

METHODS FOR ORGANIZATION

MILITIA COMPANY'S ORGANIZATION NOT DIFFICULT.

Member of Staff Writes to Local People on the Subject at Length.

Methods of procedure in the formation of a militia company in La Grande which is daily becoming more and more popular, is laid down in rules and regulations quoted at some length by W. F. Smith, a member of the adjutant general's staff at Portland in reply to a request for information on this subject from L. C. Pratt who is one of the many interesting themselves in the formation of such an organization here. Its asset during celebrations of all sorts in parade features, its added prestige to any city's standing in the state are only a few of the arguments advanced for its organization here. The letter quotes thus: "We, the undersigned, residents of . . . and subject to military duty, respectfully apply to be organized into a militia company, under the laws of Oregon and regulations for the Oregon National Guard."

Which application will be followed by a list of the names and ages of the applicants, not less than 75 in number.

Section 2. If the general staff approve the application, they shall recommend to the commander in chief, a person suitable for the command of the company, who shall be examined and commissioned as a captain thereof. Such officer, unless another has

been designated therefor by the adjutant general, shall cause the said applicants to be examined by a medical officer, and he shall enlist and muster them into the service of the state as a company of the Oregon National Guard under the designation prescribed by the general staff.

Section 3. The muster roll will be made in duplicate, one copy will be retained by the company and one copy with the enlistment paper of each soldier will be sent to the adjutant general.

Section 4. No arms, accoutrements, or clothing shall be issued to any company until fully organized.

Section 5. Whenever a company, by reason of falling below the minimum number, or other valid reason, is mustered out, or disbanded, the officer in charge will send to the next superior headquarters a muster roll of the organization and a statement of its finances and property. The statement of finances and property will be forwarded to the adjutant general. The men will receive honorable discharges from the headquarters to which the company reports. Officers will be discharged by the commander in chief.

Catholic Dignitaries Meet.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Sept. 14.—In the presence of the largest and most notable gathering of dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church that ever assembled in this city, the celebration of the sacerdotal jubilee of the Rt. Rev. Henry Gabriels, bishop of Ogdensburg, began today with a pontifical high mass of thanksgiving. Among the eminent prelates in attendance were Most Rev. Diomedo Falconio, apostolic delegate to the United States, Archbishop Farley of New York, Archbishop Gauthier of Ottawa, and several bishops.

Bishop Gabriels is a native of Belgium and received his education in that country. Soon after his ordination to the priesthood in 1861 he came to the United States. For nearly 30 years he was attached to St. Joseph's seminary at Troy and for 20 years he

was president of the institution. In 1892 he severed his connection with the seminary upon his appointment as bishop of Ogdensburg.

To Ask for Appropriation.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Secretary Knox will ask congress this winter to increase the appropriation for consular assistants, making it possible for the state department to employ Americans at all consular posts. At present the amount of money allowed for clerk hire is only \$1,000 a year at consular offices. This is not enough to encourage young American men to do that work, therefore foreigners have been employed in many cases. Congress has opposed the idea of foreigners in the consular service but will have to provide the money if the present practice is discontinued.

Strangled the Tree.

A Victoria clergyman had an orange and a pine tree in his garden. One spring it was noticed that the orange tree was drooping, and on digging down he found that the roots of the pine, which stood at some distance, had twisted around the taproot of the orange tree and were strangling it to death. The offending roots were untwisted and cut away, and the drooping plant revived. The tree eventually died. Then on digging down at a greater depth the clergyman found the pine had attacked the orange root lower down and accomplished its murderous end.—London Graphic.

He Wanted a Permanent One.

Joshua was buying a fieldglass. "This one!" said the clerk. "Is just what you want. Its magnifying power is twenty-five times."

"No," Joshua replied. "I want to use it oftener than that."—Success Magazine.

So He Rose.

An Irish M. P. once declared with due solemnity. "Mr. Speaker, I cannot sit still here and keep silent without rising and saying a few words"—London Telegraph.

