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## ARTILLERY WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL IN OREGON

PORTLAND, March 6.—Although Jupiter Pluvius played a prominent part in the reception of the 69th regiment, coast artillery corps, today by bursting forth with copious quantities of good old Oregon rain, he failed to put a damper on the celebration which will be remembered by the home-coming heroes and their Portland hosts.

With whistles blowing and hundreds of relatives, sweethearts and friends cheering wildly, the special troop train steamed into the union station at 8 o'clock A. M. It carried four officers and 472 enlisted men, composing the Oregon and Washington contingent of the 69th regiment. Three men of the 62d regiment, coast artillery corps, whose homes are in this section, were in the party.

## CLUB WORK IS STARTED FRIDAY AT WILLAMETTE

A meeting was held at Willamette Friday afternoon, and was in charge of R. G. Scott, county agent; A. L. Olmstead, who has charge of the girls' and boys' club work in Clackamas county, and Miss Marie Anthony, home demonstrator. The meeting was held at the school house, and was largely attended. The pupils and others were much interested in the work outlined by those in charge of the meeting.

At this meeting Mrs. Blumauer, representing the Junior Red Cross, gave an interesting talk on the work of the organization. Her theme was the "Health Crusaders."

R. G. Scott outlined a program of the work he is to carry on in that section of the county and emphasized poultry and gardening projects.

A. L. Olmstead outlined his work in the project of Boys' and Girls' Club work.

Miss Marie Anthony, home demonstrator, gave her program, and there was adopted a food preservation project with Mrs. George DeBock as project leader. The school lunch project was taken up for discussion, and resulted in Mrs. E. M. Hadley being appointed as leader, Mrs. John Ream, Jr., was appointed health project leader.

Friday night they went to Schubel, where a similar meeting was held at the grange hall, and Saturday morning they leave for the Garfield country, and will outline their work at the meeting of the grange to be held in the grange hall.

At a meeting of the Women's Club of Oswego held Wednesday afternoon Mrs. A. King Wilson presided. Miss Marie Anthony gave an address on her work, and among the subjects she took up for the discussion of the members of the club was hot lunches at school. It was decided to try this out by the members of the club during the month of March at the Oswego school. Each member will do her bit in serving these lunches once a week for the month. Each school child desiring to partake of the lunch will be charged four cents. Mrs. M. W. Gray was appointed chairman of the committee. The home nursing project was accepted with Mrs. G. E. Thayer as project leader.

Labor-saving devices were taken up for discussion, and the members are to make leafless refrigerators and fireless cookers during the coming summer.

## POLITICAL STRIKE IN GERMANY SPREADING

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Central Germany is in the throes of a widespread political strike affecting large parts of Saxony, Thuringia and Anhalt, and through its effects upon railroad communications is casting a sinister shadow over the entire nation.

The workmen in Leipzig voted last evening by a tremendous majority for a general strike. Today Leipzig is without gas or electricity or railroad communication. The strike at Halle, which includes the railway men, continues, and even telephonic and telegraphic communication is being interfered with. A general strike has broken out at Erfurt and in many other cities in Central Germany.

The government, however, has gained encouragement through the more complete reports received from Madgeburg, where a large part of the railway men who first joined the strike have resumed work.

## Death Intervenes

It is something to have lived past the age of three score and to have succeeded in accomplishments that bring substantial and material recognition from one's own countrymen. This is something that comparatively few men achieve, and James Withycombe, Governor of Oregon, was one of these.

A man of simple tastes, of regular habits, of rugged character was Withycombe. A good friend, a fighter for principle, with far-sighted ideas was he. Ambitious to become the chief executive of his adopted State, he made the race and lost, and then carefully and comprehensively laid his plans to stage a second campaign, wherein he was successful.

The great war gave the Governor his opportunity. His sympathies were naturally with our allies, as he was a native of England, but he remained strictly neutral in his attitude until the United States went into the gigantic struggle, when he plunged, with all of his strength, into the battle to win the war. There were men in public life who, for reasons of practical politics, quietly dodged the main issue, but not the Governor. He was quick to urge the vigorous prosecution of the war. He was at the front of every movement to bring the people of Oregon into assisting, by every means within their power, to defeat the Hun. With no consideration for the possible effect on his own political future, his mind and brain were given over to the cause of righteous democracy.

