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## TRANSFER OF SOLDIERS

### Company E Thrown Into Coast Artillery by Change.

#### IN DEFENSE OF THE COLUMBIA

When Transfer Is Effected Four Additional Companies Must Be Formed in Order to Still Maintain the Fourth Regiment.

Soon after January first the Fourth Regiment Infantry Oregon National Guards, which includes Company E of Cottage Grove, will be transferred to the Coast Artillery Service. The regimental identity of the command will have to be destroyed and the eight Southern Oregon Infantry companies will each receive a separate designation in the Coast Artillery.

This change, which has been in contemplation for several years, since the new bill regulating the National Guard went into effect, has been found necessary by the general staff on account of shortage of fund for maintenance. In order to maintain the Fourth Regiment it is necessary to organize four additional companies of infantry at Southern Oregon points. The expense of organization would be approximately \$10,000, and the cost of maintenance an even larger amount each year.

A year ago the War Department sent out an edict that all Guard regiments must be organized on the same lines as the regular Army. It was directed that no further allowances from the Federal Government would be given states which failed to make the required improvements. The edict found many states in a position which it was impossible to remedy on short notice. Pressure was brought to bear on Congress and additional time was given in which to perfect the organization.

Since then every effort has been put forth to save the Fourth Regiment. But the general staff, which controls the affairs of the Oregon Guard, has been unable to devise means to finance four additional companies. The annual appropriation is \$45,000, and, with constantly growing demands for expenditures, rigid economy has to be practiced with the present eighteen companies. With four more companies ends wouldn't met, so it has been figured.

Pressure has been brought by the National Government to have the regiment thrown into the Coast Artillery Service. For the past three years the War Department has been sending frequent communications to Adjutant-General Finzer, urging organization of artillery reserves for use in support of the fortifications at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Transfer of the Fourth Regiment to the Artillery Service will do much to solve the problem of sufficient men for the Columbia river forts, it is said. In the Fourth there are 400 officers and men, seventy-seven of these being in the Cottage Grove company, a much larger force than is kept by the Army in the coast garrisons. These supplemental troops can be thrown into the forts in a few days' notice, and, working side by side with the trained regulars, can pick up the work in a short time.

An additional advantage is that the senior officers will remain in the service with their respective ranks, whereas, in the event the regiment was converted into separate companies of infantry, or even into a separate battalion, practically all the headquarters officers would be thrown out. Colonel George O. Yoran, of Eugene, will be transferred to the Artillery Service with his present rank. The same is true of Major Frank B. Hamlin, of Roseburg, and Major Hammond, of Eugene. It is possible that several of the staff officers will have to go.

#### NEED OF TIN PAUL BRIGADE.

Wood Working Industries May Find Abundant Materials Here.

There is every reason to believe that with proper effort a woodworking manufacturing of large proportions might be secured for Cottage Grove. It is an ideal location for institutions of this character, and if our claims were advanced in the right direction we believe good results would be attained. The raw materials for the manufacture of furniture of various kinds, as well as hundreds of other articles of commerce, are at our very door in inexhaustible quantities, while transportation facilities, always an important factor, are exceptionally good. While Cottage Grove is offering every inducement to the homeseeker who desires to till the soil it should not hide from

the outside world the indisputable fact that nowhere are such opportunities offered to workers of wood. We should get in touch with capitalists who seek locations for industries of this character, bring them into our midst and demonstrate to them that the advantages Cottage Grove offers are of a superior nature.

#### RIGHT OF WAY COMES EASY.

Little Difficulty Experienced in Securing Land for Pipe Line. The council committee whose business it is to secure right-of-way for the proposed pipe line from Layng creek to Cottage Grove, a distance of about twenty miles, is experiencing no trouble in getting the right. Messrs. Atkinson and Elledge recently made a trip over the route interviewing land owners, and met with no opposition, several of the farmers offering to contribute the privilege without a money consideration. From the intake on Layng creek the proposed line will follow that stream to its forks, and then the county road will be used to a point near Wildwood, where either the railway company's land or land adjacent thereto will be followed to the Currin bridge. From here the new county road will be followed west to where it again crosses the Row river and from there into the city either by the county highway or on private property, according to the wish of the engineer. The county court has granted the city the use of the highways for the purpose.

