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SONGS OF THE BRITISH SOLDIER

Seriousness seems to be the note of most of the British soldiers' singing, in spite of some charges of frivolity. The London Evening Standard prints the letter of Private T. Milligan, which traverses these subjects. He even tells us that he once "came on a big Presbyterian belonging to the Cameron Highlanders," who, "though he was wounded badly, was lying there, singing with the seal of an elder the words of the twenty-third Psalm."

Further: "In our spare moments we delight in singing some of the old songs that remind us of home. The Irish regiments never seem to weary of dear old 'Garry Owen.'"

"It is curious how the Connaughts still remain faithful to the 'Young May Moon,' which is their regimental marching-song. The English regiments are maddest about 'Tipperary.'"

"Annie Laurie," the "Cameron Men," and "Wha Saw the Forty-Second" are the most popular with the Scots. Now and then you will hear 'Rob Roy,' 'Scots Wha Hae,' and, of all tunes, 'Lochaber No More.' "The Welsh sing little but 'Land of Our Fathers' and 'Men of Harlech,' varied with the 'Land Song.' I suppose their affection for Lloyd George is what accounts for the use of a political song. "Another song that is popular with the Irish regiments recruited outside the North is 'The Rising of the Moon,' but they seldom sing it on the march, though you can hear it around the charcoal-fires in the trenches when we are doing our best to entertain one another."

"It says much for the changed times that an Ulsterman was allowed to sing through the 'Orange Lily' the other night to an audience made up of good Roman Catholics and Nationalists, without any trouble. "Some of them try to sing 'Sister Susie,' but it is generally hissed, because our lads don't like the way it ridicules those loved ones at home who are doing their best."

OBSERVATIONS OF OTHERS.

That old story about the Dutch taking Holland is paralleled. Great Britain has annexed Egypt.—St. Louis Republic.

If the Nobel peace prize is cumulative, it will be a nice fat fortune for the next one who wins it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Possibly it may eventually occur to the Russian authorities that a grand duke is not necessarily a grand general.—Kansas City Star.

Next time a suffragist delegation calls at the White House it may be informed that grandpa is too busy playing with the baby to receive it.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Mexico might relieve itself of the

pressure on its list of possible ex-presidents by establishing a literacy test for that column.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Petrograd must be jubilant today. The Germans have been forced to accept another important Russian city.—Charleston News and Courier.

The gist of the Supreme Court's decision appears to be that a worker has a right to join a union, whenever he is out of a job.—Springfield Republican.

"German Submarine Sinks." Maybe the Kaiser would like to buy some of our Atlantic flotilla submarines that can't sink!—Philadelphia North American.

A packing-house was fined \$200 in the Federal Court last week for having sold \$400 worth of bad eggs. Doesn't this smack somewhat of "splitting it 50-50"?—Kansas City Star.

It is worth nothing that those English writers who rail at the United States for its "frozen neutrality" have so far failed to illustrate their literary contributions with pictures showing themselves lined up at Kitchen's recruiting stations.—New York Herald.

CITY'S BIRTHDAY

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should be embraced with it.

"There were no banks in those days—none in the county in fact. During the two years that I had been town attorney previous to the incorporation of the city, my duties were confined to Old Town, but as the city was incorporated, the New part had to be taken care of and I admit I was something of a dictator."

R. C. Wariner, who was the first city recorder, has inscribed on the city council minute books the details of the first meeting.

The last ordinance passed by the old town council pertained to "regulation of stock running at large, and providing a fine for same and preventing swine, cows, bulls, horses, jacks, mules or jennies from being at large upon the streets." When the new council came into office, the first piece of legislation transacted was to pass an ordinance providing a bond of \$2000 for the city treasurer.

The first meeting of the newly-elected council was held on March 16, 1885, nearly a month after the election. The minutes of the old town council have not come to light, though they are probably in the dusty heaps of old record books in the city safe. However the old ordinance books, and the ordinances from the time the city was incorporated, are carefully preserved.

The First Meeting's Minutes. Here are the minutes of the first meeting:

Common Council of the City of La Grande met in council chambers immediately after adjournment of the council of the town of La Grande, which adjourned sine die.

Certificates of election together with their oaths of office were duly filed of the following named city officers for the ensuing year:

Mayor—C. H. Finn.
 Council second ward—O. Ralston, H. Wildey, long term; E. L. Dean, Guy Means, short term.

Council first ward—Benj. Brown, David Bay, long term; W. J. Snodgrass, R. E. Bryan, short term.

City Marshal—James McCoy.

