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TARS SEEK PROMOTION

Over 2,000 Men in Fleet Want Better Berths.

There is a strike on in the fleet. Over 2000 men in Admiral Evans' armada have gone out for better positions and higher wages. But the most remarkable fact about this strike is that it is perfectly agreeable to the employers. In fact the Navy department and the officers of the fleet encourage it in every possible way, for these men are endeavoring to get their demands by conforming to the regulations put in force by the Navy department for the promotion of enlisted men.

In 1907, Congress passed what is ordinarily known as the Personnel act, which enables enlisted men in the service to become commissioned officers—something that before this was only possible for Annapolis graduates. The result of this law has been very beneficial, encouraging men in the Navy to study for promotion and thus acquire the good habits and conduct that the study habit carries with it, and involuntarily forcing them to learn more of the theory of their work. Consequently there has been noticed a marked betterment in the efficiency of the service.

It is an ordinary sight to observe one of the Admiral's tars after the watch has been "piped below" getting his "ditty-box" and spreading his "calking mat" in a comfortable place and making a recitation on Nautical Astronomy—a recitation that is to be sent by mail to his correspondence school professor; for it is through the correspondence schools that most of the men secure their theoretical training.

The International Correspondence schools, of Scranton, Pa., alone have over 2,000 students in the fleet that is now sailing up the Pacific. Of the 24 enlisted men who have so far secured commissions as ensigns under the Personnel act of 1907, 14 have been I. C. S. students. On account of the mammoth organization of this great institution it is possible for its students on board the fleet not only to send in their recitations

from every port of call, but to actually come in contact with the representatives of the schools at most of the points at which the fleet will touch. These schools have agencies at Bermuda, Buenos Ayres, Panama, San Francisco; and if the fleet should come home through the Suez canal the men could find established agencies at Honolulu, Manila, Shanghai, Bombay, Singapore, Alexandria, etc.

The Navy department has granted every inducement for the men to study through the opportunity afforded by the International Correspondence schools. On each ship in the fleet there is an instructor and representative of the schools who looks after the interests of the students on board and helps them in their studies. It was through the warm interest that Admiral Evans had for this institution that it was possible to secure the great concession of having these instructors appointed on United States ships.

In speaking of the work accomplished by the I. C. S. among enlisted men, Admiral Dewey says: "I am glad to learn that so many men in the naval service have taken and are taking advantage of the excellent system which these schools follow. I have heard many favorable opinions expressed in regard to their work."

On board many of the ships study quarters have been fitted up where students may have quiet and all conveniences for progressing in their courses. Admiral Chas. M. Thomas, in charge of the second section of the fleet, has expressed himself as being amazed at the wonderful progress his men have been able to make.

The advancement of enlisted men in the Navy is only one branch of the enormous work carried on by this great factory of trained brains—the International Correspondence schools of Scranton, Pa. For 16 years they have been occupied in the sole business of providing ambitious men and women in all trades and professions, in all conditions and circumstances of life, with the training that would qualify them for higher positions, better salaries and successful lives. That they have been successful in doing this is proved by the gigantic growth

A VISIT AT VANCOUVER

Odd Fellows Make Fraternal Call Friday Last.

Laurel lodge I. O. O. F. paid a fraternal visit to Vancouver lodge No. 3 last Friday evening and to say the boys had a most enjoyable time would be expressing it in very mild terms indeed.

There was some hesitancy in the matter of chartering a car lest there would not be enough of the boys to go to make it profitable. But when it comes to the Odd Fellows going you can generally find them Johnnie on the spot. There were about 35 or 40 made the trip from here and left at 7 o'clock in the evening. We picked up new members of the party all along the route from St. Johns to Woodlawn and when we arrived at the ferry there were about 100 in the party.

When we landed on the Washington shore we struck a bee line for the fine lodge room of the Vancouver brethren and were most enthusiastically and warmly welcomed.

