Poisons in the Household.

It is, perhaps, a good idea to bring up children to have a wholesome fear of some useful but poisonous substances commonly found about home. No one but persons of a responsible age should be allowed to touch or handle such substances as corrosive sublimate (merucric chloride), carbolic acid, cyanides, oralic acid, sugar of lead (lead acetate), green vitriol or copperas (ferrous sulphate), chloroform, gasoline, blue vitriol or blue stone (copper sulphate), quick-lime, arsenate of lead, Paris green, white lead and other lead paints, ammonia, concentrated lye, permanganate and dichromate of potash, alcoholic tinctures, alkaloids, etc. One cannot take too great cera in the use of the above or in cleaning or disposing of their containers so that children or animals cannot possibly be poisoned or exposed to other dangers. A common cause of accidental poisoning is the careless use or misplacing of bottles, resulting in the victim mistaking the bottle of poison for some less harmless drug or substance. To obviate such mistakes, first, keep all poisons and other chemicals plainly labeled and entirely separate from medicines and drugs to be use internally; second, never take anything internally in the dark; third, devise ways to readily distinguish bottles and other containers of poisons from harmless substances even in the dark. This may be done by keeping carbolic acid, for instance in a three-cornered or corrugated bottle of special shape. Have the druggist put a little copper sulphate solution in the corrosive sublimate solution, so that the blue color is a warning, even if the label is lost or illegible. The odor of a number of chemicals is usually sufficient to identify them, as carbolic acid, cyanides, formalin, ammonia, chloroform, gasoline and chloride of lime (bleaching powder). It is well to find out the antidotes to every poison that is brought into the house and to see to it that such antidotes are on hand, together with full directions for their use. Any inquiries as to antidotes for poisons will be cheerfully answered by any physician or pharmacist, or the undersigned.

C. E. VAIL,
Colo. Agricultural College, Ft. Collins.

Banks for Farmers.

Senator Owen announces that his committee already has given much attention to the subject of agricultural banking, and by the end of the year will present a bill to establish banks especially for farmers.

The Glass-Owen bill provides that country banks may lend on farm mortgage; but the loan must not exceed half the value of the land or run for more than nine months; and no bank must lend more than a quarter of its capital on land. That is as far, certainly, as a commercial bank can safely go; yet a nine months loan on land does a farmer little good, for it takes a farm about ten years to pay for itself.

In short, the farmer's need for credit is different from that of the merchant. He engages in long-time operations. A whole year elapses from crop to crop. More than two years pass before the cow's dupilcate stands in her place. To build up a rundown soil is a matter of from three to five years; but when the farmer's product is once made there is always a market for it. He has no unfashionable goods to carry over Give him sufficient time and he can liquidate. He needs long-time credits, such as are not expedient in commercial banking.

Valuation of State $1,086,251,957

Denver, Sept. 11.—With sir counties yet to hear from, Colorado's valuation under the full cash system for this year is one billion, eighty-six million, two hundred and fifty-one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars, as against four hundred and twenty-two million, three hundred and thirty thousand, one hundred and ninety-nine dollars last year.

PROGRESS OF THE LOCAL FREIGHT RATE FIGHT

The executive committe of the Montrose and Delta Counties Freight Rate association, composed of Messrs. J. F. Kyle and S. B. Wonder of Montrose, J. E. Hillman and E. J. Matthews of Delta county and Ed DeGuelle of Olathe, met in the office of C. J. Moynihan in this city Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of considering matters in connection with the campaign for better freight rates. Attorney Moynihan representing Montrose county and Merle D. Vincent representing Delta county were also present and are to look after the lega lend of the fight.

Since the organization of the association a month ago the executive committee has been busily engaged in correspondence with prominent freight rate people, and the result of the correspondence was made known at the meeting ysterday.

Chairman Kyl had written to Fred Wild, the D. & R. G. freight man, apprising him of the purpose of the new organization, expressing a willingness of the committee to confer with the D. & R. G. treight department on the question before taking it up with the commerce commission if the railroad officials so desired. Mr. Wild agreed to arrange for a conference with the general traffic manager, Mr .Hughes, at some date agreeable to the committee, and intimated in the letter that the company may or may not see fit to grant our request as the result of the conference. This conference will be arranged for as soon as the committee has gathered the necessary evidence to make their case.