## DIES FROM INJURIES

### Ira Hawley, a Former Resident, Meets With Accident.

#### HOURS ALONE IN DEEP GORGE

Thrown Over Embankment While on Horseback the Animal Crushes Him Beneath Its Weight.—Funeral Held in Cottage Grove.

The body of Ira Hawley was buried from the Methodist church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, interment being in the Oddfellows' cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe preached the funeral sermon.

The deceased came to his death by injuries received by a horse falling upon him, while he was on his homestead in Eastern Oregon, where he had been for four years. The young man was riding one horse and leading two others through a gorge, when the animals became unmanageable. He was entangled in the ropes, when the horse he was riding was thrown down an embankment, falling upon him. The accident occurred at 10 o'clock on the morning of October 25, and for twenty-four hours the injured man was alone in this desolate spot without aid. He crawled a distance of 150 yards during this time, and finally his cries for help were heard two miles away. The injuries, which were of an internal nature, proved fatal on Thursday, November 4, and the body was at once shipped to Cottage Grove for burial.

Ira Hawley was twenty-four years old, and was well and favorably known here. He was born and reared at the foot of the Bohemia hills, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hawley, still reside. For several years he attended the Cottage Grove high school, and while here made many friends among the younger people of the community.

Among those who attended the funeral on Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook of Portland, B. M. Hawley of Home Valley, Washington, Miss Willa Hawley of Cottage Grove, Norman Hawley of Corvallis College, Miss Mary Hawley of near Eugene, Miss Katie Hawley of Springfield, Miss Minnie M. Culp of Mohawk Valley, Misses Flora and Mary Wells, F. F. Wells and D. Wells of Elkton, Mrs. E. Smith and daughter of Roseburg, Geo. Knowles and Frank Hawley of Eugene, and B. M. Hawley and wife of Wildwood.

#### Nesmiths Defeat Higs.

The Nesmith basketball team defeated the Higs at the Army last Friday night by a score of 30 to 7. The dance following the game, was largely attended and proved a pleasant social event. The Nesmith team will go to Roseburg tomorrow, and Roseburg will play a return game here on December 18.

#### That Crusher Will Bob Up.

T. J. Patterson, representing Beale & Company of Portland, left the city this morning for Cottage Grove where he expects to sell a rock crusher.—Roseburg News.

## FOR SMALLER FARMS

### Felix Currin Will Subdivide His Large Holdings.

#### PLAN INDUCES IMMIGRATION

One of Oregon's Pioneer Farmers Contemplates Retiring From the Activities of Life After a Half-Century of Continuous Toil.

Some one has truly said that "the hope of the future greatest development in the inland empire lies in the evolution of the small farm and to intense methods of agriculture," and the tendency is strikingly in that direction.

There is a gradual, and continuous drift from other occupations to farming and fruit growing, and the demand for small tracts of land suitable for family support and a profit is increasing. Realizing this, Mr. Felix Currin, who owns 750 acres of land four miles distant from Cottage Grove, has in contemplation the platting of this extensive tract into small farms, ranging from ten to sixty acres, each division containing a considerable portion of what is known as bottom land, which is adjacent to the Row river, and considered among the most productive soils of the entire Willamette valley. There are also timber and grazing lands in their natural state on the ranch. Mr. Currin has many acres of orchards on various parts of the land, including some 3,000 young English walnut trees, apples and pears, and the division of the property would be so made as to enable purchasers to get just what they most desired, either in fruit or agricultural lands.

