

ELLS QUITE ANGRY

Brings Charges Against Captain Stellmacher,

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Criticism of Company Said to Have Brought Forth Warm Words—Militiamen Had Nicknamed Regimental Surgeon.

ALBANY, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Captain Frank C. Stellmacher, of Company G, Oregon National Guard, has been charged with conduct unbecoming a gentleman and officer, and will soon be tried by court-martial. The charges were preferred by Major M. H. Ellis, who is regimental surgeon.

This is the most sensational case of this nature in the history of Albany, and perhaps the military annals of the state will reveal no case of like importance in years gone by. Both Major Ellis and Captain Stellmacher are prominent in Albany social circles.

The charges against Captain Stellmacher come in the nature of an aftermath of an inspection of Company G, which was held in Albany on Tuesday evening, March 18. This was the regular quarterly inspection, and Major Ellis acted as inspecting officer. Major Ellis charges that Captain Stellmacher at that time made remarks concerning him (Ellis) that were unbecoming an officer.

Captain Stellmacher, when seen today, denied that he had ever at any time used insulting language toward a superior, or any other member of the Oregon National Guard, and that the language which he was credited with using was of a nature that he never at any time uttered to any one. He further said that it looked like an effort to force him out of his company.

According to Stellmacher, on the evening of March 18, during inspection, his men applied some nickname to Major Ellis in rather a good-natured way. Captain Stellmacher rebuked them for this and asked that it should not be repeated. But the appellations rankled in the Major's bosom, and at the close of inspection he drew Captain Stellmacher to one side and said they were very poorly drilled. This exasperated Captain Stellmacher, who considers his company one of the best drilled in the Fourth Regiment. He stated that he used no discourteous language.

When news of the tilt between the superiors reached the men in the ranks they became quite angry and the impending storm began to assume a definite shape.

A few days after the inspection Captain Stellmacher received a letter from Colonel G. O. Yorn, of Eugene, stating that serious charges had been filed against Stellmacher, and that he must either resign his command or undergo a court-martial. As Captain Stellmacher's side of the case had not been heard or asked for, he refused to consider the proposal to resign in order to smother the court-martial proceedings. Later Yorn sent Stellmacher a resolution, which the young Captain refused to fill out, but stated that he would prefer to lay the case before a court-martial.

Major Ellis today said the report that he had preferred charges of unbecoming conduct against Captain Stellmacher was true. The Major refused to give a detailed account of the matter, merely stating that this was the climax of trouble that had been brewing for some time. He said that both Major Ellis and Captain Stellmacher have been in the National Guard for over ten years, and both served through the campaign in the Philippines. Major Ellis is an excellent drillmaster, and is very popular with his company. He is Deputy County Clerk of Linn County. Major Ellis was brigade surgeon in the Philippines, and a thorough disciplinarian.

The charges which have been preferred by Major Ellis will go through the regular channel, being first sent to Colonel G. O. Yorn, who will forward them to Adjutant-General C. E. Gantenbein.

Captain Stellmacher has the officer's privilege of refusing to be tried by a summary court, but will demand a trial by at least three officers of military rank equal to his own. These men will be appointed by the Adjutant-General. The trial will be held in Albany, and will probably be in the near future. Witnesses are being located.

PROMISES IMPROVED SERVICE.

J. J. Henry, of Denver, Meets the People of Salem.

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A number of prominent citizens made brief addresses, assuring the new management of hearty support of the people of Salem in any work of development. Mr. Henry also announced that the light and power plant will soon be operated by water power.

In answer to inquiries after the meeting he said that the purchase of the waterworks and electric light system in this city, from other sources it is learned that representatives of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company have been making the purchases.

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Makes an Address and Renews Old Acquaintances.

PROSSER, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—Senator Levi Ankeny has been in the city two days past. Tuesday night he addressed a mass meeting of the citizens of Prosser on the subject of a sugar factory. Senator Ankeny promised hearty support and co-operation. Yesterday he spent in renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

Seen yesterday at the office of the Prosser Falls Land & Irrigation Company, he expressed satisfaction at Prosser's rapid growth the past year, and predicted a great future for the Yakima Valley when it shall come under irrigation. Today Senator Ankeny and E. F. Benson, of Tacoma, both owners in the Prosser Falls Land & Irrigation Company, spent in visiting the new reservoir and the pumping plant.

Last night the city granted an electric light franchise to the above company and Mr. Ankeny's visit to Prosser probably had something to do with this proposed improvement. Prosser already has one electric light plant owned by the Prosser Electric Company.

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There are business men who are investigating the question of shipping in cordwood or alabs from the Santiam country. Men who are familiar with the wood business at Salem estimate that it takes 25,000 cords of wood to supply the market for one year. Inquiries made today brought in information that the supply is from 600 to 10,000 cords short of actual need for consumption. As the busy season for farmers is now on, and very little wood will be cut, the people of Salem will be compelled to skimp around pretty tight until they can get their fuel.

It is reported that an attempt is being made to corner all the large fir wood already cut and not marketed, and the top price is now being paid for wood for that purpose. As the large consumers are purchasing early and secure nearly all the available supplies, it would not be difficult to corner the remainder and put up the price at the expense of the small consumers in Salem.

The Salem Light, Power & Traction Company, which is one of the heaviest consumers in Salem, has been making contracts at \$2.50 per cord for small fir and \$3 per cord for large fir. Last year an abundant supply was secured at 25 cents less per cord. At all the state institutions there has been a standing order of \$3 per cord for small fir since last year.

Scarcity of labor is given as one reason for the shortage in the fuel supply. Men find more agreeable employment than wood chopping, and comparatively little cordwood has been cut since last year by the farmers. Another reason for the scarcity is that the timbered district is gradually receding and the distance the wood must be hauled is greater. During the hard times the farmers put in all their spare time cutting wood, and their prices were low, but for the last four years prices have been steadily advancing. Two years ago the wages of a man at Salem were so low that a man who was shrewd enough to see his opportunity made a good profit from his investment.

At the time the state institutions began the habit of making its wood contracts in the Summer. The state was "caught" that year and compelled to pay an advanced price. Since then it has been the custom to make contracts in the Fall, so that the contractors will have all Winter in which to cut the wood they are to deliver the next Summer. Even this precaution has not enabled the asylum to get its supply.

Large fir wood is now retailing in very limited quantities at \$4 to \$4.50 per cord, and it is not likely to go below \$3.50 when the winter becomes serious. There was no wood carried over last year, so the market will be very active all Summer.

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Made Millions in the Great Frisbie Mine.

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Sahlberg was well known to mining men in Colorado and Montana. He was a native of Denmark. He is not known who will get his vast fortune.

MEET THE PRESIDENT AT SALEM.

Joint Legislative Committee Will Not Go to State Line.

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