

ARMY POST TO REMAIN

NO CHANGE WILL BE MADE AT VANCOUVER BARRACKS.

General Randall Greatly Amused by Yarn That Department Headquarters Are to Go to Seattle.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 24.—Brigadier-General George M. Randall, commander of the Department of the Columbia, was seen today by an Oregonian representative relative to a recent statement in the Seattle Times in which it was asserted that there is a probability that the department headquarters, which for more than a decade have been located at Vancouver Barracks, might be removed to Fort Lawton. General Randall, who has just returned from a trip of inspection and improvement of the barracks at the mouth of the Columbia, to spend Christmas day with his family, was found at his quarters at the barracks. He appeared to be much amused when the mention of the Seattle write-up was made, and said:

"Those energetic Seattle people seem to have a great way about them of jumping at conclusions. I haven't made the trip the paper speaks of yet, and really I can see no harm in those people having a little fun all by themselves out of this thing. As a matter of fact, no proposition for the moving of the headquarters of the Columbia, such as they mention, has been officially proposed or considered, to my knowledge. I am a member of the board of which I am a member. No intimation whatever was made of it there, to my knowledge, and I think I should have known of it if it had."

The general declined to say what recommendations he would make relative to the retention of headquarters here, or the argument and improvement of the post at Vancouver Barracks, at the reconvening of the Army Board January 10, or to give his individual views regarding those matters except to say that there is need of a larger Army post on the North Pacific Coast—one that will accommodate a brigade of soldiers, if necessary. In the course of a general conversation on the subject, he said he knew of no more advantageous point for such a post than Vancouver Barracks.

Pointing to the two immense artillery batteries under construction, one of which is located directly between the General's beautiful quarters and the Columbia, and which will be 400 feet long, the general said that he was not at all surprised that the department contemplated making any radical change very soon. In fact, the general's conversation, taken as a whole, created the distinct impression that he is most favorably impressed with the desirability of leaving the headquarters remain where they are, and is strongly in favor of enlarging and improving the Army post at Vancouver.

FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN.

Programme for a Great Convention at Salem Next Month.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—Great preparations are being made for the Oregon Farmers' Congress to be held here January 6-8. The Oregon Dairymen's Association will hold its annual meeting at the same time and place, in conjunction with the Congress and the Dairymen's Association.

Dairymen's Association.

Monday, January 6, 8 P. M.—

Address of welcome.

H. B. Thiesen, Salem.

Report on the Dairy Industry.

President R. Scott, Milwaukie.

"Duties of the Dairy and Food Commissioner."

W. W. Townsend, Portland.

"The Dairy Industry in Oregon."

Dr. William McLean, Portland.

2 P. M.—Business meeting.

"The Proper Animal to Keep for Dairy Purposes."

William Schuler, Farmington.

"Profit from a Dairy Herd."

E. C. Rose, Albany.

"Prize Butter from a Dairy Separator."

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8 P. M.—

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MR. FOOTPAD SURPRISED

VICTIM REACHED FOR HIS MONEY, BUT GOT PISTOL INSTEAD.

And He Used It—With What Effect Not Known—Hold-Up Occurred Near Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 24.—A Newburg man was held up on the county road about two miles south of here last night, and surprised the highwayman by taking a shot at him. Late yesterday afternoon a Newburg liveyman drove into the city with a commercial man. He started home a few minutes before 9 o'clock, as the night was bright moonlight. When within a quarter of a mile of Willamette a man somewhat over middle height, wearing a slouch hat pulled over his eyes, and a short, dark overcoat, appeared at the roadside and ordered him to stop and

MINERAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS.

Novel Bill Introduced by Senator Gamble, of South Dakota.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—There are evidently a number of schemes on hand for securing mining experiment stations in the several mining states of the United States. One of the most novel is that of Senator Gamble, of South Dakota. This bill is unlike any that have been proposed before, and establishes a system of mining experiment stations under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury. At each station is to be appointed an expert geologist, \$500 per annum, and one chemist at \$200, while an allowance of \$500 is made for establishing, equipping and maintaining each of these experiment stations.

It shall be the duty of the geologist and chemist provided for by this act to receive for assay or analysis all rock, cements, clays or other mineral-bearing substances that may be brought to them by any citizen of the United States, and make proper classification or assay of each sample for the purpose of ascertaining the exact amount of the gold, silver, copper, wolfram, tin, or any other mineral known for its value, and to furnish at a nominal charge to each depositor a full assay report, showing the quantity and quality of every mineral found in samples submitted. For a period of 15 days the results of such analysis are to be kept secret from all except the party submitting the sample, after which time the results are to be posted, together with a statement showing the location of the country where the sample was found. When not necessarily engaged at the station the geologist is authorized to explore and examine mineral regions within his jurisdiction, especially in new and undeveloped areas, and to report on such explorations and examinations. The bill makes an indefinite appropriation for carrying out its provisions.

