

CORRESPONDENCE

THE GOVERNMENT RATIONS.

What resistance there is in the government hardback! How vainly I try the concoction to chew! Had the Spaniards but used it to armour their vessels...

HARLEY BATES, Company D., 14th Infantry.

Colton.

There was quite a crowd in Colton last week at the shooting match. Quite a number of Colton-ites attended the Masquerade at the F. A. hall on Christmas eve, and had a fine time.

Correspondent.

A fine party organ for sale on easy terms at the Oregon City Auction House. The snow that fell last week has nearly disappeared. Henry Schatz is up near Sheridan making fence.

Springwater.

A public installation of officers was held in Lewellen's hall by Tent No. 89, K. O. T. M's, Saturday evening. The following Sir Knights were installed by Past Commander, W. W. Wallens:

Mulino.

A petition to make "Pappy" Neukirshner our next Road Supervisor is being circulated and largely signed in this locality. Frank Mulvey and Geo. Rough visited the old folks on Christmas. Geo. McCord's saw mill, is running on full time and George, as well as the crew, looks pleasant—cause—a new female cook.

Highland.

Mr. Krohn met with an accident Saturday while coming home from town. The horse he was riding fell with him and fractured his leg just above the ankle. Frank Welsh and family are home from a week's visit in Oregon City with her mother.

SUNFLOWER.

School Report.

Dist No 2; term commenced Nov. 13th, 1898, and ended Dec. 9th, 1898. Number of pupils enrolled 26; days taught, 19; total attendance, 451 days. Those not tardy: Misses Lena, Edith, Birdie and Wilma Blair; Zella Coldren; Misses Lizzie, Anna and Susie Erb; Lena Morris; Sada King; Daisie Long; Ira and Milo Blair; Orrie Irvin and Willie Kanagy; Bent Killen; Bert Kent; Gilbert, Bert, Enoch and Lenard Long; Lester Dimick, Myrtle Dimick; Silas and Oliver Yoder; Elmer and Oliver King.

GEORGE STRICKLAND, Teacher.

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"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexia, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two before getting 'down.'" For sale by Geo. A. Harding.

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CONCERNING MILK FEVER IN COWS.

From Denmark comes the news of a recently propounded theory concerning this ill-understood and terribly fatal disease of dairy cows and of a new treatment based on the discovery. The subject is of widespread interest, so that no apology is necessary for introducing it to the notice of our readers.

It has been said that "milk fever" is so-called because it is not fever and has little or nothing to do with the milk. In this it is hardly singular, for many popular names for animal diseases appear to be constructed on the principle of concealing any reference to cause and symptoms; but if there is anything in this latest theory as to the primary cause of "milk fever" it would seem that the employment of the term "milk" in connection with it is about to receive tardy justification.

Still, it is not a "fever" because in fever a prominent symptom—indeed, the most diagnostic symptom—is elevation of the internal temperature, and in milk fever there is no fever, the temperature being normal, or even sub-normal.

In spite of all the attention which the disease has received from veterinary surgeons, agriculturists; in some countries from medical doctors, the cause still remained an unsolved riddle. We all know the kind of cow generally attacked, the conditions under which it occurs, and the common result. There is no need to go into them, or to enumerate the theories as to cause and pathology, but we may say that some special agent in the blood has always been a favorite theory.

Milk fever was at one time supposed to be contagious, that is to say, it could be communicated by a diseased cow to a healthy newly-calved one, and many cases were quoted where three or four cows in the same shed went down with milk fever shortly after they had calved.

This supposition of a contagious form of milk fever was completely upset a short time afterwards when it was explained that the cause of so many cattle becoming affected almost at the one time was due to uniformity of surroundings and mismanagement of the in-calf cows.