A letter was read from F. A. Jones ot Phoenix, Arizona, the freight rate expert who won Grand Junction' case, to the effect that he was in position to take the Montrose and Delta county cases. This was welcome news to the committee, for they were afraid that Mr. Jones' present official position as a member of the Arizona state commerce commission would prevent him from taking the case. From all sides the committee had been advised to get Mr. Jones if possible, and he had been pointed out as the most efficient freight rate expert to be had for such a fight.

Mr. Jones worte at considerable length, pointing out the various phases of a fight of this kind, and requesting information as to the basis and the extent of the campaign which the association desired to make. Messrs. Moynihan and Vincent were authorized to prepare an answer to Mr. Jones' letter, giving him the information desired. It is the desire of the committee to make the request as comprehensive as possible, covering both classes and commodity rates both ways from Chicago west and from the Pacific coast east. Our claim will be based on the long and short haul proposition and the unjust discrimination against this section. The committee feels that we are entitled to Pueblo rates on freight from the west and Salt Lake City rates on freight from the east, provided that such rates are proven to be reasonable.

Some valuable information has also been received through correspondence which Mr. Moynihan has had with Mr. Costigan of Denver, who has had considerable experience on the freight rate question. Messrs. Moynihan and Vincent are going to Denver on other business the first ot the week, and it is their intention to spend about half a day with Mr. Costigan, from which they expect to get much information which is expected to help the association in their fight.

The members of the committee reported good success in the raising of the money to carry on the fight and they are satisfied that there will be no trouble at all to get all the money necessary to make the fight.—Montrose Enterprise.

In the Right Place.

Jack London, the novelist, was contrasting the acquittal of a millionaire manufacturer on a dynamite planting charge with the severe sentence imposed on a poor editor for too strongly championing the Paterson strikers.

"The rich are overleniently dealt with in our courts," he said, "and the poor are overharshly dealt with. This will keep on until the American people come to respect only honest wealth—till they come to regard all wealth gained through trickery and deceit as the Englishman did.

"This Englishman, at a dinner in New York, hailed with delight the conviction by the courts of an American who had stolen millions by means of bogus mines.

"But a friend of the criminal heaved a sigh and said:

"'Poor old Charley! His heart's in the right place, anyway.'

"'Yes,' said the Englishman, 'and so, thank heaven, is the rest of him for the next four years.'"—Washington Star.

FOR SALE—Motorcycle, good as new, top buggy; single harness; double harness, light; mare and colt, fine brood mare. L. C. Jones, Kokomo Dairy.

Horse Committed Suicide.

According to the humane society of Spokane, a horse deliberately committed suicide there the other day. The animal was decrepit and had been deserted. Too weak to eat solid food, he was tethered in front of a patch of clover. He sampled the clover, and then, according to the report, deliberately plunged headlong off a bluff overlooking the river, a few feet away, and was later found dead.

Naturalists have frequently related the suicide of animals through grief. Probably the oddest one of all is that told by Dr. Ezekial Henderson, the traveler, of a tigress whose cubs had been taken from her by the agents of one of the large circus menageries of the United States. The party came upon the tigers' den while hunting in Asia for exhibits. They took four cubs and crossed a nearby river with them, destroying the primitive tree trunk bridge after they had reached the other side.

The tigress returning and finding her cubs gone bounded by scent down to where the party had crossed the stream. She knew of the tree trunk, having made use of it herself before. When she saw it was gone she uttered the most piercing and lamentable howls and cries. The party with her cubs came back to the river bank, attracted by the noise. When she saw her cubs the tigress gave vent to an unearthly shriek. Then, crouching, rising and recrouching again several times, she deliberately sprang from the river bank. The river was five times wider than she could have been expected to spring, and leaping animals are close calculators. She tell tenty-five feet into the stream. She came up once, turned toward the distant shore, threw her head back and sank for good. A clear case of suicide, the doctor called it.