If Mr. Currin concludes to subdivide his large holdings, on which he has resided for more than a half century, it would prove of incalculable benefit to Cottage Grove. These broad acres, many of which are now practically idle under the ownership of one man, cut into comparatively small farms, each with its buildings, orchards and improvements, would mean addition to population, to say nothing of the enhancement in value of the lands and its increased productivity under intense agriculture. We would have in our midst a practical demonstration of the beneficial effect of small farming, advocated today throughout the country, and profitably practiced in many parts thereof.

The richness of the soil and the adaptability of it to intense farming was forcibly demonstrated the past season by the handsome exhibit of products made by Mr. Currin in this city, and also by grains now in the Commercial club rooms. As an evidence of the lasting fertility of the soil, it may be stated that one particular section of this ranch has been in continuous cultivation for 52 years, and is now yielding as large crops of first-class grains as when first the land was tilled. And, let it be added, no fertilizer whatsoever has ever been used in this area.

Mr. Currin, is desirous of severing all connection with agricultural pursuits, after a long and busy life "at the plow," and inasmuch as he might experience some difficulty in disposing of the tract in its entirety to a single individual, he is working out a colonization plan, which The Sentinel hopes he will conclude to adopt, for reasons heretofore given.

#### MAKES IMPROVEMENTS.

### "Bud" Porter Builds a New Residence and Barn on His Ranch.

Mr. "Bud" Porter has just completed a comfortable two-story residence on his ranch, three miles west of Walker Station, at a cost of about \$1200. During the past season Mr. Porter erected a commodious barn costing \$900, and after bringing water from a spring to both will have an ideal rural place. He has three hundred acres of land, for which he recently refused an offer of \$75 per acre. There is an old orchard on the ranch, but Mr. Porter contemplates enlarging upon his production of fruit, and to this end will plant a new orchard in the near future.

#### He Likes Cottage Grove.

In a communication from B. H. Hopkins, who formerly owned a ranch on Mosbey creek, he says he expects to return to Cottage Grove to make his home. He further says that he has traveled extensively throughout the northwest and finds that this locality has the best prospects of any he has seen.

#### Who Can Beat This Beet?

Lane county has doubtless grown the prize beet for the present year. Ole Caspersen has on exhibit at Eugene a beet weighing thirty pounds.

## WANTS A NEW ROUTE

### Mr. Weber Says Oregon Electric Should Take Coast Fork.

#### PASS HAS NOT BEEN TESTED

This Route Would Save Seven Miles Between Cottage Grove and Oakland, and Besides This the People Want the New Line.

Mr. H. S. Weber, who owns 160 acres of land with approximately seven million feet of timber thereon, was in Cottage Grove on Saturday. For fifteen years he was a locomotive engineer on the Southern Pacific, passing through this city several times each week. Eight years ago he bought the Coast Fork tract and became a rancher. Speaking of the Oregon Electric Company's proposed extensions southward, Mr. Weber says the Coast Fork is the logical route to follow, but that thus far it has been given no consideration. Besides affording a comparatively easy pass through the mountains, it would save seven miles between this city and Oakland, he says. This territory, while not as thickly populated as the route to the right of Cottage Grove, it affords, he thinks, a better future, inasmuch as it is destined to become a fruit and dairying country of prominence. And then, our informant says, the timber resources of themselves would make this a route of greater value from a financial standpoint from the very day construction work was completed and trains running.

The people of that section, very naturally, are anxious for transportation facilities, and would nominally give right of way. Mr. Weber makes the statement that when the Southern Pacific engineers surveyed the pass of which he speaks, they were not at the pass, but some distance therefrom on a higher point, where a route would not be feasible.

#### MANAGER HARTOG QUITS.

Eugene's Booster Notifies Club of His Decision to Go Elsewhere.

