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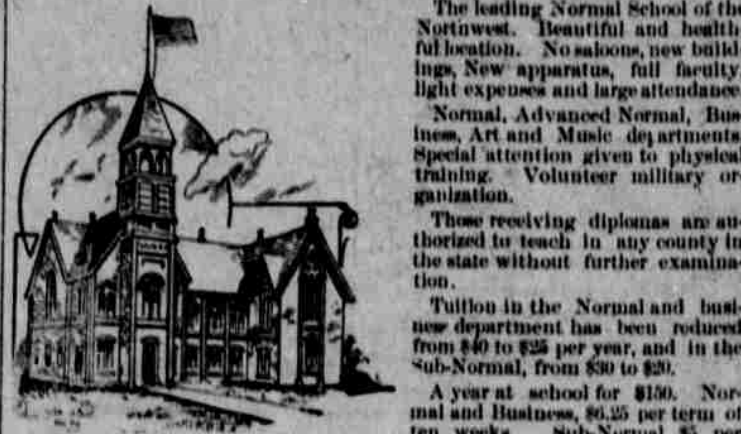
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From the analysis made it appears that skimmed milk and buttermilk do not differ greatly in their composition so far as the percentage of solid matter is concerned. It is true, with regard to both skimmed milk and buttermilk, that they follow the order of richness of the whole milk from which they come. In other words, the poorer the whole milk, the poorer are the waste products of the dairy.

Another interesting fact is that of the composition of the cream. It appears that the Jerseys have uniformly produced the richest cream, while the average is lowest for the Ayrshires. In these cases the analysis made in the laboratory were in entire accordance with the results obtained with the churn. This is equivalent to saying that all kinds of cream are not the same, and suggests an explanation of the fact that has been observed by creamery men, viz., that cream gathered in autumn has a lower butter value than that of spring or summer. This is believed to be due to the advanced period of lactation rather than to the poor feed of the pasture, which has sometimes been assigned as the cause.

A study of the figures in the tables shows that, while the cream from a cow that has been milked several months is as rich in solid matter as when she was "fresh," there is a marked difference in the relative amount of the different solids. It seems that without exception the cream solids from a "fresh" cow contain a larger proportion of butter fat than in the case during the latter stages of the milking period. It further appears from the records that, whether the same kind and quantity of food was fed, dry or mixed, by chopping the hay, moistening it, and sprinkling grain upon it, the method of preparation had no influence upon the yield or composition of the milk.

The Coming Girl.

The coming girl will cook her own food, will earn her own living, and will not die an old maid. The coming girl will not wear the Grecian bed, dance the german, ignore all possibilities of knowing how to work; will not endeavor to break the hearts of unsophisticated young men, will spell correctly, understand English before she affects French; will provide with equal grace at the piano or wash-tub, will spin more yarn for the house than for the street, will not despise her plainly clad mother, her poor relations, or the hand of an honest worker.

The coming girl will walk five miles a day if need be, to keep her cheeks aglow; will mind her health, her physical development, and her mother; will adopt a costume both sensible and conducive to health; will not confound hypocrisy with politeness; will not place lying to please above frankness.

The coming girl will not look to Paris but to reason for her fashions; will not aim to allow a foolish fashion because milliners and dress makers decree it; will not torture her body, shrivel her soul with purities, or ruin it with wine and pleasure. In short, the coming girl will seek to glorify her Maker, and to enjoy mentally His works. Duty will be her aim, and life a living reality.

Turnips for Ducks.

Grow a crop of turnips for ducks, if you intend to raise a large number of ducks. On the large establishments, where hundreds of ducks are raised, the principal food for them is cooked turnips, with a small proportion of ground grain. No crop can be grown to better advantage than turnips, and in no way can turnips be grown so profitably as to feed them to ducks. Ducks and turnips are adjuncts to each other on the duck farm, for without turnips the ducks could not be made to lay so well.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Farms Versus Prize Fights.

Half fares for sporting men to the Hall-Fitzsimmons prize fight in St. Paul, and full fares for the harvest hands to the wheat fields of the Northwest—is the consistent platform of Chairman Finley, of the Western Passenger Association. Yet it is the product of the wheat fields that gives Northwest railroads their chief support; while for all the support derived from sporting men not a railroad would exist.

The coming wheat-crop is likely to be the greatest in the history of the Northwest. To harvest such a crop will require tens of thousands more men than the farms are able to employ during the bulk of the year. In fact, it requires three or four times the farm help during harvest that is required ordinarily. Taking into consideration that there are some three or four million wheat fields in the country to be harvested, the urgent demand for help may be imagined. Unless unusual facilities be furnished for getting help to the farms, there are going to be thousands of bushels of grain lost.

To meet this demand, farmers, grain men and railroad officials have petitioned Chairman Finley to grant special rates for harvest help, and he has refused. "But no sooner had the Hall-Fitzsimmons prize fight been announced," says the Chicago Inter-Ocean, "than every railroad between Chicago and St. Paul, by and with the advice of Mogul Finley, reduced its rates, making the round trip for a little more than half fare." The Inter-Ocean considers this act a sample of "how easily railroad men are roused up" by something of the prize fight kind, "and how deaf they are to the industrial wants of the country."

General Passenger Agent Whitney, of the Great Northern, however, is one of the exceptions to the above rule. Having interested himself in the problem of moving harvest help to the wheat region, he wrote Chairman Finley, asking him to allow the Minneapolis Chicago lines to give harvest hands a reduced rate. Mogul Finley's refusal and his subsequent reduction for the prize fighters, draws from Mr. Whitney the following pat statement of the situation: "As you are aware, the salvation of nine tenths of the railways which form our association depends upon the results of the farm. When nature has been bountiful and immense crops are in sight, and additional help an imperative necessity, it seems strange that a prize-fight should take precedence in your association, and that a reduction in rates for the latter can easily be obtained, while a request in behalf of the farmer is postponed and delayed."