Parents Primarily to Blame

Discoursing before a Southern Methodist gathering upon the prevailing dances and styles of dress, Vice President Thomas R. Marshall places the blame for their indecency where it belongs—upon the parent. Proper supervision of the home, proper assertion of parental authority, proper education of children, would quickly end the reign of the slit skirt, the X-ray gown, the tango, the turkey trot and all the other current and deplorable exhibitions.

Parents have been too lax, too lenient. They have been ruled by the follies of their children instead of being the children's guides. The dictates of religion, ethics and morals have weakened their hold upon the family. Nothing can be truer than this statement of Mr. Marshall's:

"It is time for American fathers and mothers to have opinions on religion. You wonder why the turkey trot, the tango and the split skirt exist. I say it is because the mothers of the country are not sufficiently interested in their children."

We need a return to some of the salutary customs of days gone by. We have, unquestionably, made much progress in many things, but some of the things we do in the name ot progress are reactionary to lower standards and our boasted progress will avail us little if it be at the expense of morals.

There is, of course, one reassuring feature in the present era of apparent lack of morals and decency. It is that we have gone so far in that direction that the revulsion must come.

We have violated the proprieites to such an extent that we may fairly hope that the public conscience, shocked by the extent of the immorality and indecency of the times, will bring about a sharp reaction which will awaken parents to an adequate sense of their duty to their children.—Inter Ocean.

HUERTA NO LONGER THOUGHT BY WILSON TO BE DANGEROUS

Washington, Sept. 10.—President Wilson and Secretary Bryan now consider that President Huerta is no longer an important factor in the Mexican situation. That he will no longer insist on retaining the provisional presidency or upon appointing a successor to himself is now assured

This information has been received from Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charge d'affairs in Mexico City Oral assurances have been given him that Huerta will not be a candidate for re-election and that he will abide by the declaration in the last note sent to Senor Gamboa, in which the administration at Washington declared that if Huerta resigned the provisional pesidency only to make for himself a successor it would be considered a breach of faith before the world. Moreover, it is apparent that Huerta has withdrawn his demands on the United States for recognition, and thus two important steps in the president's peace program have been achieved.

Can't Stop Kissing Habit.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—The presses running off the weekly bulletin of the Chicago health department were stopped while Health Commissioner Dr. G. B. Young eliminated from the edition an article warning the public against kissing. The warning had been prepared by one of the assistant commissioners. "Kissing is not dangerous if kept within due bounds," said Dr. Young. "Kissing has been going on since the world begun and I shall not raise my voice against it."

The one and only troupe of royal Bengal tigers in the world may be seen with the Al G. Barnes circus, in Delta September 25. They represent an expenditure of $25,000. These man-eating animals were owned and kept for the sole pleasure of the Maharajah ot Ceylon until several years ago.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

No local advertisement vill hereafter be inserted in this paper that is not paid for in advance, except for those who have running advertising accounts with the paper.

WANTED TO RENT—4 or 5-room furnished modern cottage. West side preferred. Enquire 437 Palmer.

Furnish your home without cost by patronizing Grand Union Tea Co. One block west of the postoffice.

If it needs repairing, take it to Geo. H. Cunningham's Bicycle Shop. We do all kinds of repair work—soldering, brazing and vulcanizing. Main Street. 10-tf.

To parties wanting auto service I will be pleased to take you with my Ford car, day or night. Charges reasonable. DAVIS, the Auctioneer.

FOR SALE—Good buggy and set of single harness. Enquire at Penley's Feed Store.

Protect your home against fire by insuring with Stephan & Obert.

Refrigerators at one-half cost. One thousand other bargains. Cook's Second Hand Store.

FRUIT JARS—Quarts 60 cents per dozen; half-gallons 75 cents per dozen at Cook's Second Hand Store.

Notice

FOR SALE—A good water barrel, commode and other goods. Inquire at this office. 17

Professional Nurse

Mrs. Serepta Hallock, 739 Main street, Delta. Services offered in or outside of city.