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CURE FOR HORSES

Spinal Meningitis Prevalent Among Stock Here.

A Formula for Treatment and Prevention, as well as Explanation of the Disease.

Editor Fort Pierce News:

Learning that the disease which is prevalent among horses in the vicinity of Fort Pierce has been diagnosed by competent authority as spinal meningitis, I enclose such information as I found in a veterinary book and which you might publish with benefit to those interested. This article seems to describe the cases pretty well, judging from what I have heard of them. Parts of it are a little ambiguous to me.

Whether the formula as given is to be used five times in 24 hours, or whether one-fifth of it is to be used at one time I can't quite make out, but after that five times in 24 hours is correct; also, whether 60 drops of sulphuric acid are to be used in each cold water drench, or whether the 60 drops are to be mixed in the several drenches is not quite clear, but I presume the former. A medical man could probably clear up these points.

Yours truly, E. S. WILLIAMS.

TYPHOSUS.—A species of fever consequent upon changes that have taken place in the blood of horses; a blood disease resulting in nervous prostration. Known by various names in New York as cerebro spinal meningitis, because it is thought to be like a man is when he is affected in the meninges or membranes which envelop the brain and spinal marrow, producing choking swifter, putrid fever, paralysis of the pneumogastric nerve, on account of the inability of the horse to at least voluntarily swallow. The symptoms in early stages are very latent, or hidden.

The chief of them is in the quidding of the food, as the holding of it in the mouth and refusing to swallow, also by placing a bucket of water within reach of a horse so afflicted. He will place his mouth into and agitate it, going through the process of swallowing without consuming. The inability to swallow continues for some days when, from loss of sustenance and change in circulating fluid the horse lies or falls down exhausted. While not being able to swallow voluntarily they may do so when drenched out of a bottle, with heads elevated. This may be ascribed to gravitation, and to relaxation of the paralyzed muscles, which, though offering no assistance interpose nothing. Those cases which seem to live out a few days die because the symptoms are not observed until weakness and constant inability to stand forces them to recognition. There are other symptoms that are alike common to all diseases, if an asthenic, or low or depressed type. It is a disease wherein the "vis vitæ" is extremely low, and it is consequently very fatal, time not being allowed, in many instances, for the treatment to supply through it and the vis tergo the elements of nutrition.

TREATMENT.—In a disease of this kind, where the nervous force is almost gone, the diffusible and more fixed stimulants, with carminatives and tonics are recommended. They are embraced in the following formula to be given, mixed in a bottle of cold water, five times in 24 hours: Powdered carbonate of ammonia 3 drachms, powdered capsicum 2 drachms, powdered pimenta berries 4 drachms, tincture of auzonica 20 drops, mix. Drench the horse with cold water several times daily, adding 60 drops of commercial sulphuric acid to assist in sustaining the flagging powers of life. Corn meal may also be given in the same way, for a like purpose. Galvanism or electricity may be employed over a blistered surface made along the pneumogastric nerve on each side of the neck. Injections, administered under the skin, with strychnine may result in gaining time for other measures to become practical as a cure.

The cause of this disease in horses does not differ materially from those that give rise to like diseases in men, on the shore opposite Long Island, where this disease was very bad in

PINEAPPLE GROWERS, ATTENTION!

Read This and then Show or Tell your Neighbor, for Fear He Will Not See it in Time.

Our business is being ruined. Our homes and occupations will soon be a thing of the past if we do not use some of the brains and energy we possess and change our methods of supinely sitting down and swallowing the specious tales of people interested only in get-hold of our fruit. Some one has to start the ball rolling. I have an address prepared that I wish every genuine pineapple grower in Florida, large or small, to hear. This address explains a plan to win back to us the legitimate buyer, to establish our business on a strictly F. O. B. basis, to give every grower telegraphic truthful reports of conditions, to find a market for hard ripe apples, to put in every grower's possession absolutely true reports of everything of vital importance to him, to give immediate relief for our fall crop and a long lift upward for our next summer's crop. I do not wish to fool away my time and money unless the people are interested enough to come and hear what I have to say. Before setting the day, and to feel the sentiment of the people, I say, WRITE ME A LETTER IMMEDIATELY, assuring me of your interest and the moral support of your presence. STATE PLAINLY if you will or will not be on hand. This notice will appear again,

1867, and at the very time horses were affected with the disease, over 400 deaths were recorded in the human family from an affection similar to paralysis.

The prevention of the disease is more easily accomplished than the cure. Use dry, clean stables, also good feed, in which a dram or two of sulphate of iron, or five grains of arsenic should be mixed once daily, when such diseases are prevalent in the vicinity, for eight or ten days at a time.

