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BOARD INQUIRY COMES OVER BATTERY MESS

Whether City Is to Have Military Unit and Armory Hangs in Balance.

Colonel Libby Compliments Attitude of Community and American Legion.

Whether or not battery "E," local military unit, is to be continued here hangs on the report which will be submitted by the board of inquiry which was here Tuesday and Wednesday.

The officers had nothing to give for publication relative to the purpose of the inquiry, but it is known that the board is to report on the failure or refusal of the unit to elect someone to succeed Captain C. C. Cruse, who resigned a month ago, also as a result of a petition sent to the adjutant general's office, which was represented as having been signed by 95 per cent of the business interests of the city.

The board was composed of Colonel E. C. Libby, 15th Infantry, Major L. A. Miller of the 162d Infantry and Captain K. F. Glos of the 162d Infantry, all of Portland, who were sent here by the general staff of the adjutant general's office.

While no official statement has been made, it is believed that the board found that, although the situation is serious, some things had been exaggerated. It is also believed that the board found an attitude on the part of a few members of the company out of harmony with military discipline, but whether such members will be disciplined in accordance with military practice is not known. This is something that seldom happens in peace times.

The resignation of Captain Cruse followed several unfavorable reports as to the military efficiency of the company, and this much is certain, that members of the company felt that the report was exaggerated and that they wished to stand by their former commanding officer until they were convinced beyond doubt that he could not be reinstated. This much is also certain, that Captain Cruse, who commanded the company for eight years and gave a great deal of time to the effort to secure an armory, is urging members of the battery to start doing business, to elect an armory committee, and to proceed with putting the unit in such shape that the building of an armory may proceed. Plans for an armory were almost completed when the shake-up in the affairs of the battery caused an interruption.

Upon the day that the board of inquiry started its work here letters were received from the adjutant general's office by each of those who had signed the petition which asked that favorable consideration be given for the reinstatement of Captain Cruse. The letter set out the reasons why there could be no such reinstatement, which was the first time in nearly every instance, that the signers had been fully informed as to the reasons that precipitated the mess that has put the armory in danger. The letter cited the various reports that had been made as to the efficiency of the unit, reports that greatly startled those here who have always been proud of the unit which has carried off honors at every annual encampment.

The members of the board of inquiry, together with Lieutenant Schwartz, who is in command until a captain is elected, were guests of the chamber of commerce at its Tuesday noon luncheon. Colonel Libby explained the situation as to the unit, expressed his own high regard for Captain Cruse, said he had no doubt of his popularity with his former command and in the community, but said that reinstatement as commander of the company is no longer a subject for consideration. He expressed the hope that everything may be ironed out in a few days so that a military organization for the city will be assured and the armory program may proceed.

There is encouragement in a statement by Colonel Libby that he found here a splendid community spirit and an American Legion unit that is the most efficient of any such unit which he has found anywhere. He said that these things would be likely to have a strong influence upon action to follow the report of the board of inquiry. It is said that 30 members of the Legion stand ready to join the battery in case members are needed.

[The Sentinel, believing this to be a situation to be handled by the military organization of the state, will express no opinion as to why this or that has happened or has not happened, but will print the news concerning the situation so far as it is possible to get authentic information to publish. It will not print various rumors as to why this or that has happened or has not happened. The Sentinel has no desire other than to help retain a military organization for the city and to secure an armory for such a unit.]

Texas Co. to Build Second Service Station

The Texas company has completed plans for the second of a second service station in the city, and has taken out a permit to use the property north across Main street from the Knowles & Graber store, known as the Graber and Lockwood property. The estimated cost of the building, to be of masonry and stucco construction, was estimated at \$8,000.

Wm. H. Wheeler, old-time editor and for several years publisher of a paper at Halley, died last Thursday at Greenleaf. The widow was formerly Mrs. Martha Kayser of this city.

