

RESERVES PREPARE TO FIRE BIG GUNS

Subcaliber Ammunition Used by Militia in Practice at Mouth of River.

DETAILS BEING STUDIED

Many Corrections and Computations Necessary to Obtain Precise Range for Rifles—Control System is Complicated.

FORT STEVENS, Or., June 19.—(Special).—Great interest is centering around the progress that is being made by the Oregon Reserves in their artillery training camp at the mouth of the river.

Preliminary training has given place to actual firing of sub-caliber ammunition at rapidly moving targets towed by the Government steamers past the fortifications at Stevens.

By the end of the week it is thought that full service target practice will be attempted. At present all efforts are bent toward attaining the high speed and accuracy essential to making the final practice complete success.

It is expected that this year the Oregon troops will take first place in the lists of state organizations.

Before a shot is fired many factors have to be taken into consideration. Corrections are made for the curvature of the earth, the velocity of the wind, height of the observing instruments above the water line at mean tide, density of the atmosphere, travel of the boat towing the target.

Towers Obtain Information. The exact information required for firing must come from two ranges of towers, located at known distance apart. This information is transmitted to a room, called the plotting room, by telephones whose connections and wiring are concealed in underground conduits.

There is said to be more than 30 miles of these underground cables at Fort Stevens and the original cost of installing them was in excess of \$500,000.

To make it possible for this information to arrive at the plotting room from the towers simultaneously, they are also connected with electrical clocks that click at the exact instant that the instrument readings should be obtained, thus insuring that the angles of the target obtained from the towers will correspond with the exact location of the target.

Readings are Reproduced. These readings of the tower instruments are reproduced on the board in the plotting room, which corresponds in every respect to a miniature map of the field of fire, in which there is a replica of the river and harbor front covered by the great weapons that defend the mouth of the Columbia.

In turn it is sent to the guns by phone and speaking tubes, there it is displayed in such a manner as to indicate the exact angle of elevation and direction at which the guns must be pointed to hit the target. Since the target is traveling rapidly it follows that the guns are set when fired so as to fire a certain distance in advance of the target.

Assuming, however, that the battleship would be able to run this gauntlet of cleverly arranged destructive force, it would still be obliged to face a more insidious and a snag. Since the shape of the submarine mines.

These mines are hollow steel tubes, anchored beneath the surface of the water and containing either 100 pounds of gunpowder or a new high-power explosive called erotol.

TRACK LAYING HITS SNAG Milwaukee Crossing Near Chehalis Halts Willapa Branch.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 19.—(Special).—Owing to differences arising between the Northern Pacific, the Oregon-Washington and the "Milwaukee" railroads as to the expense incidental to the latter road crossing the tracks of the first named lines, north of Centralia, track laying on the Willapa Harbor branch of the Milwaukee has encountered a snag. The three crossings are but a few feet apart.

The matter likely will go immediately to the Public Service Commission, and will be the first case of the kind in Washington involving the question of three crossings is involved. Unless the three companies get together, the Milwaukee's track laying operations south of Centralia may be delayed for two months.

CARRIER'S PAPERS STOLEN Thief at Vancouver Takes 76 Copies of The Oregonian.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 19.—(Special).—An unknown miscreant today stole a news sack containing 76 copies of "The Oregonian."

The carrier, John Marsh, Jr., had started on his route and reached the United States National Bank building. Taking the number of papers he required for his customers in the building, he started up the five flights of stairs, leaving his sack of papers at the door. When he returned, the papers were missing, and nearly 50 subscribers did not get their papers on time.

The police have been notified and it is believed that the guilty person will be arrested.

MOTOR DRIVEN OVER BANK Sheriff of Skamania County Has Accident With Car Just Bought.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 19.—(Special).—When Sheriff Gray of Skamania County, with his family was motoring from Vancouver to Stevenson last night the machine went over a bank.

Mrs. Gray sustained a broken arm and was badly bruised, but the others escaped.

Sheriff Gray had bought the machine here and was driving home.

PYTHIAN SESSIONS END Idaho Chapter Selects Lewiston as Place for Next Meeting.