WATCHES FOR THE BLIND.

They Are Made With Raised Numerals and Without Crystals.

The fingers of a blind man were skimming over the pages of a book in the reading room for the sightless in the public library when he suddenly drew a watch from his pocket, opened the face, closed it with a snap and then placed his book on the table.

"It's 4 o'clock. I guess I'd better be going," he said to the librarian, who was hovering near to attend to the wants of her readers. The book was replaced on the shelf, and the blind man arose and departed.

The blind man's telling time by a watch impressed a visitor, who asked about it.

"You will find," said the librarian, "that most blind persons carry watches and often consult them. The watches are of the hunting case sort, but they have no crystal, and the numerals are embossed. The blind person opens the case, and by pressing his fingers lightly on the face he can tell the time instantly by the position of the hands. The watches are especially made for the sightless, the hands being made differently, so they may be distinguished at once.

"I have seen blind persons stand near an electric clock, that strikes once on the hour, and with watch in hand wait until the bell rings. As it does so they set their own by moving the minute hand around until it touches their thumb nail, which is held exactly at 12."—New York Times.

Why He Went to Market.

It usually happens in this way:

"Jim," says Mrs. Mann. "I see that the best butter is 3 cents cheaper at the market than it is out there at our grocery store. This is market day. Would you mind going down there on your way home and getting me two dozen eggs and some corn and a few?"

"Oh, I'm awfully sorry, dear," breaks in Mr. Mann. "but this is going to be my busy day. I won't be home till pretty late, and there are a lot of extra things that I simply must attend to, and"

"Never mind, dear," says Mrs. Mann. "I'd just as soon do it myself, but I haven't any money, and if you will leave me a ten dollar bill I'll"

"Come to think of it," breaks in Mr. Mann right there. "I won't be so very busy today. I was thinking about next week. I'll go to the market for you very gladly."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Gulls and the Black Crickets.

When the Mormons first settled in Utah black crickets came in myriads from the mountains and would have destroyed the crops had it not been for the gulls that came by hundreds and thousands from the surrounding lakes. At that time the settlers at Salt Lake regarded the advent of the birds as a heaven sent miracle, and ever since the gull has been esteemed almost as a sacred bird by the Mormons. About the beet and alfalfa fields when they are being irrigated the gulls still collect and feed largely on field mice that are so destructive to crops.—Success Magazine

Saving Him.

"Why have you and Miss Sweet broken off your engagement?"

"Because she loves me so."

"That's a queer reason."

"Not at all. She believes in fortune telling, and when she went to have her future revealed not long ago she was informed that she would be married three times. That settled my case, for the time being at least. She said that she was determined that I should not encounter the danger of being first on the list."—Pittsburg Press.

Looked Ominous.

"Mabel, what are that young man's intentions?"

"I don't know, papa. He is keeping me in the dark."

"That is the reason I am asking. Tell him he need not mind running down the list any more when he calls."—Boston Post.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 9th day of February, 1909, creating improvement district No. 17 and designating Jefferson avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 30th day of August, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Jefferson avenue in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon cement sidewalk, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be

so improved are as follows:

All that portion of the south side of Jefferson avenue, from the west curb line of Chestnut street, to the east curb line of Fourth street.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows.

The north half of block 115, Chaplin's addition to the town of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$200.00. That the council will, on the 20th day of September, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, September 6th, 1911.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the city of La Grande, Oregon.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 30th day of August, 1911, creating improvement district No. 16 and designating Sixth street as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 30th day of August, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Sixth street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon bitulithic pavement, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Sixth street, from the north line of K avenue, to the south line of Washington avenue.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:

The west 1/2 of blocks 48, 53, 56, 61, 64, 89 and all of block 101 and the east 1/2 of blocks 102, 98, 65, 60, 57, 52 and 49 of Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and

benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$28,561.12. That the council will, on the 20th day of September, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

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