

WITH THE SOLDIER BOYS

THEY ARE DOWN TO HARD WORK AT CAMP GEER.

Portland Troops Arrive—Order and Cleanliness First Requirements—Retreat Ceremony.

SALEM, July 8.—The guardsmen at Camp Geer got down to hard work today. It is very evident that the encampment was properly begun on Saturday. The boys had all day Saturday to arrange their camp, and got rested and settled down on Sunday. They were consequently ready for hard work early this morning and will put in a full week of military drill.

NEW SHERMAN COUNTY TOWN.

Located Near Kent Postoffice—Wagon Road to Fossil.

KENT, Or., July 8.—Kent was merely a postoffice between Grass Valley and Shaniko, a town of 150 being laid out near the postoffice on the Columbia Southern Railroad, and there are prospects of it becoming a thriving Oregon village. A wagon road to Fossil is being surveyed, and has been dug, and a good supply of water thus secured. A large warehouse has been started and business houses are to follow.

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Order and cleanliness are the first requirements around the camp. Regular inspections are made of tents, streets and kitchens, and any irregularity is promptly reported at headquarters. A report of this kind is promptly followed by a letter to the Colonel of the regiment of which the offending company is a member, and the Colonel transmits the notice to the Captain of the company.

WITHOUT STEAMER SERVICE.

Last Boat From Independence This Season—To Improve Channel.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., July 8.—Independence is without a daily steamer connection. The Pomona left down this morning, making the last trip for the season. In going through, the Board of Trade of this city is getting so that it is making navigation extremely dangerous. Captain Sprong states that he could continue to make trips if some work was done on the bar just below Independence. The Board of Trade at that point, there is deep water alongside the bar, but the place is so full of snags that one is taking serious chances in going through.

PROGRESS ON MONROE ELEVATOR.

MONROE, Or., July 8.—Work on the new elevator is progressing rapidly. The heavy timbers for the foundation and first story are in position. The foundation is planted on bedrock, 15 feet below the sill, and it is not expected that the new structure will settle to any extent. Work on the building will be concluded by August 20.

OREGON NOTES.

Newton Green has gone from Eugene to Seattle to work on the Post-Intelligencer. John Teters, a pioneer of 1851, is dead at Albany, at the age of 79 years. He left a widow and eight grown children. George Houck has gone to Southern California to take a run for a senator to be placed on his farm, near Monroe. Unoccupied cottages at Shead, belonging to R. Farwell and William Dick, were burned the evening of the 7th. Loss, \$1900. A Lebanon boy fell in front of a runaway hay rake, but miraculously escaped injury. The rake was wrecked by the team.

DISPOSED OF FOUR CASES

SUPREME COURT RENDERING DECISIONS IN AS MANY SUITS.

Eastern Oregon Branch Asylum Case Decided—Lower Court Sustained in All But One Case.

SALEM, July 8.—The Supreme Court today handed down opinions in four cases, the most important of which was the action brought by the State of Oregon and Turner Oliver against several persons to determine adverse claims to the land bought by the state for a branch asylum in Eastern Oregon. The cases are as follows: State of Oregon and Turner Oliver, respondents, vs. John R. Blize, William Warren, Charles E. Davis, David Johnson, and James H. Hutchinson and W. R. Hutchinson, partners doing business as Hutchinson Bros., appellants; from Union County, Robert Eaton, Judge; affirmed. Opinion by Bean, C. J.

REDUCE OUTPUT OF HOPS.

Growers to Meet and Consider Proposition to Restrict Output.

SALEM, July 8.—A call was today issued, signed by a number of prominent hopgrowers of this vicinity, requesting all hopgrowers of the State of Oregon to meet at Salem at 11 o'clock A. M. July 14, to consider a reduction of 25 per cent in the output of hops this year. This call is occasioned by a communication received by M. L. Jones, president of the Oregon Hopgrowers Association, from H. J. Ostendorfer, a hopgrower of this city, representing Litchfield Bros. of New York City, in which he says: "Referring to my letter of June 21 and supplemental thereto, I desire to say that in case the offer made therein is accepted by the growers representing 75 per cent of the acreage devoted to hops in Oregon, Oregon and Washington, and the selling thereof left to us, our guarantee of 50 cents per pound to the growers would be covered by a bond that effect, and the money advanced for harvest would be considered as a further security for the guarantee."

SHORT CROPS IN BENTON COUNTY.

Hay Only Full Crop—Average Yield of Prunes.

MONROE, Or., July 8.—As the season advances, it is becoming more and more apparent that all crops, except hay, are destined to be a very short crop. The winter worm is doing heavy damage in the upper valley, while the aphid also is not far behind in lessening the income generally derived from crops of grain by the valley farmers. The loss is, too, an unusual amount of rust, and it is the common opinion that a great portion of the wheat this year will be shriveled, and consequently unfit for shipping purposes. Oregon never fails, however, and enough will still be harvested to produce an amount which some countries would consider a big crop.

WILL NOT PICK HOPS.

Prices in Prospect Allow No Profit for Handling Crop.

OREGON CITY, July 8.—August Gebhardt, a hopgrower of Willamette, stated today that the crop was promising, but that few yards in his section would be picked, if the present prospect of low prices continued. It is evident that growers will have to pay 25 cents per box on account of the scarcity of pickers, which would make it unprofitable to harvest the crop. Hopgrowers in that section are therefore waiting for the State Hopgrowers Association this year.

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Roy D. Gage, the Company C militiaman who was drowned at Salem yesterday, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gage, of Stafford, six miles west of Oregon City. Mr. Gage was postmaster at Stafford for several years. He deceased young man joined Company C while employed in Portland last fall.

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