WEISER, Ida., June 19.—(Special).—Selecting Lewiston as the next meeting

place and installing officers for the year annual conventions of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters adjourned this afternoon.

The morning session the Pythians appropriated \$25 to the McConville Monument Association fund toward erecting a monument to the memory of Major Edward McConville at Lewiston, who lost his life in the battle of Santa Anna in the Philippines.

The officers chosen by the Pythian Sisters are: Past grand chief, Laura Edlin; Weiser; grand chief, Sarah Tanager; Mountain Home; grand senior, Paul H. Harvie; grand councilor, Hazel Barnhart; Kellogg; grand manager, Hattie Thatcher; Moscow; grand M. of R. and C. M., Eva Hahn; Couer d'Alene; grand C. M., H. H. Hahn; Boise; grand C. M., Genesee; grand proctor, Irv Hatfield; Ho; grand guard, Leona Grete, Silver City.

POICE PROBE IS ASKED

BOISE LEAGUE SAYS OFFICERS LET BAWDY HOUSES FLOURISH.

Sworn Statements Allege Chief and His Agents Refused to Arrest as Required by State Law.

BOISE, Idaho, June 19.—(Special).—Charges of wilful and continued neglect upon the part of Chief of Police Wobb N. Reeves, C. B. Hamby and Leonard F. Routsom, detectives, in handling vice in the city were laid before the City Council this afternoon by the League of Women Voters.

Sworn charges are made by J. I. Mills in which he prays that the Mayor and Council investigate the accusations and if the men are found guilty, that they be dismissed from service.

The charges are general in their nature and are to the effect that houses of ill repute have multiplied continuously in the city since the officials have been in charge; that they were conducted in a notorious manner; that the officials knew of their existence but failed to take any steps to have them arrested or the inmates or proprietors of these places.

It is also charged in the complaint that intoxicating liquors have been continuously sold in the houses of prostitution and that no arrests have been made for such violations of the city ordinance.

The accused officers leave tonight for San Francisco as witnesses in a white slave case before the Federal Court, and upon their return a full investigation will be conducted.

GRAND ARMY MEET ENDS

Delegates Enjoy Auto Trips and Reception at Tillamook.

TILLAMOOK, Or., June 19.—(Special).—The 25th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Oregon, came to a close Thursday with a joint installation in the skating rink, which was largely attended.

The visitors later were taken in automobiles to see the dairy farms in the neighborhood of the city and were met by the Grand Army of the Republic and the women of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Tillamook Commercial Club. Others went to the beach.

The special train will leave tomorrow morning and the visitors will pass a few hours on the beach and witness the arrival of the Grand Army of the Republic in Portland about 6 o'clock.

PASSENGER KILLS LABORER

Man Struck at Castle Rock Said to Be "Dad" Harper, of Portland.

RELSO, Wash., June 19.—(Special).—An unidentified man was struck by a northbound passenger train Wednesday evening just south of the Castle Rock depot and instantly killed. The only means of identification was a card of the Oriental Cafe, John Rugeen, proprietor, with the name "James Dolan, 101 Sixth street, Portland, Or.," written on it. Officials are investigating. The body is held at Castle Rock.

James Dolan, 101 Sixth street North, said yesterday that the man killed at Castle Rock was an Iowan, past middle age, who came West with the Sells-Floto shows and who was known as "Dad" Harper. He was a laborer and left Portland ten days ago.

POT MOUNTAIN SURVEY ON

Government Has Force on Railroad Lands in Idaho.

LEWISTON, Idaho, June 19.—(Special).—A crew of Government contract surveyors passed through this city en route to the Pot Mountain section, where they will survey township lines on land included in the Northern Pacific Railroad grant. The three crossings are but a few feet apart.

The matter likely will go immediately to the Public Service Commission, and will be the first case of the kind in Washington involving the question of three crossings is involved. Unless the three companies get together, the Milwaukee's track laying operations south of Centralia may be delayed for two months.

EX-MARSHAL IS FINED \$50

A. H. Dowling, of Milwaukie, Tried in Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 19.—(Special).—A. H. Dowling, ex-Town Marshal of Milwaukie and well known here, was convicted last night in Justice Keller's court and fined \$50 for assault and battery.

