffering and human suffering from this cause would cease. Also an end would be put to the fear of dogs, which is often so great as to cause death. The dog only needs to



STATEMENT OF CONDITION JANUARY 1st, 1910

Security Savings Bank

Largest and Oldest in Southwest

Table with Resources and Liabilities columns. Resources include Loans (\$17,735,353.11), Bonds (4,532,581.03), Real Estate (34,207.36), Furniture and Fixtures (120,764.85), Safe Deposit Dept. and Vaults (136,992.72), CASH AND SIGHT EXCHANGE (4,537,732.90). Total Resources: \$27,097,631.97. Liabilities include Capital (paid up) \$1,000,000.00, Surplus and Profits 706,490.31, DEPOSITS 25,391,141.66. Total Liabilities: \$27,097,631.97.

Table showing DEPOSITS, January 1st, 1910 (\$25,391,141.66), DEPOSITS, January 1st, 1909 (\$19,239,131.33), and INCREASE FOR THE PAST YEAR (\$6,152,010.33).

TOTAL NUMBER OF OPEN ACTIVE ACCOUNTS

54,921

Total Interest Paid to Depositors During the Past Year

\$680,899.16

Increase in Resources During the Past Year

\$6,487,108.53

Security Bldg., Spring and Fifth Sts.

Occupied by Security Savings Bank and Security Safe Deposit Vaults

This Bank transacts a SAVINGS business strictly in accordance with the STATE SAVINGS BANK ACT.

Pays to depositors HIGHEST RATE of interest, and on most favorable terms CONSISTENT with safe banking.

4%

INTEREST on Savings Accounts and on Six Months Certificates of Deposit.

3%

On Special (Ordinary) Savings Accounts.

Municipal Affairs

CANCELS OBLIGATION OF RAILWAY COMPANY CITY COUNCIL PERMITS TAX TO REMAIN UNPAID

Los Angeles Corporation Benefited to Extent of \$34,537.60 by Almost Last Act of Retiring Municipal Legislative Body

CORPORATION MUST MAKE OATH AS TO ITS INCOME

If Physical Inventory Is Necessary to Determine Net Earnings, It Will Have to Be Taken

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Where a corporation through its books or otherwise can ascertain its income sufficient for the officers to make oath to the return as true, this will be regarded as equivalent to an inventory and a physical inventory need not be taken. It is realized, however, that in the case of many corporations income for the calendar year cannot be ascertained without taking a physical inventory at the end of the calendar year, and the law being explicit both as to the period and the income where such income cannot be ascertained without a physical inventory this year will have to be taken.

LEADERS OF BLACK HAND BELIEVED UNDER ARREST

Three Italians Captured, One of Whom Has Been Apprehended Twelve Times Previously

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—By the arrest in Brooklyn today of three Italians the police believe they have the leaders of a Black Hand organization which has successfully levied tribute for several years.

Ohio Children Under Federal Plan

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—Today was the last day on which the cities in Ohio can conduct business under what has been known for several years as the "board" plan of government. Tomorrow the federal plan will begin, under which responsibility in the conduct of city affairs is centered in the mayor and his two lieutenants, the directors of public service and public safety.

NEW COUNCIL TO ACT ON LIQUOR ORDINANCE

The new council will have an opportunity to act on some of the liquor ordinances that before the city council tried to induce the present council to pass. Mr. Eddie will also present other ordinances regulating the liquor traffic that he has found desirable in his work as city prosecutor.

DEPUTY ROBERTSON IS FAVORABLE TO ENGSTRUM

Declares Contractor Had Right to Change Concrete Specifications Under Building Ordinance

WEED ORDINANCE GOES THROUGH WITH A RUSH

Council Finally Obtains Desired Legislation from City Attorney and Immediately Passes It

ADDITION NECESSARY TO HOUSE CREGIER SYSTEM

New Fire Alarms May Cost the City Dearly Before They Are Finally in Use

ASKS TAX SALE BE CANCELED

When this tax sale had been completed the attorneys for the railway appeared before the council and asked that the sale be canceled on the ground that it was not legal.

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MAKES ONLY TWO CHANGES

John S. Myers, the newly elected city auditor, yesterday announced he had appointed J. H. Fountain as his chief deputy. Mr. Fountain is an expert accountant, and Mr. Myers expects him to be a valuable assistant in his department.

BUILDING PERMITS

Following are the permits issued since the last publication of the list, and classified according to wards:

Table with columns for Ward, Permits, and Value. Total value: \$44,135.

NEW YEAR USHERED IN WITH RED FIRE

San Francisco Welcomes 1910 with Blare of Horns and Diversity of Noise—Confetti Plentiful

SA FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—San Francisco ushered in the new year tonight with the usual blare of red fire and blare of horns and noise producers of all kinds.

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