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ANIMALS HAVE GOOD FRIENDS IN OREGON

To W. T. Shanahan Is Largely Due Success of Humane Society—Cruelty of Driver Moved Corresponding Secretary to Take Action.

The Oregon Humane society is doing much good and noble work in the alleviation of the suffering, cruelty and torture hitherto inflicted on animals. The society was first started in this city in February, 1872, and the story of its birth is well worth repeating.

W. T. Shanahan, now its corresponding secretary, and the one to whom the success of the society is largely due was on his way home from work down Washington street when he was attracted by the sight of a great crowd on Stark street. Elbowing his way through the throng he found a colored man beating his fallen horse while the people, many of whom were women and children, looked on without protest. Mr. Shanahan raised his arm threateningly and ordered the man to stop, which he did, remarking in some surprise that "he guessed he had a right to kill the animal if he wanted to."

From that day Mr. Shanahan set about forming a society which would alleviate the needless sufferings of animals in the charge of vicious and cruel owners. He succeeded in interesting a number of Portland's leading citizens in the project, among them William M. Ladd, Henry Failing, Dr. Cardwell, Dr. Strong, Barney Goldsmith, and many others. It was not until four years later, however, that a bill was passed by the legislature making cruelty to animals an indictable offense. The penalty provided for such offenses is a fine of from $50 to $100 or imprisonment of not less than six months or over one year.

Thirty Years Work.

For over 30 years Mr. Shanahan has devoted his time, energy and ambition to the furtherance of the work. It seems incredible that his labors have not met with better reward, as in all this time the books of the society show only a little more than a membership of 150, and this in a city the size of Portland seems almost beyond belief. Mr. Shanahan attributes this to the fact that no concentrated effort has hitherto been made to bring the society before the public, but that its power for good has been left largely in the hands of individuals who have not had the time to devote wholly to the work.

Mr. Shanahan believes that the society could be increased through the medium of the public schools, and that the children attending these schools should be told of the society and its aims. He believes the teachers in these schools have much to learn in methods of imparting those principles which go toward the making of nobleness of character and that too much stress is laid upon book knowledge, and not enough on heart knowledge, thus leaving the affections to ossify. That there is good material to work upon the following incident will show. One day last summer some cows were brought to the slaughter-house in this city. The day was hot and the poor animals were suffering from the heat. One cow seemed to suffer more than the others as she lay apart, her tongue lolling from her mouth. A small boy happened to be passing and stopping to look took in the conditions. Instantly his coat was off and doubtling it up he filled it with water from a small stream nearby and brought it to the suffering animal.

Various Societies.

Various societies for the protection of animals have been formed but only in America, but in almost every civilized country. The late Queen Victoria was a member of the first humane society started in London in 1835.

The first humane society in America was founded by the late Henry Bergh some 40 years ago. Mr. Bergh was appointed by President Lincoln as American council at St. Petersburg, which office he held until 1864, when he was forced to resign on account of ill-health. Before leaving England Mr. Bergh became acquainted with the Earl of Harrowby, president of the Royal Society of Prevention to Cruelty to Animals. Mr. Bergh became deeply impressed with the work, and upon his return to New York the following year instituted the first society, becoming its president and guiding spirit up to the time of his death.

Mr. Bergh's first case in the New York courts excited much press comment at the time and kept cartoonists' pencils busy. The case was in reference to several hundred large green turtles which had been brought to the city by a foreign steamer, and in order to insure their safety were fastened to the deck by means of nails driven through their feet. Mr. Bergh had the captain and crew of the vessel arrested, and for some time thereafter was the subject of much good-natured banter.

Use of Electricity.

The discovery of the uses of electricity by the human wizard, Thomas Edison, has been a veritable boon to the humane societies in their endeavors to check needless cruelties. This was fully comprehended by an old darky down in Natchez who gazed with breathless awe at the first electric car propelled swiftly over the street by its unseen power, and raising his voice he exclaimed:

"Brens de Lawd for de Yankee! He come'd down south for to free de niggers an' now he's come'd for to free de mewels!"

Mr. Shanahan is of the opinion that before another decade the heavy teaming upon the streets of our city will be largely done by means of electricity.

During the next year a number of drinking fountains are to be erected in various parts of the city. These fountains have been secured through the instrumentality of the humane society and have been donated by Messrs. James W. and Vincent Cook, Ellers Piano house, Mrs. W. P. Olds, Edward Holman, Mrs. X. F. Failing, Dr. Louis Buck, Mrs. George Lauifford and little Miss Annie Russell, daughter of Mrs. George Russell. This young lady's fountain is to be placed in the children's playground. The cost of these fountains ranges all the way from $150 to $1,000. Besides these there is one on its way to this city now from New York, where it was manufactured. It is the gift of the estate of the late Herman Lee Ensign, founder of the National Humane alliance of New York, a philanthropic society with headquarters in that city. In his will Mr. Ensign left instructions that various drinking fountains be erected throughout various cities. So far 14 cities have been remembered. The fountain to be erected in this city is built of Maine granite, its weight is five tons and its cost is $1,000. The electric light company have promised to furnish electric lights free for these fountains, and Mr. Shanahan is also hopeful of getting the city to furnish free water for them. BESELENA.

W. T. Shanahan, Corresponding Secretary of Oregon Humane Society.

OREGON FOR ME, SAYS PORTLANDER

Jamestown Expo Verses That Appealed to Many "In Virginia."

Jamestown feels keenly the failure of its exposition, but not half so much as do the concessionaires. No concession made much money, and nearly all were absolute failures. This is the information conveyed in a letter from a Portland man who has been visiting in Virginia. He writes that a wit had furnished the following verses, which found much favor among the concessions:

JAMESTOWN.

The juleps nowhere sprout so green
As in Virginia.
The wood hogs nowhere are so lean
As in Virginia.
The mud creeks nowhere have the smell
And nowhere else the truth to tell,
It is as hot this side of h—
As in Virginia.

Nowhere such storms obscure the sun
As in Virginia.
Nowhere so slow the railroads run
As in Virginia.
And when my time is marked to go,
Just take me there, because you know
I'll longer live—I'll die so slow
Down in Virginia.

Nowhere can soil so well suffice
As in Virginia.
Nowhere ancestors cut such ice
As in Virginia.
And I believe this lazy land
Of fleas and niggers, heat and sand,
Is simply fashioned to be ——
In old Virginia.

The Portland man also closes his letter with these words: "Give me a home in Portland—that is the place for me. No more east as long as there is a west."

Weak on Spelling.

From the Baltimore News.

Professor Samuel G. Cook instructor in a high school in East St. Louis, discovered that but six out of eleven pupils were able to spell President Roosevelt's name.

Modern Wisdom.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Be careful, and you will be considered good.

Shanahan leads fountain effort

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