Lane County Goes to Florence to Eat Crabs, Clams, Mussels, Drink Nectar

Residents, Always Out Off From Rest of World, Get Kick Out of Entertaining Visitors.

A large proportion of the business interests of the county was represented at the monthly meeting of the Lane county chamber of commerce held Saturday at Florence, and the proportion would have been much larger had proper advance notice been given as to the kind of reception to be expected at Lane county's only seaport, where the business of the day was subordinated to a seafood picnic, or dinner, or banquet, or whatever is the proper designation for the kind of feast.

Florence has always until recently been completely cut off from the rest of the world, not that it needed anything from the rest of that world, and residents thereof certainly get a kick out of having visitors and treating them to the things that residents formerly had all to themselves.

Visitors were warned to take basket lunches with them, but only the local inhabitants heeded the warning. The local chamber of commerce, or business men's club, or ladies' aid society, or whatever society or club it is that does the honors down there, had agreed to furnish seafood. Those from the cities, not accustomed to having seafood direct from salt water to stomach, were glad that they neglected to carry anything with them. There were crabs piled high on some kind of a platter, there were tubs of steamed clams and tubs of steamed mussels. There were also tubs of clam nectar. The nectar was the drippings of the clams. It is worth while to eat a mess of seaweed and one, feminine guest balked at drinking anything that had dripped through that mess. She finally yielded to the pleadings of friend hubby, who explained that the clam nectar had enjoyed been cooked in the same mess. And why shouldn't clams be delectable cooked in the stuff which they eat and in which they make their home?

A touch of city life was given the nectar by the insertion of sliced celery, carrots and whatever else it is that the Florence nectar makers use for the purpose.

Three members of the Cottage Grove delegation, K. K. Mills, Andrew Brund and Elbert Bede, who had made the down trip by way of Lane and Elkhart to the Junction City-Florence road, returned by way of the highway. The Cottage Grove delegation, K. K. Mills, Andrew Brund and Elbert Bede, who had made the down trip by way of Lane and Elkhart to the Junction City-Florence road, returned by way of the highway. The Cottage Grove delegation, K. K. Mills, Andrew Brund and Elbert Bede, who had made the down trip by way of Lane and Elkhart to the Junction City-Florence road, returned by way of the highway.

At a business session of the county chamber of commerce, Judge Barnard explained the need for a four-mile tax for two years to complete the program of state roads in Lane county. The subject was referred to the next meeting, to be held in Cottage Grove. The county's share in the several projects is approximately half a million, and the special tax would produce \$400,000 of this amount.

Frank Jenkins, editor Eugene Register, told what highways have been done in bringing the several projects of Lane county together, urged continuance of such development and development of a port at Florence.

Robert A. Booth, former member of the highway commission, spoke briefly on the future of Oregon. Those in attendance from Cottage Grove were C. E. Stewart, J. H. Chambers, K. K. Mills, Andrew Brund, Elbert Bede, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Hazen.

Two Shocks of Hay Alfalfa Is 11 Feet in Height

E. E. Spriggs tells a hay story that will not injure the reputation of this favored section of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette. He cut a crop of oats and vetch on the K. King place, which he has rented, two shocks of which were all he could put on his wagon. He had no assistance. The hay was cut with a mower which he purchased for \$1. He saw it left to rot in the weather on the Kinney place in Gradyville. It had been discarded several years ago as of no further use. Spriggs offered the owner a dollar, spent a dollar or two in repairs, and says it does as good a job as a brand new one.

As a matter of fact he didn't pay even a dollar for the mower. He got a hay rake also.

Cigarette Lecture to Be Given. An illustrated lecture will be given at 8 o'clock Friday night in the Baptist church by E. F. Atchley of the Anti-Cigarette League of Oregon, who has been largely responsible for the move to crystallize public sentiment against the cigarette. Mr. Atchley will deal with the proposed anti-cigarette amendment to the state constitution which will be voted upon at the November election.