Manager Hartog has notified the Eugene Commercial club that he will not renew with that organization for the ensuing year, which leaves a vacancy in the promotion department that cannot be as satisfactorily filled without difficulty. In notifying the club of his decision Manager Hartog, among other things, says: "At last after a year's work on the details, the famous Kiser pictures are ready for their trip across the continent, going south, thence east, then west, remaining two weeks on exhibit at every big city. Mr. Wm. McMurray and I spent part of last Sunday laying out the itinerary and the entire Harriman system will help us showing these views. It will take about 50 weeks in all so that they will be advertising Eugene and Lane county for nearly a whole year after I leave."

#### HOW ABOUT NEAR-BEER?

Circuit Court Holds That It May Be Sold in Local Option Counties.

The circuit court for this county, by its decision in the case of W. E. Boddy vs. the City of Eugene holds that near-beer can be dispensed in local option counties. In the decision the court avers that wherever the local option law is in force in any county that fact virtually suspends the power of any city within the jurisdiction of the county to regulate or prohibit the traffic. It holds further in this particular case that the charter does not give the right to prohibit the sale of "non-intoxicating" drinks as the ordinance under which Boddy was convicted in a minor court, and therefore this part of the ordinance over steps powers granted in the charter and hence is void.

#### Thinks It a Good One.

The Eugene Guard appreciates a good thing when it sees it, as is evidenced by the following complimentary notice: "The Cottage Grove Sentinel, successor to the Western Oregon, comes to us this week with sixteen pages chock full of advertising and local news. The new proprietor is certainly giving the people of Cottage Grove a good paper."

#### Organize to Protect Forests.

Forest fire protection and reforestation will be made living issues in the Pacific northwest henceforth by a bureau to be established for this purpose on December 1. The movement is being backed by the several conservation and forest fire associations of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana,

through a central organization known as the Pacific Northwest Forest Protection and Conservation association which acts as a sort of grand lodge or clearing house for the others. In addition to spending over \$100,000 a year in fire protection, the timber owners of the northwest are thus taking the lead in broader conservation work.

#### SCHOOL MASTERS' CLUB.

Educators of Lane County Organize to Advance the Work.

Professor Harvey Inlow of the Cottage Grove public schools attended a gathering of the teachers of Lane county at Eugene Saturday afternoon, the purpose of the meeting being the organizing of a permanent educational club, whose primary object would be to study educational problems, generally and locally. The club was organized by the election of Dr. Sheldon of the State University as president, and County Superintendent Dillard secretary and treasurer. The club will hold twelve meetings during the ensuing year, at least one of which will be held in Cottage Grove, Springfield, Creswell and Junction City, and will be officially known as "The School Masters' Club of Lane County."

#### These Are Not Old Chestnuts.

John Cooley, who has forty-six acres immediately beyond the corporation limits, has four acres planted to English walnuts and chestnuts, the trees being set alternately. He also has a fine young apple orchard.

## NOW FOR GOOD ROADS

### New Law Affords Opportunity for Districts to Act.

#### SYNOPSIS OF THE MEASURE

Taxpayers of Any District May Vote Additional Money for the Betterment of Highways.—How to Proceed Under the Law.

Under the new law there is abundant opportunity for better highways in every community and The Sentinel can see no good and sufficient reason why its provisions should not be taken advantage of on a wide scale. Special district road meetings may be held, and special road levies made in accordance with the wishes of the districts, for the betterment of highways under the special improvement method. The law in regard thereto may be of interest to many, and it is therefore given below:

"The taxpayers of any road district in any county of his state may vote an additional tax for road purposes, providing at least ten per cent of the taxpayers of said district shall give notice by posting notices in three public places in said road district, and one in the court house and publish one notice three weeks in one weekly news paper of general circulation, signed by at least ten per cent of the taxpayers of said road district, giving the time, place and object of said meeting, which meeting shall be held in the month of December, and at the time of said meeting it shall be organized by the election of a chairman and secretary, and at such meeting they may be a majority vote of such taxpayers, levy such additional tax as they may deem advisable to improve the roads of said district, and if a tax be levied it shall be the duty of said chairman and secretary to certify to the county clerk of such county, prior to January 1st, the levy so made by the taxpayers of said district, and the county clerk shall compute and extend said levy in the assessment roll for that year the same as others taxes are extended, and it shall be the duty of the tax collector to proceed to collect said taxes in money the same as any other taxes are collected by him, and shall be credited and kept by the treasurer to the account of the road district making such levy."