Palm Beach Celebration.

As a large number of our readers anticipate celebrating Independence Day with West Palm Beach on Monday, July 5, we herewith publish a program of what they say we may expect: The largest crowd ever seen on the East Coast and a free barbecue for all; a game of ball in the morning between the Miami and West Palm Beach teams for a purse of \$200; in the afternoon a game between the Fort Pierce and the West Palm Beach nines for a purse of \$50 and gate receipts. Other sports for the afternoon include foot races for various distances, hurdle races, sack races and three-legged races, the tug-of-war between new Palm Beach and old Dade counties closing the afternoon sports. At night there will be a grand display of Palm's fireworks and a firemen's ball, and the day promises to be one of rare enjoyment. Being unable to secure an excursion train for the occasion those attending from the north end of the railroad will have to go down the afternoon or night before the 5th.

Where is the Commission?

In its leading editorial of last Friday's issue The Lakeland News says: This paper has always accorded to Henry M. Flagler and the Florida East Coast railway full meed of praise for the great work of development that has been accomplished on the East Coast of Florida but it cannot withhold condemnation for the outrageous and unjust discrimination now being practiced by that railroad against the shippers of that section in favor of Cuban pineapples. It is this way: The road has water competition from Cuba to New York, and it meets the steamer rates because otherwise it would lose the business, but it makes no corresponding reduction to the Florida grower be-

as it will be necessary to wait until every one can get away. Make up your mind to come to Fort Pierce. If necessary I will go south to meet the people of the southern district after the Fort Pierce meeting. Let nothing keep you from attending this meeting. Let us make the fight of our lives to save our business, our homes and our property values. This is not to be a fight against anybody or any organization so-called, IT IS TO BE A FIGHT TO THE LAST DITCH for our business and our prosperity, which we deserve. Let us start this ball rolling and then watch it grow. Under the present conditions our results of hard work, of our investment, of our future, there is only one finish. The final result is intolerable. Will you attend a Mass Meeting if I call one later? Write me plainly, and do it as soon as you receive this. I wish to list every reply by districts.

For twenty years I have been in the pineapple business. I have watched it slowly but surely contract at both ends, namely, lower prices approaching this year to ruin, steadily every year, higher prices for everything connected with the industry such as crates, paper, labor, fertilizer, until at the present time we face a loss fearful to contemplate

A TARIFF SECURED ON PINES

Senate Adopted Schedule of One Half Cent per Pound.

The following telegram received here yesterday morning will prove of interest to not only pineapple growers but all of our readers on the East Coast of Florida:

Jacksonville, Fla., June 23, '09.
Mr. Mayo Dade, Fort Pierce, Fla.:
Senator Tallahassee telegraphs that Senate adopted his amendment one-half cent per pound pineapples. Telephone interested parties.
J. C. CHASE.

cause he is helpless in the grasp of its monopoly, and while a rate of 66 1-2 cents a crate is made through from Havana to Cincinnati Florida shippers are forced to pay 33 cents from Miami to Jacksonville—before their product even gets out of the state. Moreover, the trains loaded with Florida pines are sidetracked in order to allow the Cuban pines to whiz by on express time with the result that the Florida grower not only suffers the effect of rate discrimination but his shipments, arriving at the market several days later than the Cuban products, suffer by comparison of condition. As a result, ruin stares him in the face.

We have always admired Mr. Flagler—have defended him when we considered him unjustly censured, have heralded his achievements and taken pride in his great work of development. Even now we cannot but believe that the responsibility for this imposition upon the growers along his line of railroad rests more with his lieutenants than with him. He is a kindly man—a generous man; but he is also an old man, with his mind taken up with the carrying out of a pet hobby and he probably gives little attention to the operations of his railway system.

Of course, this section is not affected by the East Coast rates, and it may be considered that we are "butting in" where we have no rights, but we deem it our privilege to fire a gun wherever human greed seeks to fatten and batten at the expense of honest toil. And we will say that if there is no law providing a chain-gang sentence for the offi-

cial of a corporation which wilfully brings war and ruin upon helpless toilers, heartlessly robbing them of the just returns of their labor, legislators have grossly neglected their duty to the State and to humanity, and until laws covering such cases are written on our statute books we have no right to boast of the perfection of our institutions.

And this brings us to the question: Is there no remedy for such conditions as now obtain in relation to the East Coast railroad and Florida shippers? If the Florida Railroad Commission cannot take cognizance of or do anything to remedy this palpable and indefensible outrage what in the name of high heaven is the excuse for its existence?

YOURS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT and ultimate success of the Pineapple industry.