If milk is kept in a large shallow pan instead of a deep one, it will remain sweet much longer.

Patent on Dog Granted. The Hot Dog Vending Booth company has been granted a patent for the unique "hot dog" booth which it manufactures. One of the booths was recently installed in Eugene and indications are that a number of others will be installed elsewhere shortly.

THE FEATHERHEADS



ANDERSON-MIDDLETON MILL GOES IN FLAMES

No Connection Had Been Made With City's Fire Protection Line.

Firemen Without Water Powerless to Stop Rapid Advance of Destroyer.

The 100,000 capacity Anderson & Middleton mill at Latham was destroyed by fire of unknown origin which was discovered shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The mill's fire protection system had never been connected to the city's fire protection line extended to the industrial district two years ago, which fact left the city fire department without means to combat the flames, and within an hour destruction was complete. Everything inflammable was gone. The only water available was that from a four-inch water line extended to the plant when it was owned by J. H. Chambers about 15 years ago. As the mill has not been in operation for three years, there was no steam for operation of the mill's pumping plant.

Had it been possible to put this pumping plant into operation, or had the plant been connected with the city's big water line, the city fire department probably would have been able to stop the flames on the docks, as well as all buildings except the drying shed and the planing shed, and possibly even the latter. The fire started in the drying shed. With everything as dry as tinder, the flames swept onward with rapidity and haste had to be made to recover the city's fire hose while firemen and others stood powerless to stop their progress.

The four-inch water line, a wooden one, had long been in a leaky condition, which fact would account for reduced pressure. It is possible that this line was not properly maintained, and that the early flames opened this line. Some fear was felt for the mammoth plant of the Standard Seasoning society a half mile distant, but it has a fully adequate fire protection system, supplied by the city's big fire protection water main, and streams of water were soon playing on buildings and on grass in fields between this plant and the fire.

For the first time the city's stand-by firemen yet great open spaces of a mile south of the Standard Seasoning society, was put into operation, although the city's million gallon reservoir was full. The pump, however, raised the pressure to 150 pounds or more. The stand-by pump probably would not have been put into operation except that those who did not know the mill had never connected with the big fire protection line believed the mill was under the city's water control. Not knowing that City Engineer Colner was on the job watching the water supply, others broke into the city's pumping plant and threw it out with the manual control. It would have started automatically had there been lack of water in the million-gallon reservoir. Had not City Engineer Colner been on the job, the water would have been pumped into the city's distribution system.

Several residences on the mill property were destroyed, but all household effects were saved. Among those living there were the Horst St. Clair, Kermit Fox, Lester Burt and Werts families.

The destroyed mill was located on Pacific highway and the jam of local cars and sightseers was so great that it was necessary to maintain officers to control traffic. There was a train of box cars and a locomotive was sent there to stand in readiness to move them, but the cars were at no time endangered.

It has been difficult to get a statement as to the loss to Anderson & Middleton, but a rough estimate has placed it at between \$100,000 and \$200,000, with a small amount in the plan.

The planing equipment had been used for some time by the Latham Lumber company, which had a quantity of lumber on the docks, valued at about \$10,000. There was \$8,000 under the plan.

The Anderson & Middleton company is in the hands of Geo. T. Gerlinger, Portland, receiver. He is expected here in a few days, but it is believed there will be no rebuilding of the plant.

A watchman was on duty at the mill and had passed near where the flames started only a few minutes before the fire broke out, which gave credence to a belief that the flames were of incendiary origin.

That young Michigan pugilist who is studying for the ministry is probably looking forward to some lively bout with Satan.

SERF MADE RUSSIAN LUMBER IS ARRIVING

Fir Producers Have No Chance in Competition With Concentrated Timber.

Product of Former Land of the Czars Is Found of High Quality.

(Oregon Voice.)