#### The Chicken Show.

Considerable interest has been aroused among the chicken fanciers of this section in the approaching show at Cottage Grove and an effort will be made to hold an exhibition that will greatly promote this industry. There are plenty of fine birds in this section of the state.

#### Coyotes After Bud's Sheep.

Mr. J. N. Nokes, who returned on Sunday from "Bud" Porter's ranch near Walker, says coyotes are bothering the sheep of that locality. Mr. Nokes was doing some brick work on the Porter ranch, and several times witnessed the coyotes drive in the sheep.

## THE DATES CONFLICT

### Legislature Makes Blunder in Election Laws.

#### LAWYERS FIGURING IT OUT

According to Provisions of the Act Registration Books Are Opened a Month Before Precincts Are Established by the Court.

A dispatch from Salem says a blunder of the recent legislature in connection with the changing of the time of holding the general election from June to November has just come to light.

The constitutional amendment approved by the people in June, 1908, and adopted by the legislature last winter, changed the time of holding these elections.

It provided that all laws pertaining to the nomination of candidates, registration of voters, and all other things incident to the holding of the regular biennial elections "shall be enforced and be effected the same number of days before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November that they have heretofore been before the first Monday in June biennially, except as may hereafter be provided by law."

This would bring the first registration period for a general election in June.

Chapter 101, passed by the recent session, provides that it shall be the duty of the county court at the regular July term, preceding the general election, to set forth and establish election precincts within the county. Continuing, the law goes on to say that the county may set off as many precincts as may be deemed necessary or convenient.

Now, some of the attorneys and election officials are wondering how they can open the registration books a month before the court meets to establish the boundaries of the various precincts, and if they do so what will be the status of the voters who may be gerrymandered out of the precinct in which they registered.

#### COMPANY E TOPNOTCHER.

Has a Walkaway in Fourth Regiment Trophy Contest.

As anticipated Company E of Cottage Grove won first place in the marksmanship contest in the Fourth regiment, Oregon National Guards, by a safe margin, its score being 652 against Company H's of Dallas 620, which company gets second place. Albany scored 611, which gives it third place. Roseburg, winner in last year's contest, is out of the running, temporarily at least.

The conditions under which the Cottage Grove marksmen contested was against them. Rain was falling and the wind had gained such velocity that it was with difficulty that the target could be kept intact. When these disadvantages are taken into consideration, Capt. Johnson has just reason for feeling proud of his sharpshooters.

#### TRAIN BEHIND SCHEDULE.

Railroad Commission Wants Information About No. 19.

Train No. 19, due in Cottage Grove at 2:56 in the afternoon, was not on time one day during October, and on one occasion was nearly two hours late, according to the Railroad Commission, which wants to know why this condition exists. The distance from Portland to Cottage Grove is 144 miles, and the schedule is supposed to allow plenty of time in which to make the run. The commission has asked the Southern Pacific officials for an explanation, and unless a satisfactory one is furnished an investigation will be instituted.

#### Will Branch Out in Spring.

A. H. Miller contemplates erecting a building near the railway tracks to be occupied by his machine shop, in the spring. This is the only repair shop of its kind in this locality, and with the number of mills in and tributary to Cottage Grove its business should have a rapid growth.

#### Good Bye, Easy Car.

It is a matter for regret that it became necessary to take off the observation car on local trains between this city and Portland for want of patronage. It made a beautiful daylight ride more comfortable.

#### Shavings Now Go Whirring.

Mr. F. P. Phillips has just installed a blower at the mills of the Wildwood Lumber Company. This takes all the shavings from the planer to the boiler rooms, thus effecting a considerable saving of labor.