Marshal Reed last night arrested J. Hann and left him in a restaurant in care of Dowling. The evidence showed that Dowling assumed authority and beat Hann over the head with a "billy" and kicked him while he was prostrate.

WIRELESS TAX IS PROBLEM

Washington Apportionment Based on Miles of Wire.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 19.—(Special).—Washington's tax laws, enacted before the advent of wireless telegraphy, provide the taxes of telegraph companies, which are assessed by the state, shall be distributed to the various counties in proportion to the miles of line in each.

The State Tax Commission is unable to determine what to do with the taxes to be paid by the Marconi Wireless Company.

Mail Route Bid Raised.

LEWISTON, Ida., June 19.—(Special).—Wilmer A. Dull, of Tammam, has been awarded the contract for the Lewiston-Waha mail route, at \$1500. When bids were first called for, Mr. Dull submitted a bid of \$1575, but the winning bidding company, in view of the parcel post business, felt the figure was too low and would not provide the bond.

SPOILS SYSTEM IN FEDERAL SERVICE

Democratic Attacks on Civil Service Are Out of Harmony With Professions.

FIVE ONSLAUGHTS PREVAIL

Fourth-Class Postmasters, Deputy Marshals, Revenue and Tax Collectors and Bank Reserve Employees Seized On.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 19.—Five times since the Democrats came into full control of the Government Congress has made onslaughts on the civil service. Four of these attacks have been approved by President Wilson, and the fifth is being submitted. In addition to this, Postmaster-General Burleson, soon after coming into office, undertook to abolish the Taft civil service, applicable to fourth-class postmasters, but was compelled to abandon his plan because of aroused public sentiment.

Enough has been done by Congress and the Administration to demonstrate Democratic hostility to the civil service, notwithstanding the plank in the Baltimore platform, which declared: "The law pertaining to the civil service should be honestly and rightly enforced to the end that merit and ability shall be the standard of appointment and promotion rather than service to a political party."

Spirit of Taft Order Evaded. Postmaster-General Burleson, on assuming the big patronage-dispensing job under the Administration, let it be known that he intended to revoke President Taft's order which placed fourth-class postmasters under the civil service. Immediately there was a loud clamor and the Postmaster-General changed his announced intention. Then came a strong demand from Democratic members of Congress that the Taft order be suspended long enough to permit the turning out of Republicans.

This was too palpable a fraud, so the Postmaster-General decided to compel all fourth-class postmasters in office to take a civil service examination, at the same time giving them an opportunity to be examined. That plan is now in force, but it is not being enforced in true Democratic style. The Department invariably will appoint a Democrat if a Democrat happens to be one of the first three candidates rated as eligible, and a Republican has made a rating 20 points higher.

More Room Made for Democrats. Following the lead set by the Postmaster-General, Congress passed a bill Monday at Portland, Ore., which makes the United States Marshals taking Deputy United States Marshals from the civil service classification and making those jobs political offices.

Then deputy collectors of internal revenue were legislated out of the civil service and those offices were promptly filled by Democrats. When it came time to put the income tax law in operation the Democratic majority in Congress was careful to take a large portion of the internal revenue force into the Treasury Department out of the civil service, and to employ to the income-tax service and thus make it possible to discharge those who were Republicans and replace them with Democrats.

Then came the currency law, which called for a large Administrative force. The jobs under the Federal Reserve Board went on the Democratic platform.

President's Discretion Absolute. Not long ago Congress passed the Alaska railroad bill, giving the President discretionary power to employ or discharge whom he might deem necessary, and authorizing him, more or less, to fix the salaries of his appointees. That bill did not touch the history of the Government has wider authority been given any President to appoint whom he pleased at whatever salaries he deemed proper.

Now Congress is considering a Senate provision in the legislative bill which appropriates \$100,000 for salaries of commercial travelers to be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce without examination under civil service rules, to travel abroad and make reports to this Government. The secretary can determine the number of agents and can fix their salaries, and his power is absolute.