Instead of subversive propaganda, latest shipments from Soviet Russia contain some twenty-four million feet of lumber, recently reported for delivery at Poughkeepsie. The shock was not diminished by news that the importer happens to be an Atlantic coast distributor widely known here as a large customer of Douglas fir manufacturers.

Although the specter of Russian importations may have roused popular opinion for the enactment of a protective tariff on lumber, the imminent arrival in such heavy quantities was scarcely realized, either by lumbermen, or by members of congress. Hopes for improvement in the lumber industry have lingered for several years over the prospect of diminished production in southern pine, which could be supplanted by the product of northwest forests.

Instead of this relief for the sorely beset producer, fir, another formidable competitor appears in one of his best markets. Not having been a lumberman, Job is thought to have had a shade the best of it. The problem of Russian lumber is of no small consequence, for it is well adapted for the trade, which is assigned. Local lumbermen report that it is a highly marketable product, free from blemishes and discolorations, thoroughly dried, and admirably manufactured. Although inferior to Douglas fir in tensile strength, and running mainly to smaller sizes, it is distinctly competitive, and must be taken seriously as a contender in the struggle for one of the world's greatest lumber markets, the Atlantic coast region of the United States.

West coast lumber has already sold in successful competition against the Russian product in Europe during several years past. Approximately 20 per cent of the lumber imported into western Europe and the United Kingdom comes from the Douglas fir district here, and our product has continued to hold its own. It is never, however, does not dispel alarm; for European shipments are mainly large clear, quality products of the northwest forests, for which none of our competitors can offer a counterpart.

Although our exclusive line of goods is not easily displaced with the European buyer, the fate of smaller sizes and lower grades in London during several years past. Riga, it should be remembered, is only 700 and some odd miles from London, can ship as cheaply and as easily as we move our lumber from the Columbia river to San Francisco. Even if we could undersell the Russian product on an f. o. b. basis, freight differentials would tell the tale. Against a rate of three or four dollars a thousand, for which Baltic carriers would make London during several years past, the Russian product on a f. o. b. basis, freight differentials would tell the tale. Against a rate of three or four dollars a thousand, for which Baltic carriers would make London during several years past, the Russian product on a f. o. b. basis, freight differentials would tell the tale.

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Stewart, Committeeman Goes to Portland In Crab Net

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GEOLOGIST IS IMPRESSED WITH MINERAL DEPOSITS

A favorable impression of the mineral deposits of this section has been gained by J. T. Pardee of the United States geological survey, who is working in this district with a crew of seven assistants. Three men are in the Bohemia district and four are in the Black Butte district. Mr. Pardee is of the opinion that there are possibilities in the limestone deposits recently uncovered at Black Butte in the event that a rail line should be built to reach it.

Mr. Pardee's findings will be given in a pamphlet to be issued following the completion of his work, which is supported equally by the federal and state governments.

Legion, Auxiliary Plan Picnic. The American Legion and the American Legion auxiliary will hold a joint picnic Monday, August 4, at Blue Mountain. A caravan will form at the city hall and will go from there to the picnic grounds. Those who will attend have been asked to take basket lunches. The Legion will provide cream.

The Boss Jokes



Reporter Samples Fruit That Is to Go To Farmers of North Central States

Head Salesman Heine Also Gives Demonstration of What Great Tiers of Canned Cherries Are For.

A few minutes spent in one of the canneries of the west where fruit is being packed for the Riv-u-let Fruit company of Minneapolis will answer all the queries of the curious ones as to why the farmers of the Dakotas, Minnesota and Montana are each year buying larger quantities of the products distributed by the Riv-u-let company.

This writer had the pleasure, a few days ago, of going through the plant of the Eugene Fruit Growers, where great underground rooms were found filled with great tiers of black cherries, white cherries, red cherries, sweet cherries, sour cherries, Bing, Lambert, Royal Anne, pie cherries, that will within a month or so be moving eastward to satisfy the craving of the thousands of families back in the north central states who have been educated, through personal contact, to the lusciousness, the indescribable deliciousness of Oregon orchard delicacies.

