

### NAVAL RESERVES.

Oregon will join with the other coast states in having a naval reserve. A temporary organization has just been formed here that will be made permanent as soon as the necessary formalities can be gone through. The meeting was called under authority of the naval department.

Committees have been named to appear before the military board to give the new naval reserves a military standing and another will enlist recruits for the new service. This branch of the service maintains the same relation to the navy that the various state militia companies do to the war department and in case of war they will be ready to be added to the naval forces.

It is believed the formation of naval reserves here will have a beneficial effect in arousing an interest in naval affairs. Naval reserves of the United States form a small but growing branch of the service. The membership numbers 6031 and 26 vessels are stationed in different parts of the country. Former navy men are interested in the local movement and are lending it every possible encouragement. The list of officers of the local division tentatively named include men who stand high locally and assure the movement of being in good hands. Already 21 states have organizations.

### WORK ON THE CANAL.

Four and one half miles of the canal channel at the Pacific entrance have been completed according to a survey of the date of May 1, but the results of which have been but recently officially determined. The completed section extends from deep sea in Panama bay to

station 2300, about 2500 feet from the end of the Panama railroad wharf at Balboa. Between these points the channel has been dredged to an average depth of 45 feet, in some parts being a little more and in others a little less, allowing for a certain percentage of fill which is constantly carried into it by currents and tidal movements.

Five miles of the canal at the Pacific entrance were opened to navigation in February, ocean going vessels beginning the use of it in daylight hours. At that time the channel was excavated throughout the five mile section to a depth of 30 feet in its shoalest part; the first mile had been dredged to the maximum width of 500 feet and the remainder to a width of 400 feet. Since then ocean vessels have been plying the channel regularly and for some months have been able to navigate it at night, so that at the present time there is not the slightest interruption to navigation from deep sea to the Panama railroad dock.—Ex.

### X SCHOOL BUYS FARM.

The deed from the Boise heirs transferring the Boise farm near Chemawa to the United States government for the use of the Chemawa school was placed on file yesterday at the office of the county recorder, the consideration being \$20,048. The farm contains 100 acres.—Salem Statesman.

Many beautiful post cards are being received by friends of those at Chautauqua.

The new butchershop meat blocks were taken to the shop on last Saturday, after having been put in order by Mr. Frye.

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