The issue for Mr. Finley to determine is whether he considers a prize fight, or the wheat harvest of the Northwest, of more importance to the railroads and to the country at large.

1890 Populations.

Rand, McNally & Co's pocket atlas of Oregon, just out, gives population of towns, census of 1890, as follows: Albany, 4072; Albina, 5104; Ashland, 1239; Astoria, 6071; Baker City, 3645; Brownsville, 634; Buena Vista, 199; Canyon City, 447; Coburg, 210; Corvallis, 2844, (precincts); Cottage Grove, 633; Crawfordsville, 358; Dallas, 1239; Empire City, 447; Florence, 185; Forest Grove, 826; Eugene, 3968; East Portland, 10,481; Fossil, 291; Grants Pass, 1353; Halsey, 382; Fox Valley, 163; Harrisburg, 497; Heppner, 1016; Hillsboro, 1246; Independence, 1893; Jacksonville, 1323; Jefferson, 296; Junction City, 617; Lafayette, 418; La Grande, 1834; Lebanon, 937; Lakeview, 797; Linkville, 678; McMinnville, 2437; Marshfield, 1037; Mehama, 263; Monmouth, 413; Milton, 384; Monroe, 266; Newport, 237; Oakland, 460; Oregon City, 2149; Pendleton, 3248; Peoria, 64; Portland, 47,294; Prineville, 338; Roseburg, 1818; Seio, 473; Shedd, 283; Silverton, 634; Sodaville, 85; Springfield, 215; Stayton, 519; Sweet Home, 285; Tangent, 207; Tillamook, 760; Turner, 216; Salem, 4315; Union, 1112; Waterloo, 19; Weston, 511; Woodburn, 429.

In the above the population of Salem and Albany is that within the actual city limits.

The Wisdom of the Ancients.

Dr. Talmage was very vigorously inclined to believe that the nineteenth century had not absorbed all the wonders of the ages. Jerusalem was a wonderful city, with wonderful architecture—nothing like it in all the ages. The reser-

voirs of Jerusalem were built with cement as perfect to-day as it was when the trowel laid it 1000 years before Christ. That dentistry had reached an advanced stage was shown by the filling of the teeth of the mummies at Cairo. Solomon knew all about the circulation of the blood. Job knew all about the refraction of light. Isaiah knew that the world was round when he said, "The Lord is seated on the circle of the earth." Ancient art excelled the modern. Tyrian purple couldn't be made now. Pliny describes a malleable glass that one could to around his wrist. The nineteenth century couldn't produce a Damascus blade. We have great cities, but Babylon was five times larger than London. "I begin to wonder," said Dr. Talmage, "if the world hasn't forgotten more than it knows. But what this age does excel in," he continued, "is in morality. There were never so many good men and women as now. It is the result of the influence of Christianity."—Washington Post.

Swift Fijian Sailing Craft.

We saw to windward a native boat bearing down upon us under full stress of sail. A Fijian boat is made of a hollowed cocconut log, sharpened at both ends. About ten feet on one side of it is placed a long and slender log of lighter wood, both parts of the craft being at once connected by and supporting a raised platform of bamboo. Such a boat floats on the water like a cork, and offers no more resistance than a racing shell. A mast set in the center of the platform supports a triangular sail of matting, with the base of the matting upmost. A very top-heavy effect is thus produced, but nothing can overturn the light vessel, owing to the breadth of its base, and it flies through the water like the wind.

The catamaran that pursued us easily kept up with the launch, although we drove it at full speed to keep ahead, and with the huge, misshapen mat sail flapping and rolling like a great bat's wing as the boat thrashed through the billows, and sent showers of spray over the glistening bodies of the dozen natives who stood or squatted upon the deck, the picture was something fascinatingly strange and barbaric and never to be forgotten. When the boat was near us our launch ran under a jutting point, where thickly clustered palms cut off the wind, and the catamaran becoming becalmed got out oars and turned in for the shore.—Chr. Boston Journal.

A Prosperous School.

The attention of the reader is called to the advertisement of the State Normal school, at Monmouth, on the first page. This school has been turned over to the new board of regents, appointed by the state. This new board has adopted a liberal policy, having increased the faculty and supplied new apparatus for the school. The prospects for a much larger attendance than ever before are bright, and the increased facilities of the school will justify this.

The late Horace Greeley may have been erratic, but we have an idea that he was hewing along the correct line when he wrote: "Sentiment never controls a National convention. The delegates are always shrewd politicians who want their party to win; and after weighing the merits and demerits of all candidates, the majority centers upon the man whom it believes can poll the most votes. When conventions make mistakes they are errors of judgment, and sentiment has nothing to do with it."

The Missed Kiss, or, the Unkissed Miss.

She sat in her pew.
A sunbeam stole through
The window and kissed her.
And I, why I sat
And thought what a flat
I seemed on that day,
When feeling quite hot—
I attempted to kiss her—
and missed her!

The Parent of Insomnia.

Insomnia or wakefulness is in nine cases out of ten a dyspeptic stomach. Good digestion gives sound sleep, indigestion interferes with it. The brain and stomach sympathize. One of the prominent symptoms of a weak state of the gastric organs is a disturbance of the great nerve center, the brain. Invigorate the stomach