CITY FORCES LAND ISSUE

Gang Invades Woman's Property to Test Condemnation Act.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 19.—(Special).—The legal battle between the city and Mrs. Chase over property at the edge of the bluff to be used for a landing place for the municipal elevator and for street purposes was brought to an issue today when a gang of men under the direction of Street Commissioner Babcock invaded the land and began grading.

The action of the city was taken to test the legality of the condemnation proceedings. The proceedings will be argued before the Supreme Court next week.

Condemnation proceedings were begun about a year ago. After several delays a jury in the Circuit Court awarded Mrs. Chase \$151. This was tendered to her, but it was refused.

FORESTRY FORCE LARGER

Dallas Timberman and Corvallis Instructor Made "Inspectors."

SALEM, Or., June 19.—(Special).—State Forester Elliott announced today that he had appointed W. B. Fuller, a timberman of Dallas, and George W. Peavy, head of the School of Forestry at Corvallis, forestry inspectors, at salaries of \$150 a month each. They will be paid from the regular appropriation of the department. Heretofore employees consisted of supervising wardens, deputy wardens and patrolmen.

Mr. Fuller will be assigned to the Northwestern district, which includes all counties north of Lane and west of the Cascade Mountains, and Mr. Peavy will have charge of Lane County and all counties south.

FISHERIES MEET IS ON

Largest Gathering of Salmon Packers on Coast Expected.

ASTORIA, Or., June 19.—(Special).—One of the largest gatherings of salmon packers ever held on the Pacific Coast will be assembled in Astoria tomorrow.

The meeting will be attended by representatives of practically all the salmon-packing interests on the Pacific Coast, including Alaska, and its object is understood to be to perfect an organization to be known as the Association of Pacific Fisheries.

Among those present will be E. Correll, of Washington, D. C., secretary of the Cannery National Association, who is expected to address the session.

The object of the Pacific Coast body, it is asserted, is not to deal with the prices either of the raw or cured product, but to take up matters relating to the promotion and conservation of the fisheries, such as procuring increased hatchery facilities and the enactment and enforcement of regulations that will protect the salmon during the spawning season.

The Association of Pacific Fisheries had its inception at a meeting recently in Seattle, when a movement was launched to do away with the proposed initiative measure in the State of Washington, a measure that would impose heavy burdens of taxation on the fishermen and the packers as well.

CANNERIES ARE VISITED

DATA OBTAINED AT PUYALLUP AND SUMNER FOR USE AT GRESHAM.

Two Washington Plants Expected to Take in \$1,500,000 This Year and Success Here is Predicted.

GRESHAM, Or., June 19.—(Special).—H. E. Davis, president of the Gresham Fruit Growers' Association, and E. L. Thorpe, secretary, have returned from their trip to Puyallup and Sumner, Wash., where they went to investigate the co-operative cannery and methods of marketing fruit. Their information will be submitted to the association at its meeting for organization Monday night.

Mr. Davis, a practical gardener, said today that, through the co-operation of 1400 growers, canneries at Puyallup and Sumner were established on a capital stock of \$2,211,000. Last year the receipts were \$878,752.32 and the balance was \$23,912.31. Mr. Davis said that the present year's business of these canneries will be about \$1,500,000.

He pointed out that fruit which now goes to waste in Multnomah County would be used at Puyallup, and from 500 to 800 persons find employment at the plant. The investigation is being conducted by the Gresham Fruit Growers' Association, which is satisfied that Multnomah County can do even better than has been done in the Puyallup county. The land at Puyallup, eight miles distant from Tacoma, said Mr. Davis, is valued at \$1000 an acre and a good crop is earned on that valuation.

"This was being done at Puyallup," said Mr. Davis, "can be duplicated here in Powell Valley, if the farmers will unite as was done in Washington."

CASH MAY GET RELEASE

MRS. MOLLIE IRWIN MIGHT BE OUT IF SHORTAGE IS COVERED.

Relations of Burnt River Postmistress Attempt to Raise Fund to Meet Loss in Accounts.

BAKER, Or., June 19.—(Special).—An effort is being made on the part of relatives in the Burnt River county to make good the deficit of Mrs. Mollie Irwin, postmistress of Austin, who is now in jail at Portland awaiting trial before a Federal jury on a charge of embezzlement of about \$2500 of postoffice funds.

