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MR. WILLIAMS' LETTER.

AN ARTICLE on this page C. M. Williams of Portland says he prefers to use the milk from untested cows. As the tuberculin test is the means of proving the existence of tuberculosis in a cow...

Tuberculin contains no germs. It is not a disease producer. It was evolved by Dr. Koch and originally intended to be a cure for tuberculosis just as antioxin has become a specific for diphtheria.

Tuberculin failed as a remedy, but has become an untiring means of diagnosing consumption. It is used not only to detect tuberculosis in cattle, but the same principle is extensively employed as a diagnostic test for tuberculosis in human beings.

A REPEATED APPEAL.

WITH ALL THE immense amount of buying and giving of Christmas presents this year in Portland, undoubtedly much more than ever before. The Journal cannot refrain from reiterating an appeal in behalf of any, of all, that are too poor to buy or expect presents...

ONE OF THE FRAUDS

A UNITED STATES marshal in California has seized a large shipment of tomato paste received in that state from a New York manufacturer. The shipment was condemned and destroyed on the ground that it contained "filthy decomposed vegetable substances."

THE LORIMER WHITEWASH

THE REPORT of the senate investigating committee in the Lorimer case is a whitewash. Whitewash is about all we ever get from investigating committees at Washington. But Senator Lorimer has met with a different verdict at the bar of public opinion.

voting for Lorimer, was paid \$1000. The senate investigating committee shuns its eyes to these records and finds nothing in the election of Lorimer to condemn. It was an election notoriously by purchase, but the United States senate will take no action.

OUR TEACHERS

SOME time ago, a German professor investigated 1000 cases of suicide of school children and made the startling announcement that more than 50 per cent was caused by forcing their studies and undue mental strain.

Here is a glimpse at the responsibilities that rest on those who are engaged in teaching. It is but a part of the daily alternatives that have to be met by the school teachers of the world. Their effort to carry the burdens life places on them are seen in the gathering in Portland of 2500 teachers to discuss the realities and exigencies of their calling.

Society should take a mighty kindly view of those to whom the instruction of the school children is committed. It should not only take such a view, but it should surround them with all the means and agencies of efficiency. It should make the rewards of their work sufficient to draw effective men and women into the calling and make it a stable and attractive profession.

The welfare of the nation is in effect confided to the keeping of the teachers in the elementary schools. Their responsibilities are only exceeded by those of the home. They stand constantly face to face with the question of overworked children.

The city of Portland pays out \$900,000 annually in salaries to teachers. The country has 16,000,000 pupils in its elementary schools. What do the figures mean but that there should be deep concern about how fares it with our teachers, what manner of men and women are they, and are the exactions and responsibilities of their work amply requited?

malades were loaded with benzene acid, glucose and coal tar. Bogus fruit jams were made of the same material with timothy grass seed to aid in promoting the deception that berries had actually been used in the berryless mixture.

Such is the enterprise of rampant commercialism. How many graves it has filled is a tale that will never be told. The facts evidence the vital importance of defending the pure food laws and insisting upon their strict enforcement.

THE BIG ARMY CRUSADE

THE REPORT of the secretary of war has been made public. It is said to declare that the army is deficient in number and otherwise very defective; that there are not enough officers, arms, or supplies; and that the states' militia is also entirely too small and not sufficiently equipped.

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Letters From the People

Objects to Tuberculin Test. Portland, Dec. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Being one of those who would rather not have the cows injected with tuberculin, I beg the privilege of replying to your challenge in the Sunday Journal.

I am aware that it will be said that the injections given the cow do not contain any germs, that the whole is harmless. As to the germs, it can be granted, but I cannot believe the injection is harmless since I have seen that cows sometimes die, and always have more or less fever as the result of the injections.

ARBITRATION REJECTED

THE CITY council has rejected the O. R. & N.'s proposal for arbitration, and will go to the courts for a right of way for the Broadway bridge. This is guaranteed that the rights of the city as well as the rights of the railroad will be fully protected.

What the city wants and what both the city and the corporation ought to have in these transactions is a square deal for both. Nobody wants the city to get the best of the bargain, and a lot of people in this town have reached a determination to prevent the corporations from besting the city in future transactions.

A Woman's War Thoughts

Hood River, Or., Dec. 19.—To the Editor of the Journal.—I read in The Journal of the 13th inst. that "the United States is not prepared for war, and that the Pacific coast is practically defenseless" (in the report of General Wood to Secretary of War Dickenson).

Even in winter weather, and in winter weather more severe than that of Oregon, it is well to be out in the open air a good deal, and to sleep in cool, well ventilated rooms. Physicians are pretty well agreed that one of the greatest aids to pneumonia, the second greatest scourge in the country, is steam heat in closed living rooms.

The railroads of the country are not in such extremities as one might think from listening to some of their officers. It is estimated that they cost some \$10,000,000,000 to build. They are capitalized at \$18,000,000,000, and may be worth that much. They collect \$7,000,000,000 a day from the people, which is \$127

a year for each family, and have earned in the past 10 years \$6,660,000,000. They seem to be doing pretty well. They should cheer up and try to have a merry Christmas.

Senator Aldrich repeats the expression of his resolve to quit the senate on March 4 next. He is an able man along certain lines, and has pretty much dictated several tariff bills; but the country will be better off with him in private life.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Condon district has 270 school children. The invasion talk is not all prompted by patriotism. The Jap invasion won't occur this year, at any rate.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

New Catholic church at Umatilla has been dedicated. Shipping in lively and shipyards are busy in Bandon. A locality in Tillamook county is named "God's Valley".

December 22 in History--The Pilgrim Fathers

Today is the 290th anniversary of the arrival of the little party of pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in 1620. In the history of the world no little boatload of people accomplished more or contributed more to the civilization than this little band who braved the stormy seas to land in a wilderness in order to escape religious persecution.

THE DEPARTING YEAR

One more year will soon be planted in the tomb of time, enchanted, when so many sleep; one more year is old and hoary, reeling on his way to glory, while we watch and weep. How the days go calmly! How the years go whisking by, as if they were but a breeze; how the year bellars cease their ringing ere the year they hailed is reeling feebly to his bier!

THE MONKEY GETTERS

THE story has been told of how a monarch brave and bold, a monarch without compassion slaughtered men when they were shy of cash. He'd fling them into the sea, and when the ax had gone to rest, He'd deftly pick their pockets and avoid a financial crash.

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TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt. DO YOUR SHOPPING, ETC. "NO EARLY SHOPPING FOR ME I GUESS" "DEC. 24 FRIDAY"

Refering gloomily to the "do your shopping early" propaganda, there are a lot of us fellows who are pretty confident of credit and pay-day come the day before Christmas, so—what do you know 'bout that!

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