GEO. E. ANDREWS.

Do not come to this meeting except with the determination to see it to a finish. DO NOT come with indifference or any excuse, as has been the custom of all meetings held heretofore. COME PREPARED TO see it to a successful finish. Sleep in the street, if necessary, and fight the mosquitoes, but come with all interest and concern for our future, and come TO WIN, SOMEHOW.

Watch the local papers, watch for circulars at your postoffice calling this meeting and giving the day and date. Walton, Fla., June 20th, '09.

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Some Class to This.

The Levy County Democrat says: We are at a loss to understand the logic of the Times-Union's defense of the East Coast Railroad which makes a freight charge of 79 cents on Florida pineapples from Miami to Cincinnati and hauls the Cuban pines from Knight Key to Cincinnati for 32 cents. Damnable is the only word describing this discrimination. If forced to haul the Florida pine for 32 cents, says the Times-Union, the road would be bankrupt, but it must take the Cuban pine at the water rate. Now why should it transport the Cuban pine at a loss and tax the Florida grower to pay this loss? Why this injustice? If we had a railroad commission worth a tinker's dime it would have quit lobbying in Tallahassee against the newspapers long enough to have stopped the first carload of Cuban pines and dumped it in Biscayne Bay. The Florida grower is being robbed and has no friends.

The freight on pineapples is still a live topic in East Florida. The people over there seem to want their pineapples hauled at the same price that is charged for the pauper pineapples of Cuba. The aforesaid pauper pineapples get the benefit of water competition between Havana and New York, and the railroads must meet the water rates or not get the business. It is just one of the numberless mixups encountered by the human race as it ambles along the highway and pathway of life. —Tampa Times.

SORROWFUL TRAGEDY

A Young Lad Took His Own Life on Monday.

Dallas McClure, Delirious With Fever, Shot Himself at the Home of His Sister.

It was hoped that the wave of tragedy which has been prevalent in other sections of the State for the past two weeks would pass our peaceful community unobserved and without a ripple to disturb the serenity of its quietness, but in this we were mistaken.

At about 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon the loud report of a shotgun in the residence of Engineer Joe Knowles, of West Orange avenue, attracted the attention of Engineer Gill Totten, living close by, and an investigation was begun, knowing Mr. Knowles was out on his regular run and that Mrs. Knowles was visiting in St. Augustine, leaving no one at home but a young brother of Mrs. Knowles.

Entering the house Mr. Totten found Mr. William Foy, a brother engineer, sound asleep in one room and in the room adjoining a most horrible sight met his gaze.

Fully dressed with the exception of one shoe and stocking the young man was lying on the bed with one side of his face partially blown away and badly wounded in the head. Beside him lay the gun which had done the deadly work, and one toe on the bare foot still pressed against the trigger, showed conclusively how the tragedy had been planned and executed. On a table near the bed lay a stained dirk-knife, and an examination of the body revealed wounds on the throat and on the chest, indicating that an attempt had been made to commit the deed with the knife before resorting to the gun.

Engineers Foy and Totten lost no time in informing the officers of the law and in notifying the brother-in-law at Miami and the sister at St. Augustine. As the news spread the crowd at the residence increased, being largely composed of the former playmates of the unfortunate boy, and many were the kind and sympathetic words spoken in his behalf.

A short time after the tragedy Judge F. L. Hemmings, acting as coroner, ordered an inquest, and Sheriff Carlton summoned a jury, as follows: L. L. Bellamy, F. E. Wilson, W. T. Hayes, H. E. Crooks, W. I. Blich and Archie Lamb.

The evidence submitted coincided with the facts stated above, and the further fact that the boy had been sick with fever for several days and at times was delirious. After a thorough examination the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that death was caused by a gunshot wound apparently inflicted by his own hand.

Dallas McClure was an orphan boy in his 17th year and well grown for his age. He had previously lived at Green Cove Springs and near Jacksonville, coming here about a year ago to reside with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Knowles. He was well known about town, having worked at various places, and was driving a team for Coates' stables when stricken with his last illness.

The interment took place at Fort Pierce cemetery Tuesday morning, and many were the expressions of sorrow for the absent sister and for the poor boy whose fevered brain had caused him to commit the deed of self destruction.

Interstate Complaints.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has been appealed to by the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Protective Association of Jacksonville, and complaints were made against 201 interstate carriers for discriminations. It is alleged that the growers and shippers of citrus fruits and vegetables from Florida points were subjected to unjust and unreasonable rates of transportation to points in northern and western states and to undue prejudice and disadvantage and discrimination in the registration of charges by the railroads. As the commission is now taking its summer recess these complaints will not be reached before next fall.