To which this institution has attained. Sixteen years ago it was a mere experiment with one course of instruction. It is now in many ways the largest educational institution in the world, with 208 courses of instruction. The proprietors of the institution have a capital of \$6,000,000; own and occupy 5 buildings covering over 300,000 square feet of floor space; they have a private printing plant turning out 3 1/2 tons of printed matter per day; a mailing department handling 15,000 pieces of mail every 24 hours; 3,000 employees; and an instruction staff competent to handle the work of 3,000 students each day.

The original preparation of the instruction matter for these schools cost \$1,500,000, and every year there is spent a quarter of a million in revising and improving this instruction matter.

Hundreds of thousands of men have secured advancement through I. C. S. training. Carpenters have become architects; machinists have become superintendents, and clerks have become managers and proprietors of businesses of their own. Not only have men advanced in their own trades and professions, but men working in un congenial occupations have changed to more pleasant work where advancement was quicker and greater; and young men wishing to learn a trade or profession have been enabled through I. C. S. courses to enter the trade of their choice and at the start have secured a position paying a good salary. In the city of Portland there are a large number of men who owe lifelong benefit to this institution. The incalculable betterment brought to a vast multitude of men and women proves that this great plan of teaching is one of the greatest benefits to humanity the world has ever known.

The I. C. S. is represented in St. Johns by J. A. Sherer and L. O. Thompson, who will be glad to communicate with any ambitious men in this vicinity who desire to find out more about the most practical way in the world of gaining promotion.

comed. It is too bad that the brothers of the order of the two jurisdictions have not been in the habit of visiting each other and now that the ice is broken, the way should be kept open and as often as convenient these visits should be repeated, for it fosters a more fraternal spirit, creates deeper interest in the work of the order and makes better Odd Fellows of all who attend the meetings.

The brothers at Vancouver have a beautiful hall furnished with splendid carved black walnut chairs for the different stations, some finished in wine colored and others in green silk plush upholstery. A fine plush carpet covers the floor and the windows are protected by Venetian shades. The walls are wainscoted to a height of about four feet with Oregon fir finished in oil, natural color, and the ceiling is covered with a fine steel ceiling of a grey color. The main hall is about 36x50 and there are ante rooms, kitchen, diner, wardrobe and regalia rooms, and everything that conduces to the comfort and convenience of the guests and members. The walls of the main hall are decorated with the charters and memorial pictures of men prominent in fraternal societies.

All this is in the second story. On the first floor is located the post-office, a fine large one and in addition a printing office. The revenue from the postoffice, printing office and rent of hall to other societies aggregate about \$500 per month and the property is now nearly paid for. There is a membership, if we remember correctly, of about 250. And the personnel of the membership, well, it is the kind you will only find in the Odd Fellows lodges, and you will find it there all the time. It was just the same way when we went to St. Helens. The finest bunch of fellows you ever went up against, and they treated us like princes.

Brother Bach of Vancouver delivered the address of welcome in a well-wooded talk showing the high regard our Washington brothers have for us. He was followed by W. T. Vaughn of Woodlawn, who made the finest address of the evening. We did not know there was so much in Brother Vaughn. He was loaded to the guards, evidently, and he made record time in unloading some of the best thoughts we have ever listened to inside a fraternal hall. He compared the ideal life to music. Music that is all harmony, no discords to break the sweet blending of the cords and had in his life he saw in the world. That if a man had his heart full of love for his fellow man he would see in the world thousands of this class of people. But if in his heart he is selfish, dishonest, disreputable he will see in every man just that kind of a person. Thus we reflect that which is in our hearts. We were very much struck with the truth of this statement and we thought as the speaker uttered the words of the men in St. Johns who were continually accusing others of grafting, having itching palms, etc., and we could not help but think that these individuals must be in misery despising themselves and hating their fellows. The man who is continually crying grater at every one who is in office is the man we would not

trust as far as we could throw a baby elephant by the tail.

The Vancouver lodge was instituted in 1866, was one of the first lodges instituted in what was then Oregon territory. The first lodge organized in the territory was at Olympia, the second at Walla Walla and the third at Vancouver. There were many other reminiscences of the olden times brought out by the various speakers which we would be glad to recall if space permitted. The two lodges pledged each other that this should not be the last visit made between them, even though of separate jurisdictions.