"What can I tell about cherries tightly sealed in cans?" the reporter wanted to know. "It takes only a moment to cut a can for sampling," was the heartily received reply. "What kind shall we try?" "Why not one of each?" So one of each was sampled.

This writer sympathizes with the fellow back in North Dakota who is waiting to wait a month or two for the same experience.

The news man, whose ego had risen at what he thought was the unusual courtesy shown him, was almost disappointed to learn that this sampling business is a frequent thing every day, that O. H. Heine, general sales manager for the Riv-u-let company, spends a lot of his time going from cannery to cannery for the purpose of sampling the products. The writer has heard of soft snappers, but this is the first time he ever met a husky one of this kind. Judging by the exhibition given by Heine, who believes in a thorough and complete test, the news man realized that it is necessary to have so many tiers of stacks to make certain that the ultimate consumer beyond the mountains will get a few tastes.

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Interested to those who will get a taste of the smaller sizes are people will be the fact that they are produced in the most highly cooperative fruit district in the world, which is at the same time probably the greatest small fruit district in the world.

It is needless to say that the strawberries from Hood River and the raspberries from Puyallup receive the same careful treatment described for fruit packed by the Eugene Fruit Growers.

The farmers of the Dakotas, Minnesota and Montana will next winter come in from their snow-covered acres, possibly from a trip to town, and a howling snowstorm, and will enjoy at their tables the fruits of Oregon and the west in as perfect a condition as we are now enjoying them from our trees.

31-Pound Cod Taken In Crab Net

One of the best fish stories of the season and one that is vouched for as absolutely true is that of catching a 31-pound ling cod, measuring 3 feet 8 inches, in a crab net, told by Eugene Fruit Growers, a teacher, who has classes here. The fish was caught Sunday in Yaquina bay at Newport. It is unusual to catch this type of fish in a bay, its natural habitat being deep seas about 12 miles out.

The Buford Roach family and the Rex Underwood family of Eugene were fishing on a barge in Yaquina bay for both crabs and fish but, with indifferent luck. A final try was made for crabs, the net being baited with a flounder. When the net was pulled in it seemed unusually heavy and it was thought that it had fouled the anchor. Mr. Roach went to the assistance of Mr. Underwood, who was hauling in the net, and the two of them dragged in the big fish, whose tail had become so entangled in the net that it was unable to fight.

Girl Fractures Shoulder. LATHEAM, July 22.—(Special.) Della Gallo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gallo, suffered a broken shoulder last Saturday forenoon when she fell from the flume of the W. A. Woodward Lumber company while picking blackcaps. She was taken to a Eugene hospital and is reported to be recovering satisfactorily. It is expected that she will be brought home the latter part of the week.

Typewriter Ribbons Sentinel.



O. E. S. TO OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Chapter Was One of First Four to Be Organized in State of Oregon.

Only Two Charter Members Living; All First Officers Are Gone.

Cottage Grove chapter No. 4, Order Eastern Star, will observe its fiftieth anniversary tonight at a special meeting and program that will be the biggest event in Eastern Star circles of the city. All officers will be gone in gold, even to their slippers.

The following present and past grand officers will be present: Frank E. Mangold, grand patron; Col. Robt. A. Miller, past grand patron; Mrs. Alberta McMurry, past grand matron; Minnie White, associate grand matron; Anna Edwards, past grand matron; Minnie Hauser, associate grand matron; Mary Ellen Williams, past grand organist; Mrs. Louise Wilson, past grand matron of labor.

The program will be as follows: Invocation—Rev. D. P. Cameron. Presentation of grand officers, past grand officers and charter members and address of welcome, A. Richmond, past grand matron. Response—Mrs. Alberta McMurry, Eugene, past grand matron. Music—Rainbow quartet.