In his campaign for renomination and reelection last year, the people rallied to his support. They had no mind to displace him. They realized that the Governor was honest and courageous, and they promptly conferred on him a second term.

The hand of death has intervened, and the people of Oregon have lost a friend. They have lost the advise and counsel of a man who was vitally interested in every phase of Oregon's problems. It is unfortunate that we are not to have his mature judgment in solving the difficult questions of reconstruction.

## GOVERNOR OF OREGON DIED LAST MONDAY

SALEM, March 5.—James Withycombe, Governor of Oregon, died here tonight after a long illness.

He was born in England, at Tavistock, March 21, 1854. James Withycombe lived there until he was 17 years of age, when he came to America. He was educated in the public schools of England and by private tutors. In 1875, four years after he came from England, the young farmer married Isabel Carpenter of Farmington, Or. Three sons and one daughter were born to them and one of the sons enlisted in the service of his country soon after the outbreak of war.

James Withycombe was Oregon's war governor. In the proud record of the warfoot state, which was first or among the first over the top in voluntary enlistments, money contributions and bond buying campaigns throughout the 19 months of warfare, he was the guiding hand. It was on his record as war governor that he was reelected without difficulty by Oregon Republicans in the 1918 elections.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY WOMEN'S CLUB TO ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS

At a meeting of the Women's Club held in the Commercial Club parlors Thursday afternoon several subjects were discussed. Among these was the appointment of a patriotic committee to work in conjunction with the committee recently appointed by M. D. LaTourrette, president of the Oregon City Commercial Club, to entertain the young men being mustered out of service. This committee is composed of Mrs. G. S. Mathewson, chairman; Mrs. Angus McDonald, Mrs. Nellie M. Alldredge and Mrs. W. A. White.

Cards are to be distributed through the courtesy of the Women Club members, the Oregon City Commercial Club allowing the young men the privilege of using the rooms for their entertainment for two weeks. Other forms of entertainment will be formed at a later date when the boys arrive. The young men are to register at the Red Cross room in the Masonic building, where the cards will be given them.

A committee from the Women's Club making over the curtains, washing and ironing and hanging of the same in the Commercial Club rooms was composed of Mrs. David Caufield, chairman; Mrs. R. J. Goodfellow, Mrs. E. P. Rands, Mrs. L. A. Morris and Mrs. A. McDonald. These curtains and to the attractiveness of the rooms.

## Oregon City Boy Is Home from Service

Charles Wallace, one of the well-known Clackamas county boys, who was with the marines, and was in the thickest of the largest battles in France, has returned to his home here. He is in company with the late Merle Bingham, who lost his life on the battlefields in France. Both boys left Oregon City together and were constantly in each other's company up to the time of Bingham losing his life. Wallace has a host of friends here, and he is among the boys of which Clackamas county is justly proud. Many exciting experiences he has encountered since going overseas.

He is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. A. Henderson, of Meldrum, and after three weeks' furlough, he will go for medical treatment, having received three wounds while fighting in the battle of Champagne, the battle in which Merle Bingham was killed. Wallace was wounded in the morning and Bingham killed in the evening of the same day.

## Boys Arrested Charged with Serious Offense

George McKinnis, Arthur McKinnis and Cecil Stewart were arrested Friday, charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors. The latter are daughters of well-known Oregon City residents and they are all under age, 15, 16 and 17 years old.

Last Wednesday night the three boys and girls were on a joy ride which lasted all night and two of the girls were afraid to go home and they ran away.

They were captured Thursday night about 11 o'clock near Canby by Sheriff Wilson and all of them brought before Juvenile Officer Church and District Attorney Hedges and Deputy District Attorney T. A. Burke. They made a complete statement to the officers and warrants were sworn out for the arrest of the boys.

The young men were arraigned before Justice Selvers and waived preliminary hearing, and were bound over to the grand jury.

Stewart was released on \$250 bonds and the other two boys were held.

LICENSE TO WED

Montie Gertrude Cox, 21, and Otis W. Vallen, 21, both of Colton, were granted a license to wed Tuesday.