Gamgee and other veterinary surgeons considered that there is present in the blood a specific element, and some years ago a medical man wrote to the journals a long account of several cases, in which he demonstrated to his own satisfaction that milk fever is a contagious blood disease. Others have considered it due to poisoning through decomposition of uterine secretions, and this ptomaine theory, with the uterus as the point of origin of the poison, has secured a good many adherents.

All these, however, fail to explain why the disease never occurs after abortion, rarely after difficult birth and never in heifers.

Some have attributed the disease to an accumulation of milk producing elements in the blood, giving rise to fever and practically blood poisoning, and there is a certain resemblance between this idea and this latest theory of Schmidt's.

By a process of elimination or weeding out of all the other theories as untenable he appears to have arrived at the conclusion that the udder is the point of origin, and the cause the absorption by the blood of a poison formed in the mammary glands, which, entering the circulation, affects the central nervous system and muscular tissue. Our knowledge of this new theory is principally derived from a translation and summary of a paper on the "cause and treatment of milk fever," by J. Schmidt, Veterinary surgeon, of Denmark. In his paper it is stated that "the cause has its origin in some abnormality which stands

in a certain relation to the secretion of milk during the "beastings" period. This milk fever, as we know, appears after great functional activity of the udder, especially in good milch cows.

The suggestion, therefore, presents itself that an excessive quantity of a poisonous metabolic product is developed in the udder, becomes absorbed by the capillary vessels of that organ, and passing into the general blood stream produces a form of intoxication.

It would be a difficult matter for us to follow the author here through his interesting and ingenious speculations as to the manner in which the peculiar toxic material to which he attributes the paralysis is developed in the udder from the "beastings," but we may say that he accounts for the immunity of heifers by their milk yield being less, and the fact that they get scarcely any useless cells to be cast off at the commencement of milk secretion. Of course the conception of such an entirely new line of treatment—new theories always do—and hence the great number of cures and varieties of treatment. Schmidt concluded that the most certain way of affecting the function of the diseased udder would be by direct injection, and he selected a drug called potassium iodide as the agent. The results recorded exceed anything that could be claimed for any other system of treatment yet introduced, the percentage of recoveries being very high. The new treatment is on its trial in England, and the veterinary instrument makers are busy making special syringes for forging the solution of potassium iodide into the udder through the teats.

It is still a little too soon for us to form an opinion on the subject, for although the theory seems reasonable, and the results of the treatment very good, we have seen too many cures introduced with a flourish of trumpets quite as loud not to have learned caution concerning them.—Irish Independent, Dublin.

The regular biennial session of the state legislature convenes at Salem next Monday.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The management of the Young Men's Christian Association has in operation a movement intended to materially benefit every man and boy in Oregon City, and likewise to add directly to the public improvement of the city. Viewing the one thousand five hundred men and boys in Oregon City to be personally favored in divers ways, spiritually, intellectually, morally, socially, physically, the Y. M. C. A. finds it absolutely necessary to enlarge its quarters. This fact and positive demands backed by material and voluntary assistance from scores of boys yet under their majority, have forced the Y. M. C. A. management to attempt the construction of a building. A plan is devised upon with a view to provide separate and distinct compartments for the various branches of work of the organization. The school of gymnasia to be of large and commodious dimensions, no less than 50 or 60 by 70 or 80 feet with the best apparatus and fixtures; underground bowling allies, tub, shower, and Turkish baths; free reading rooms and library with magazines and periodicals, leading dailies etc., school rooms and amusement rooms, all up-to-date; also a ladies' department and other improvements and additions as the needs of the association suggest. The chief object always being the spiritual, intellectual, social and physical welfare of the men and boys of Oregon City. Such a building so equipped will cost no less than \$2000 and with the push and means of 500 boys in Oregon City in co-operation, with the good will and means of the additional thousands in our city, we believe the meritorious building is an assured success.

Rev. P. K. Hammond, of St. Paul's Episcopal church will speak to men at 4:00 o'clock p. m. meeting Sunday next. All men will be edified to hear this pleasing and gifted speaker.

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