This statement was made by C. W. Linebaugh, chief inspector, who was in Baker today on a short trip of inspection in this district.

"I do not believe that Mrs. Irwin stole the money or that she was morally guilty of theft," said Mr. Linebaugh. "I do believe, though, that she was morally responsible and criminally negligent and therefore criminally guilty. She did not make her reports as required by law and the department takes no account of where the money is, if it is there when called. It is not there and Mrs. Irwin was unable and has been unable to produce it. Should the plea be made good Mrs. Irwin might be freed."

POST WILL INSTALL OIL

Bids for Two Big Tanks at Vancouver Barracks Open Saturday.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., June 19.—(Special).—Bids for oil-burning and heating system, to be installed in the post, are to be opened Saturday, June 20, after which they will be forwarded to San Francisco for approval. The estimated cost is less than \$50,000.

The specifications call for two tanks, one of 5000 and one of 10,000 gallons, to be placed on the higher part of the reservation, and the larger at the pumping station, on much higher ground. A four-inch pipe will convey the oil from the tanks to the pumps. The oil will be used to distribute the oil through the barracks where it will be used as fuel.

A large number of contractors are bidding.

CLUB OFFICIALS IN COURT

County Said to Be \$15,995 Behind in E. W. Evenson's Term.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 19.—(Special).—Losses totaling \$15,995 have been sustained by Spokane County during the first year of the administration of E. W. Evenson as County Treasurer, according to the State Bureau of Inspection.

Treasurer Evenson, Progressive, was largely responsible for bringing of Evenson, County line to the County Treasurer, according to the State Bureau of Inspection.

In a recent report, placed before the county during the four years of Stewart's administration at \$70,000.

W. D. PRESBY IS DEAD

Goldendale Masons Will Bury Senator and Lawyer.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 19.—(Special).—W. D. Presby, ex-Senator from Klickitat and Skamania counties, died at the residence of Dr. F. H. Collins, in Goldendale, at 4:30 o'clock P. M. today.

For the past 25 years he had been the leading business of the local bar and had a state-wide reputation. He had been unable to be at his office for several months. Funeral services will be held at Goldendale Sunday, conducted by the Masons.

SUFFRAGE DAY IS JUNE 13

So Says Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout in Speech on Equal Rights.

CHICAGO, June 17.—The proposal to

The Oregon CHAUTAUQUAS

Table listing dates and locations for Chautauquas: Roseburg June 23, Eugene June 24, Lebanon June 25, Corvallis June 26, Dallas June 27, McMinnville June 28, Salem June 29, The Dalles June 30, Baker July 1, Pendleton July 5.

ELLISON-WHITE CHAUTAUQUA SYSTEM "Quality Folks" Lumber Exchange Building, Portland

ROAD BONDS LIKELY Offer of S. Benson to Hood River Influences Sentiment.

ELECTION PETITION SIGNED Portland Philanthropist Guarantees to Provide Any Sum Required Over \$75,000 to Complete Highway in County.

NEGRO FIRES AT MAN WHO TRIES TO ASSIST IN ARREST. Blacks Ordered Out of Shoshone, Idaho, and Feeling Runs High, but No Further Trouble is Experienced.

EX-LEGISLATOR IS SHOT PASCO DEADLOCK BROKEN George W. Zent Elected Mayor to Succeed A. M. Johnson.

FIRE FOLLOWS ROBBERY Elderly Spokane Widow Beaten Into Unconsciousness Loses \$12,000.

Idaho Crops Are Early. Practically all crops of this district are maturing from three weeks to a month in advance of the usual period. The first crop of hay is being cut and harvesting will commence next week. Cherries are at their height, the greater portion of the crop being shipped in various quantities by express to Eastern points. Ranchers say they have never seen such abundance as the crops of this year.

When a grocer returns a dissatisfied customer's money, she keeps what is left of the goods. You see why, don't you? We can't use a broken package of goods; that isn't it. We want her to have it. She'll find-out her mistake.

The goods are good; they are the best salesmen we've got.

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\$49,154 SUIT IS FILED John F. Hamilton, Astoria, Pleads Unpaid Notes and Taxes.

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