History of Cottage Grove Chapter No. 4—Mrs. Anna Oglesby Graham, past matron. Roll call and presentation of past matrons and past patrons of Cottage Grove chapter. Vocal solo—Mrs. E. E. Wyatt. Reading—Mrs. John Kelly. Address—Rev. D. P. Cameron. Mystery number—Past matrons and past patrons.

Vocal solo—Mrs. Carlton Smith. Benediction—Rev. D. P. Cameron. Cottage Grove chapter is one of at least four that were organized in 1880, the year that Eastern Starism started in the state, under the jurisdiction of the general grand chapter at Washington, which had been in existence only a few years. Cottage Grove was a prominent part in the organization of a grand chapter in 1889.

First officers of the chapter were Mrs. Lena Lurch, W. M.; O. P. Adams, C. P.; Mrs. Kate Perkins, A. M.; C. H. Wallace, conductor; Mrs. Helen Adams, Ada; Joe Perkins, Ruth; Mrs. M. F. Martin, Esther; Mrs. Lucy Walker, Martha; Mrs. Augusta Osborne, Electa; Aaron Spore, tiler. It will be noted that several men members held office, which was common in the old days. Today it would seem incongruous for a man to fill one of the positions in the work, with the exception of patron and associate patron. Not one of the first officers is now living.

Only living charter members are Mrs. Lydia Stouffer of this city and Ben Lurch of San Francisco, who is the widower of the chapter's first matron, Mrs. Lena Lurch. Mrs. Stouffer was one of the early matrons, as was also her daughter, Mrs. Clara Stouffer, who was a charter member of the chapter. Other living early matrons are Olivia Eakin, Mrs. Anna Oglesby Graham, Miss Elsie Lee and Mrs. Mabel Merryman, all of this city. It is believed that W. S. Bennett of Portland is the only living early-day patron. Miss Lurch was matron while a high school girl.

Today's officers are: Marguerite Lebow, W. M.; A. A. Richmond, W. P.; Della Richmond, A. M.; Ernest Lebow, C. P.; Mrs. Anna Swanson, tiler; Halie Hawkins, treasurer; Myrtle Woods, conductress; Ilma Thum, associate conductress; Thelma Mendenhall, chaplain; Twila Stewart, marshal; Nora Arnes, organist; Ruth Randall, Ada; Helen Roberts, Ruth; Agnes Barker, Esther; Bethel Gladys, Martha; Dove Traak, Electa; Susie Wiesse, warden; William Thum, sentinel.

The present qualified to talk of the early struggles of the chapter will recount interesting events of pioneer days, when fraternal sisters and brothers walked often several miles to attend meetings in a dingy little hall and enjoyed themselves fully as much as members do in these automobile days in a modern building. The Star has always met in the same building as the Masonic lodge, first in the Whipple hall in a part of town that is now a deserted district, and later in another hall in the same deserted business district. The latter served until the Masonic bodies moved in to their present building about 17 years ago.

A feature of early day meetings was the banquets. There was no kitchen in the hall, but members brought food and dishes with them, and the brothers were always present in large numbers upon such occasions. These feasts, for which chicken, turkey, cakes of many varieties, pies, puddings, salads, etc., were provided by the sisters, would contrast strangely with the lodge banquet of today, but in those days women's principal occupation was housework, and a large family, and providing for a lodge banquet was a pleasure and a delight.

It is difficult for members of today to picture lodge meetings of those early days when men filled the star points and women were their hats and gloves in lodge. Often meetings were held under great difficulties, but they had to be un-surmountable to be effective. Once when a heavy snow had fallen just before a meeting a sled was hastily constructed and members were conveyed to and from the lodge hall.

Work Starts on Kelly Bridge. A county bridge crew has started work on a structure replacing Kelly bridge, about four miles up Row river from Cottage Grove. The span, which will be 165 feet long, is one of the largest which the county will raise this summer.