ANOTHER RICH STRIKE.

Made at the Mayfield Cinnabar Mine, in Southern Oregon.

GRANT'S PASS, Dec. 24.—At the Mayfield cinnabar mine, in the Meadows district, another rich strike has been made. On the 200-foot level a body of cinnabar ore has been uncovered that is pronounced the richest yet discovered in the district. The Mayfield is the richest of the several cinnabar mines in the Meadows district. The Mayfield is operated by the Mayfield Mining Company, which is operating in the Meadows. It was from a small hole 10 feet in depth and four feet across, in the Mayfield, that \$400 worth of cinnabar ore was removed a short time ago. The company has put in a complete modern mercury plant and equipment, and is working its mine in a businesslike way. Last Monday night \$200 worth of cinnabar ore was removed, but if the several mines of the Meadows prove equal to appearances the output of mercury from Oregon will be greatly increased in the near future.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.

The Oregon Mining Stock Exchange has closed for the holiday season. It will open again at 10 o'clock A. M., January 2, 1902.

Yesterday's quotations were:

Adams Mountain 25 1/2

Astoria-Melbourne (guaranteed) 25 1/2

Bronze Mountain 25 1/2

Buffalo 25 1/2

Champion 25 1/2

Carlson 25 1/2

Chad Lodge 25 1/2

Huronian 25 1/2

Mayfield 25 1/2

Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D. 25 1/2

Riverside 25 1/2

Sales 25 1/2

1000 shares Riverside 3

SPOKANE, Dec. 24.—The closing quotations of mining stock today were:

Amer. Boy 5 1/2

Blackfoot 10 1/2

Crystal 10 1/2

Dry Trail 2 1/2

Gold 2 1/2

L. P. Surp. 2 1/2

M. Dreyfus 3 1/2

N. P. 2 1/2

Sann. Glory 1 1/2

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta 40 1/2

Ande 40 1/2

Belcher 40 1/2

Best & Belcher 40 1/2

Bullion 40 1/2

Caledonia 40 1/2

Challenge Con 40 1/2

Chloride 40 1/2

Confidence 40 1/2

Crown Point 40 1/2

Gold & Curry 40 1/2

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Justice 40 1/2

Little Chief 40 1/2

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SHERIFF KEEES AND HIS PLUCKY WIFE.

WHO CAME TO HIS RESCUE IN THE NICK OF TIME AND PREVENTED A JAILBREAK AT WALLA WALLA.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 24.—A brave woman is Mrs. Frank Kees, wife of Sheriff Kees, of Walla Walla County. But for her the week would have been a jail break at the county jail Sunday night. Fourteen men were implicated in the plot. When the jailer was looking the prisoners in their cells he was overpowered and nearly choked into insensibility. The men plotted to escape in the presence of the Sheriff, who is carrying an arm in a sling, as the result of a recent accident. They attempted to knock him down as he was leaving the jail, but he was rescued by Mrs. Kees, who, when her husband was attacked, rushed into the jail with a big revolver and drove the men to their cells. When the prisoners were locked up she returned to her household duties as though nothing unusual had happened. Judge Brents and Levi Ankeny last night presented Mrs. Kees with a handsome silver paper, cup and stand and a solid silver salad spoon as testimonials of appreciation of her services.

The prisoners who attempted to escape are now undergoing punishment. John Anderson, the leader of the gang, has been given a berth in the dungeon for 30 days, with a simple diet of bread and water, and the others have been given lighter incarceration. With the exception of three or four of the best prisoners, the entire 14 men involved in the mix-up will be punished for their plot.

throw up his hands. The horses stopped, and the driver said: "I suppose you want my money. I have only \$3, but you may have that." He slipped his hand into his pocket, as if to take forth his purse; but as a flash he whipped out a revolver and fired at the man standing in the road. The horses took fright and bolted, but the liveyman had them under control, and when Willamette was reached he reported the affair to St. Hunt, the Postmaster, who telephoned the police of this city. This morning Superintendent C. A. Miller, of the Willamette Police, where the affair took place, but found nothing to indicate that the highwayman was hit, and it is evident that the bullet missed him. The place where the hold-up occurred is not far from the spot where the Willamette Railway car was held up several weeks ago.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Appropriate Exercises Held in Many Oregon Towns.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—Christmas festivities began in Salem this evening when several of the churches held appropriate exercises. The day will be generally observed tomorrow, and at the same time institutions Christmas dinners will be served.

At Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 24.—Christmas eve was celebrated here by a number of public exercises. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church an offering was taken for the children's comfort fund. In the Good Samaritan Hospital, where the Christmas trees in most of all the churches. The regular Episcopal Christmas service will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Special music will be rendered.

At McMinnville.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 24.—The usual festivities of Christmas eve occurred here in the various churches this evening. The trees were well loaded with gifts.

At Junction City.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Dec. 24.—Christmas entertainments were given in the various churches this evening. The trees were well loaded with presents.

At Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 24.—The Sunday schools generally observed Christmas eve. There were some fine trees, and all were loaded with gifts.

TO EXTEND MAIL SERVICE.

Cushman Wants More Rural Free Delivery Routes for His State.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Representative Cushman has put in considerable time of late urging the further extension of rural free delivery throughout the State of Washington. "You know," said he, "there has never been any policy adopted by the Government that gives the farmer the benefit of his money like rural free delivery. While we have had a large number of postal routes established in the State of Washington, we have not had anywhere near the number we should have. Now, you see, I can't get these routes established by myself. The movement must begin with the people themselves. It does not require a great deal of work, either. There are dozens of places in Western Washington where the conditions exist that justify the establishment of new rural free delivery routes. The Postoffice Department will establish these new routes if these conditions are brought to its attention, and I will bring them to the attention of the people who will take hold of the matter in the first place."

Mr. Cushman is now having a map prepared showing all established routes in Washington. Continuing, he said: "The department will not establish any new rural free delivery routes between now and next March. But now is the time to get the applications in and do the preliminary work, and then we can have them established next March. If we wait until March or April to get our petitions in, it will take all next Summer to make the investigations, and then the department will not establish the service until the Spring of 1903. I am going to bring this matter to the attention of our people. The State of Washington is not getting her share of the money that is being spent for rural free delivery, and we are all to blame for it."

Borden Rewards His Employees.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 24.—Notices were posted in the iron works mills here today by M. C. D. Borden, owner, announcing that the operatives would receive as a Christmas present an amount equivalent to an increase of 10 per cent in wages for six weeks. This restored to them the amount lost in wages since the cut-down at the mills six weeks ago, when Mr. Borden took off the 10 per cent in advance in wages which had been in effect for two weeks.

Judging of Fowls at Poultry Show.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 24.—Judging of the fowls at the poultry show of the Western Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock Association began today. Many birds which were expected prize-winners were disqualified by W. W. Brooming, the judge, who is an expert and detects the slightest defect, such as small, scale-like feathers on the legs, etc. The entries

GAMING-HOUSE BLOWN UP

TOTEM CLUB, IN SEATTLE, WAS WRECKED BY DYNAMITE.

Three Men Injured—Believed to Be the Work of Robbers or a Crank.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—An explosion, which is believed to have been placed either for the purpose of robbery or else by some crank, wrecked the Totem Club, the largest gambling-house in this city, at 8 o'clock this evening. Dealers in the place were injured, and three men were injured by flying bits of copper, the remnants of a small gas heater, under which the powder had been hidden. The place was stripped from the walls, and a hole was blown in the floor beneath the stove.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Ex-Mayor of Union.

UNION, Or., Dec. 24.—J. M. Carroll, ex-Mayor of Union, died last night of typhoid fever, aged 42 years. Mr. Carroll was one of the best-known lawyers of Eastern Oregon, and was a Democratic leader. He was born in Iowa, August 1, 1859, and removed with his parents to Oregon in 1884. He was married in July, 1887, to Miss Mollie Lenthart. He was admitted to the bar in 1888. Mr. Carroll is survived by a widow and four children. Mr. Carroll was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Red Men and Woodmen of the World. The funeral will be held tomorrow from Knights of Pythias Hall.

Actress Maude Miller.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Maude Miller, known to the people of this city as Maude Miller, an actress and daughter of Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, died this morning from a complication of heart trouble.

Tried in the Supreme Court.

SALEM, Dec. 24.—Two cases were tried in the Supreme Court today. They were: Linn County, respondent, vs. P. G. Morris et al., appellants, from Linn County. This is the case in which Linn County seeks to recover from the bondsmen the amount of Morris' default as County Treasurer.

Peter Schlosser, respondent, vs. Emily Beemer, appellant, also from Linn County argued and submitted.

Perjury Sentenced.

TACOMA, Dec. 24.—Manuel Douette, the Tualup half-breed, who was convicted of perjury in the Vance murder trial at Tacoma, was today sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. He refused to tell who induced him to commit perjury. The prisoner was 31 years of age today.

