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THE REAL PLAN

THIS city should begin to lay definite plans for a large corporation of \$500,000 or \$1,000,000 for the purpose of buying and building modern steamers to ply between Portland and Alaska ports.

THE RED CROSS

THE one feature that saved modern war from General Sherman's definition was the Red Cross. Since Constantine's soldiers chose the cross for their emblem sixteen hundred years ago it has never shone out for more worthy ends than when selected at the general conference in 1862 for the safeguard in war of the nurses and doctors and food givers of the wounded.

WORKLESS MEN

IN the manner in which the unemployed problem was recently handled in Portland, there is suggestion for the future. Why not regularly, hereafter, do some of the public work in winter instead of doing it all in summer?

BELOW ZERO PUPILS

THERE was an illustration in the Chicago Record-Herald a week ago of a group of children, well wrapped up, in a roof garden, open to the four winds. The legend said these children defied a temperature of ten below zero the day before, and said they liked it.

way to reduce immensely the number of men who are annually idle through the dull season, idle through no fault of their own, but by reason of an unintelligent system of doing all public work in one half year and nothing the rest of the twelvemonth.

THE LAST STRAW

WE have rejoiced at the reports showing that little babies are not disappearing as fast as might have been expected. We are exceeding glad at the wave of interest in child welfare sweeping over the country.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS

THERE are about twelve million voters in the German empire. Of them about one third appear to have voted for Social-Democrats in the reichstag.

IMMIGRANTS

THE Y. M. C. A. does well to call a conference at Tacoma on immigration on February 21 and 22, at which the commercial bodies of the coast shall meet their officers.

SHALL WE LEARN WAR MORE?

OF all the costly schools on the face of the earth the school of war is the most expensive. All other schools profess to prepare their scholars for the practice of their lessons.

DEFENDS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Portland, Jan. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In a distributed article signed "Chaplain," published under the caption, "Denies Claim That Matter Is Not Real," in your issue of last Saturday, the writer attempts to defend the reality of matter from an ecclesiastical standpoint, comparing the teaching of Christian Science with that of the some-what vague authority designated as "the church."

piece of bread. After each of these lunches the children go back to their lessons full of vim and interest. The ages of the children range between 10 and 13.

HORSIFIED SCHOOLS

MORE than 2000 persons visited the Lents school Friday. Why not? Why don't 2000 persons occasionally visit the Irvington school, the Shattuck school, the Ladd school, and all the other schools of Portland?

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tion statement was incorrect, as was the statement in an editorial comment on the purchase, which was based on the Wagner figures. The property is assessed at \$9250, for 1911, which bears a reasonable relation, as property is now assessed in Portland, to the sale price. By the 1910 assessment, the property, which was then acreage, was valued at approximately \$800 and acre, but a year later after the property had been subdivided and improved, the figures were raised by the assessor.

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The Awakening of the Church

From the Philadelphia North American. It has long been our belief that the undeniable loss of influence by the modern church upon the thought and conduct of the people is a deplorable hurt to our civilization.

Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt

HOW IT HAPPENED. My antecedents herded goats so says my family tree. Around the town of Jericho, where the flocks were hard to get, their thoughts were ever on their flocks, but what they did to me.

Pointed Paragraphs

The earth was a revolver before firearms were invented. It always makes a boy hungry when he sees another boy eating. The man who makes the least noise is often the most dangerous. Ignorance may be bliss if you don't know when you get the worst of it.