## Italian General Presenting Valor Medals to Fathers of U. S. Aviators Killed in Italy



Lieutenant De Witt Coleman, Jr., of Tenafly, N. J., and Lieutenant James Bahl of Wooster, O., were in the special service of the United States army. Both lost their lives in action in Italy. General Gaglianotti of the Italian Military Mission is seen here presenting the fathers of these aviator heroes medals for valor bestowed by the Italian government. The presentation was made at the City Hall, New York, in the name of the King of Italy.

## MANY EDITORS PLANNING TRIP TO NORTHWEST

E. E. Brodie, publisher of the Morning Enterprise, returned Monday from a three-weeks' trip to Chicago, Washington and New York, going to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the National Editorial Association, of which he is the only member from the West.

"Prospects are bright for a record attendance at the 1919 convention of the National Editorial Association, which will be held in the Pacific Northwest this year," said Mr. Brodie. "It is highly probable that not less than 300 editors from every section of the United States will take advantage of the opportunity offered to see the great Summer playground of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. The convention cities are Portland, Seattle and Victoria, and while the itinerary has not yet been definitely announced, it is likely that the party will come to Portland first and it is expected that the Oregon committee will arrange an excursion to Crater Lake. Several days will be spent in Portland. Editors from many states are enthusiastically planning for the trip to the Northwest and Frank Henderson of Little Rock, Ark., has promised a score of people from his state. J. C. Brimblecom of Newton, Mass., assured the committee that the New England states would send a large delegation, as Boston expects to secure the 1920 convention during the celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims. The convention party will probably reach Portland early in August."

Mr. Brodie spent a few days at Washington, where he saw the members of the Oregon delegation, some of whom expect to return to Oregon within the next week, to remain until the President calls an extra session of congress. He heard the speech of United States Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington, on the League of Nations proposal, and says that great interest was manifested in the question throughout the East. In New York City he found the prohibition amendment overshadowing every other matter, and says the average New Yorker refuses to be convinced that the nation, including New York, will go dry. Mr. Brodie visited the headquarters in the Hotel McAlpin of the committee to welcome the returning Oregon soldiers, where he found O. C. Letter, former city editor of the Oregonian, and Miss Peggy Curtis, special Oregonian correspondent, in charge. Both emphasized the need for money for the entertainment of the Oregon boys in New York.

## One Killed; 87 Hurt In Traffic Accidents

PORTLAND, March 5.—Owing to the illness of Captain L. A. Harms, the report of the traffic department for the month of January was not issued until Tuesday morning. Captain Harms returned to work March 1, having been absent from his work since January 11.

The report shows that one person was killed in January and 87 injured in the 428 accidents which occurred within the city.

## A COINCIDENT

A strange coincidence has occurred in the recent great battle in France, when three sergeants by the same name are among those killed in action. None are relatives so far as known, and are Sergeant Waldo Caufield, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Caufield of this city; Sergeant Royal Caufield of Great Falls, Montana; Sergeant John L. Caufield of Steubenville, Ohio.

## DECREE GRANTED

Jess Dummire and Ronella Dummire were named owners in fee simple to property in Clackamas county in their suit against Lizzie Janet Mann et al. The decree was handed down Friday and is on 80 acres of land.

## EXECUTIVES CLASH OVER REPORT OF COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Bitter controversy raged in the conference of governors and mayors today before the report of the committee on resolutions, making a great variety of recommendations on public questions, finally was adopted. Even after the viva voce vote delegates from the west, led by Mayor Rolph of San Francisco, attempted to force a record vote to show they dissented from the majority, but were overruled by Secretary of Labor Wilson, who presided.

During the debate on the resolution the section relating to public utilities was attacked vigorously by Mayor Hogan of Milwaukee. Mayor Hoan wanted to know who sent the "stacks of telegrams" which Governor Cox reported had reached the committee favoring the declaration.

Mayor Baker of Portland, Or., answering for his colleagues of the committee, Governor Cox, Governor Bilbo of Mississippi, Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania, Mayor Peters of Boston and George Foster Peabody, representing the governor of New York, said the telegrams, referred to by Mayor Hoan, had been addressed to President Wilson who sent them to the committee.

## MANY BOYS OF OREGON DUE HERE NEXT WEEK

PORTLAND, March 1.—Nearly 1000 overseas troops from the northwest are expected to pass through Portland this week, according to information received by the welcome committee. Most of these men are to parade Portland's streets, be dined and entertained and sent on to Camp Lewis.