New Oregon Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Samuel Dixon was today appointed Postmaster at Olney, Or., vice G. E. Anderson, resigned.

HOW OREGON SUCCEEDS.

Knowledge of the State and Experience Elsewhere.

Editor New York Commercial: This is the day of exhibitions—and those who formerly were not favorably impressed with the idea and called it a "fad" have now come to consider it an excellent educational medium. As Mr. Dooley says, "one thing good about exhibitions is that when you have once had one in your city or state, you do not have to have another one."

When contemplating an exposition, in order to attain practical results, its motives should be backed by a desire to educate and advertise the resources of that locality—to show opportunity for investment, to show the possibilities which can be achieved by genius and labor. An exhibition with such a backing, with unselfish motives and with practical means, cannot help but bring wonderful results. But an exposition, bred and fostered by those looking for personal gain, by those without any particular desire, or who have no opportunity to show resources, enterprises or home building, such affairs are apt to result disastrously for the investor.

There is no mistaking the fact that an exposition, which brings together products, customs and characters of all nations, is a great educator. It increases commercial interests and enables importers and exporters to become better acquainted with conditions. When a state is called upon to appoint commissioners to an exposition, it is always a little puzzling to those in authority to know just how to proceed. It has become customary for the exposition board proper to appoint two vice-presidents in each state, and two women as an auxiliary board. These two positions are purely honorary, and without a voice in the executive arrangements. The Governor appoints several commissioners. From experience I will say that seven is a sufficient number. Several states I have noticed appoint a larger number; the reason for which I cannot understand; there is no pay in it, and it means a mere thing to pay for the commissioners' meeting is called.

From Oregon's experience at the Pan-American Exposition—her grand results—the quick and systematic manner of collecting and installing the exhibits—other states might learn a lesson which would save them time and labor and money at any future exposition.

Oregon's Commission.

Governor T. G. Geor, of Oregon, selected the commissioners from different parts of the state, eight men and one woman. Each line of industry and resources were represented by a man thoroughly familiar and in touch with his respective department. My commission with which to launch at home and nationally, gave the state some advantages in the press department. The commissioners were appointed without any political sentiment creeping in. The commission is now at work compiling the greatest good for the greatest number of people in Oregon.

At our first meeting we elected a president of the board, a secretary and a treasurer. Plans were considered for beginning work. The Legislature's time of convening being near the opening of the Buffalo Exposition, we had to have expense money for a commission of work; therefore, a number of Portland's awake citizens came to our rescue and advanced money, we reimbursing them when an appropriation had been made. The favorable sentiment in favor of the state's exhibit had been assured.

Plan in Detail.

We were not long in selecting a general superintendent to have full charge of our display, and to look after the collecting, installing and maintaining of all our various exhibits for Buffalo. Colonel Henry E. Doach, of Portland, was our choice. His previous experience at the world's fair and at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition showed him to be a man of executive ability, ever practical and always courteous. I do not mention this in order to be personal, yet a man with such characteristics is imperatively essential to the success of any exhibition. The local well-informed order to provide additional employment in water-carrying, in Austria and in Russia there are innumerable protests at the cheapening of the water supply, because it would throw the carriers out of employment.

Ultimately the obstacles to trade will be reduced to very low terms. The builders of ships and marine engines are reducing the cost of transportation, and legal firms upon the crime of carrying on foreign trade will be reduced to a revenue-producing basis, because not only two but all nations can play at that game, and most of them are doing so. The reactionaries can force a higher tariff on Germany and defeat a very modest programme of reciprocity treaties in this country, but the industrial nations cannot be permanently restricted, and the fertilizing streams of commerce must burst the dams erected to confine them and flow abroad to the universal advantage.

Fidelity for Trusts.

Minneapolis Tribune.

We have been hearing a deal about public fidelity for trusts. Most of the suggestions, even those in the President's message, are in such general terms that they might as well be about anything.

They will appear, of course, as soon as Congressional legislation begins. A hint of it is given in a bill introduced in the House, the first day of the session, by Mr. Littlefield, of Maine. Mr. Littlefield is the very lively new member from the old Dingley district, who stirred up the House so effectively on the Porto Rico question. He is not an avowed public trustee, and rather likes to do stirring things. His bill requires complete reports to the Secretary of the Treasury from corporations doing interstate business. These are to cover the business of the corporation as well as their operations. They must show first, for each corporation, the number, par value and classification of shares, and a supplemental list of the amount outstanding. There is to be an annual tax of 1 per cent on outstanding stock