City Attorney—James D. Slater.

City Recorder—R. C. Wariner.

After which the incoming mayor delivered his inaugural message.

By-laws for the government of the council were then read by the Mayor and on motion of W. J. Snodgrass

unanimously adopted. The standing

committees were appointed by the Mayor.

On the motion of W. J. Snodgrass the Council then proceeded to the election of the city treasurer. The following nominations were made: A. T. Nell, J. P. Clark, L. Sims, A. T. Nell receiving the majority of all the votes cast was declared elected to the office of city treasurer for the term of one year.

Nominations for superintendent of streets was the next order of business. Jas. W. McCoy was nominated and elected street superintendent on second ballot.

Nominations for deputy marshal was the next order of business. John Baker and W. W. Wellman were put in nomination resulting in the election of W. W. Wellman for deputy marshal for the term of one year.

Nominations for city surveyor were then made as follows: James K. Romig and J. L. Curtis. James K. Romig receiving a majority of all the votes cast and was declared elected city surveyor for one year.

On motion of W. J. Snodgrass a committee of three was appointed to distribute unfinished business of the old Council to standing committees of the new Council the following named councilmen were appointed such committees.

R. E. Bryan chairman, O. Ralston, D. Bay.

It was suggested by Councilman Snodgrass that the judiciary committee meet at Finn & Slater's law office in New La Grande on Tuesday evening.

On motion W. J. Snodgrass adjourned to meet on Wednesday March 18, 1885.

R. C. WARRINER, Recorder.

Approved C. H. Finn, President.

Original Council Scattered.

The original council is largely scattered; some have died. Mr. Ralston now lives at San Diego, Mr. Wildey at Los Angeles, Mr. Dean, who at that time was station agent, is now dead. Old timers seem to have lost track of Mr. Means, but Ben Brown is of course dead, David Bay lives in Portland, Mr. Bryan lives in Portland, James McCoy is dead and R. C. (Dick) Wariner lives in Portland.

Last Hours Busy.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Consolidation and elimination of state departments, which subject was given much consideration during the recent legislative session, resulted in the consolidation of two departments into one and the elimination of two others.

The offices of the State Highway Engineer and the State Engineer are to be consolidated and the state accountability system and the State Immigration Commission are abolished. All other consolidation bills were sent to their graves over various parliamentary routes.

One bill was passed in the closing hours of the session providing that the State Engineer become an appointive officer at the expiration of the term of the present engineer in January, 1915. While this is not considered a part of the consolidation programme, it has been placed in that class for good measure.

The bill to change the name of the State Railroad Commission to the Public Service Commission also was passed and may be called a consolidation measure.

Corporation Bureau Merger Fails. One important bill that members of the senate wanted to see passed, but that the house failed to pass, was that providing for consolidation of the corporation and insurance departments. It did not get up before the house for final consideration until long after midnight and received only 23 votes in its favor.

A batch of other consolidation bills was sent over to the house from the senate in the closing hours of the session, but the house adjourned with the bills resting peacefully on the table.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The house late last night passed Senator Moser's bill giving to the appointive power in the various departments of the state government the right to remove appointees. The measure is intended to place the state affairs on a more efficient basis. It is expected to apply to the state government the same rule that is in effect in private establishments. It places the right to "fire" in the same hands that have the right to hire.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—A special election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November for the purpose of considering measures enacted by the recent legislative sessions was authorized by a bill that went through both houses early this morning.

The bill does not provide for an election unless the referendum is invoked against any of the measures passed by this session. The sum of \$12,000 is appropriated by the state for that purpose. It is estimated that the cost of a special election will approximate \$100,000, but the balance of the fund must be met by the various counties.

St. Elmo Today Again. It was erroneously announced yesterday that St. Elmo would be at Sherry's Monday only whereas it will be shown again tonight. Those who miss it, overlook a movie treat of merit.

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Witnesses Closing Hours of the Legislature with Interest.

Having been an eye-witness to the near-riots in the House Saturday night and the closing ceremonies in both branches of the legislature Sunday morning, J. H. Pearce, county central committee chairman for the Republican party in this county, is home today. Mr. Pearce reports that the papers have not pictured all that took place especially in the House where the tension was at the snapping point continuously during the last night.

OIL LANDS SAFE

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points involved in the case of the Mutual Film Co., against the Industrial Commission. The company held that only congress would interfere with interstate shipments.

On pleas by its attorneys that number of states and cities, the Supreme Court advanced the case for argument, so as to settle the rights of a state in the censoring of moving picture films.

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