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OREGON CITY, APRIL 26, 1899.

Having lost her main source of revenue Spauld will now have to go to work for a living.

In May, 1878, occurred Dewey's victory. All our bills will take place...

The bank of capital about \$1,000,000... of some poor banking forth from the...

Byly began is the greatest prophet of thought... Every single one of his prophesies has had a retrograde motion...

Colian custom receipts will reach \$11,000,000 this year. Though probably many times less than collected...

In Battle, Kan., the complete municipal ticket of women was elected, consisting of mayor, clerk and council.

There is evidence of the hottest kind of a row in Czar Nicholas' peace congress to meet in the Hague next year.

The 'old soldier' who has been caricatured and held up to ridicule for his propensity to apply for pensions...

Italy is wrestling with a problem of health, as shown by recent health reports. It appears from these reports...

Alaskan expansion was profitable to this country. Secretary Seward paid \$7,200,000 for Alaska...

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outside of whales and seals. Besides these are the lumber, ice and stone industries. And yet Alaskan trade is in its early infancy.

There seems to be no doubt that the Oregon regiment will soon be on the water, home bound. The announcement was as unexpected as it was welcome.

A Jewish colonial trust of \$10,000,000 which may be increased to \$50,000,000 is about to be formed for the purpose of promoting the gathering together of the Hebrews from all corners of the world.

The water supply for the people of Oregon City is not improving. A survey recently made demonstrated that it is not practicable to get water from the Clackamas on a gravity system.

The people of Oregon City and Clackamas county are more interested in road building today than ever before. It is true that in the past Oregon City donated some \$20,000 towards county roads...

The people of Molalla and Oregon City, but the grade is but little steeper and is not as steep as other grades on the road nearer Oregon City.

The announcement that Thomas B. Reed is to become a member of a New York law firm means his early retirement from the house of representatives, of which body he has been the dominating figure for the greater part of the last decade.

Every day of fighting in the Philippines strengthens the tie that binds those islands to the United States. Every life of an American soldier lost there, every hardship and every sacrifice on the part of the faithful bearers of the Stars and Stripes fastens the Philippines more securely as part of the dominion of the United States.

Now this has been changed, and it is the duty of the commanding officers at the posts where such courts are convened to appoint suitable officers to act as counsel to defend any defendant who requests it.

The judge advocate is also the recorder of the court. Under his direction a record is made of all the proceedings, even to the most minute, for before the findings and sentence of a court martial can be carried into effect they must be approved by the officer who appointed the court or, in the case of a death penalty, by the president of the United States himself.

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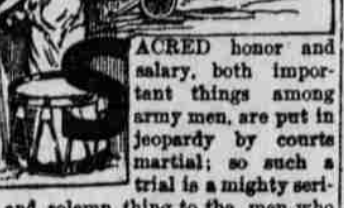
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GRIM, SOLEMN JUSTICE

That's the Kind the Soldier Gets In a Court Martial.

HIS HONOR AND SALARY AT STAKE

Some High Army Officers Who Have Faced Military Tribunals on Serious Charges and How They Were Dealt With—Odd Coincidences.



ACRED honor and salary, both important things among army men, are put in jeopardy by courts martial; so such a trial is a mighty serious and solemn thing to the men who wear Uncle Sam's fighting uniform.

In the civilians' trial the lawyers make use of wit, pathos, ridicule and passionate appeal to the emotions.

But in the soldier's court justice is grim and stern and ever dignified. A criminal's life may hang in the balance amid jest and mental buffoonery, but a soldier's honor and a soldier's salary can be put to forfeit only with solemn surroundings.

Even the drumhead justice of a campaign court martial, when the offense demands immediate punishment, lacks nothing in dignity, although the surroundings may be unconventional.

A general court martial is a brilliant spectacle. Gold lace and red tape abound, and dignity of procedure and demeanor dominates in a manner not paralleled, perhaps, in any civil court except tribunals like the United States supreme court.

Instead of a gowned judge one sees the president of the court—grim, perhaps, and well along in years, because promotions in the army are slow and the president must be of higher rank than the other members, but resplendent in all the glories of his full military uniform.

In place of the jury are the other members of the court, every one of them in full uniform, begirt with a gold belt. In a full court martial there are just a dozen of these officers besides the president, and many an officer and man has found in this sort of 13 gathering confirmation of the evil superstition attaching to the number.

Owing to the high rank of Brigadier General Egan it was hardly possible to have all the members of the court his official equals, but the list as selected included four major generals, five brigadiers and four colonels.

In a court martial may be determined questions of life or death, matters involving imprisonment, fines or dishonor. Bound by almost no rules of evidence, amenable to none for the exercise of their judgment, the members of a court martial may probe straight to the bottom of every piece of evidence brought before them.

Standing between the court and the power which appoints it is the judge advocate. In the trial of the case the judge advocate is the prosecutor. Like a prosecutor of the pleas or a district attorney, he represents the government, and it is his duty to prepare and present to the court all the evidence against the accused.

Not many years ago an accused officer was without the right to be aided by legal counsel, and the judge advocate was bound to look after his interests as well as to formulate the case against him.

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fare may have the sentence of death executed upon them upon the confirmation of the sentence by the officer commanding in the field.

Whoever has the time and opportunity to attend a court martial may see and know everything which takes place, except the discussions held by the court to settle disputed points as to the admissibility of evidence and the final deliberations in reaching a verdict.

Enlisted men may be tried for offenses not capital before field officers' courts, regimental courts and garrison courts, but an officer may be tried only before a general court martial.

There is one peculiarity of the courts martial which marks them as widely different from any of the civil courts. They are double in their character. In the trial of the greater number of the charges made against soldiers these courts act purely as tribunals of law, but attached to almost every set of charges against officers is one charge the trial of which totally changes the character of the court.

There are no rules of law which define conduct unbecoming a gentleman and an officer. The court martial becomes, therefore, a court of honor in dealing with this charge, and its deliberations can be guided by nothing but the judgment of the members themselves.

It may be of interest to note that while the court martial of an officer so high in rank as General Egan has rarely occurred in the history of our army many men who afterward attained equal or even higher rank have in their time faced a military tribunal on just as serious charges.

No less a person than General Winfield Scott was court-martialed for calling a superior officer names to which the superior objected. General Scott was suspended for a year and put in the time studying tactics.

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A horse in the lead pulls in vain when the wheel horse lays back in the breaching. A man's body is a good deal like a team of horses, and must work harmoniously.

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