The first detachment, that of 500 Oregon and Washington men in the 69th artillery regiment, will arrive either late Tuesday or early Wednesday, according to best obtainable information. The men arrived at Omaha early this morning.

The 162d Infantry will arrive in smaller parties about the end of the week. Exact information as to arrival and make-up of the units is not yet available. Men from the 161st infantry and 90th casual company also are expected in Portland the coming week.

## F. H. GILLETT IS ELECTED SPEAKER OF HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Frederick H. Gillett of Massachusetts, will be speaker of the house of representatives in the 66th congress. Last night Mr. Gillett overwhelmingly defeated Representative James R. Mann of Illinois, present minority leader of the house, in the caucus of Republican members of the new house.

The vote on the nomination for the speakership was 135 for Gillett to 69 for Mann. Representative Philip P. Campbell of Kansas, received 13 votes; Representative Esch of Wisconsin 4, and Representative Mondell of Wyoming 1.

Representative Mann, although disappointed in defeat, generously moved to make the nomination of Mr. Gillett unanimous. This was done amid tumultuous cheers both for the vanquished leader and the prospective speaker, who a few minutes later was ushered in by Mr. Mann and Mr. Campbell.

## EMPLOYEE OF POSTOFFICE IS BACK ON JOB

Ralph Niles, an employee of the Oregon City post office before entering the service and going to France, has returned to Oregon City. Ralph is glad to be back in the old town again, and says there is no place like home. He will resume his position with Uncle Sam Saturday. He was accompanied here by his brother, Royal Niles, who was an instructor of the high school at Klamath Falls before entering the service. The latter is suffering from the effects of influenza, and expects to leave soon for his home in the southern part of the state. His wife is on her way to Oregon, having been visiting for some time in the East. Ralph and Royal Niles are sons of Mrs. Jennie Niles of Mount Pleasant.

## MANY BREEDERS OF LIVESTOCK MEET TUESDAY

Tuesday was livestock day at the noon lunch of the Live Wires at the Commercial Club rooms.

O. M. Plummer, general manager of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, who is engaged in raising a fund of \$250,000 among the farmers to be matched by a like amount from the business men of Portland for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings and financing the exposition, was the principal speaker.

Mr. Plummer presented the claims and advantages to Clackamas county of the exposition, and showed the necessity for the stock men to place themselves at the head of the organization, which was primarily designed for their interests, but which has heretofore been financed by the stock yard interests.

The quota of Clackamas county has been placed at \$3,000 and so convincing were the claims presented by Mr. Plummer that the amount for this county has been guaranteed by G. B. Dimick, W. P. Hawley, Jr., George W. Buck, the Bank of Oregon City, the Bank of Commerce, A. I. and J. Hughes, John T. Whalley, A. R. Jacobs and M. D. Latourette.

Mr. Dimick, who has been appointed county chairman to conduct the drive for subscriptions to the stock will meet with those who have guaranteed the quota for the county today and with a live leader in each section of the county the stock will be distributed among as many of the live stock breeders as possible.

Among the speakers at the luncheon were George A. Pierson, president and general manager, and C. M. McAlister, field agent for the Portland Union stockyards, who gave assurance of their hearty cooperation with the livestock breeders. Mrs. A. I. Hughes spoke on methods used in building up a pure bred herd.

Among the well known breeders present were George W. Buck, R. L. Badger, A. A. Spangle, W. F. Harris, Mrs. A. I. Hughes, J. W. Smith of Macksburg, John Hoffmeister of Damascus, and J. T. Whalley of Portland.

## FIRE CLAY COMPANY OF MOLALLA IS NOW READY FOR BUSINESS

The Molalla Fire Clay company, which has been in a formative period for the past four years, is now in a position to become an active factor in the manufacturing industries of the state.

The stock has largely been taken by local and Portland men.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Molalla Wednesday evening when all the final details were cleared up. The plant, which will have a 30-acre site in the village will be ready for operation in 90 days. The clay fields, which cover 160 acres are inexhaustible. This clay has been thoroughly tested and has proven to be the best of any in United States. This plant means much to Molalla and Clackamas county.