There was one article hanging on the wall of the hall which attracted special attention, it was the emblem of the encampment of the order done in what appeared to be solid silver in the lamplight and the inscription beneath it stated that it was found in 1892 and presented to the lodge by Captain Spinner. We were told that the Captain found it while dredging in front of Vancouver and the supposition is that it was the property of some vessel that had anchored there in an early day and dropped it overboard.

The time passed very rapidly and all our crowd was sorry when the hour came to leave for home. We stayed until the last minute and then made a run for the boat, followed by our genial hosts who cheered us to the echo as we steamed back to Oregon. There is no use in talking we do not know of anything in a social way that is calculated to awaken the fraternal spirit within a man to such an extent as these visits and we hope that our brothers will never leave us out when they have anything like this on the spring.

The Boston Way.

Some friend mailed us a marked copy of the Boston Journal of Boston, Mass., in which there is marked an article indicating that the "Hub" is suffering from "rockcrusheritis" the same as we are, except that it is in a more chronic form. There they can put in the market rock crushed at \$1.10 per ton, about \$1.65 per yard, while here we have to pay \$2.25 per yard. It seems that there the rock crushing has been done under the direction of the street department and that department has been handled by the machine and the machine has seen to it that the different working parts have been well lubricated with the dollar of our daddies. These are points which it will be well for our people to bear in mind when our rock crusher is installed and provisions made so that a detailed account of the operation is reported to the public every month, that all may be kept informed as to the expense of the operation.

The calamity howlers who think 'steven bucks too heavy a tax on a fine comfortable home here in St. Johns should buy a lot in Seattle, where instead of 15 mills it is 35 mills, or 46 per cent higher than last year, or even in that modern Eden, Hood River, where it is 29 mills. At Hood River, however, there is something worth while; but in Seattle—preserve us.

UNIVERSITY PARK

A Budget of Interesting Items for Review Readers.

Miss Mildred Brobst is on the sick list this week.

O. Williams has been quite sick the last week with erysipelas.

Bert Smith of Fiske street has been quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Beard's little boy has been very sick the last week with the grippe.

Mrs. Dodson of Druid street has gone to Marion to visit her husband's brother at that place.

Mr. Hinkston is building a fine house on Dawson street. Mr. Walton is doing the carpenter work.

L. G. Reynolds was called to the bedside of his mother Tuesday. She has been very sick with the grippe.

Sunday was communion day at the Congregational church and seven new members were received into the church.

The special meetings that were held last week at the Baptist church are to be continued this week. They have been having fine music.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Kidd of Olin street, who was taken to the hospital with the grippe, isn't any better.

The Ladies Guild of the Congregational church of University Park gave their monthly tea in the form of an evening social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald, corner of Haven and Dawson streets on last Friday night. A short program was given consisting of a solo "When the Whippoorwill sings, Marguerite," by Mrs. Cheney of Portsmouth; a reading "Glory," was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Gilman of University Park. Solo, "Moonbeams and Dreams of you," by Miss Lela Brous of Haven street and last but by no means least a parody on "The good old summer time," that being the air, was given by a few of those present. The words of the song were written by the MacDonald family.

and is called, "In good old Oregon." It was fully appreciated by all. After the program lunch was served and everyone went home feeling that the evening had been most delightfully spent. May there be many more such. Oregon Fern.

Money in Poultry.

Fruit, dairying and other industries of Oregon have all been given their share of publicity, but poultry raising is rarely mentioned outside of the publications which are either devoted to poultry or have a special department for it. \$5,000,000 annually is a very conservative estimate of the returns from this industry to Oregon farmers, and yet thousands of cases of eggs are shipped in every year from the Middle West to supply the demand here. Expert poultry raisers say that the climate of Western Oregon in particular is conducive to very rapid and healthful growth—there is one community alone in Southern Oregon that annually markets between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of turkeys.

MY PLATFORM.

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J. E. Tanch, Candidate for the office of city treasurer.

The St. Johns camp of M. W. A. will give a grand ball March 21 in Bickner's hall. The same music that was so acceptably given last Thursday evening will again be in evidence and a splendid time is promised to all.

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