NEW RIFLE RANGE IS THROWN OPEN

Target Year Begins With Big Turnout, Good Scores and Renewed Interest.

100 MEN ON FIRING LINE

National Guard Infantrymen Take Possession of Modern and Fully Equipped Target Grounds Provided by Government.

With a thoroughly modern and fully equipped rifle range available, the Portland companies of the Oregon National Guard opened the 1909 target practice season yesterday at the range near Clackamas Station, purchased several months ago by the United States Government for use by the state in developing marksmen.

Nearly 100 officers and men were on hand to occupy the targets, the two companies assigned to the firing line having unexpectedly large turnouts. Marked enthusiasm was shown by the Guardsmen as they marched onto their new range—a goal for which they have been striving for many years. The spacious grounds were in striking contrast to the cramped and totally inadequate range which in past years has done service for the Portland troops. From 1000 yards right up to the targets the line of fire lay over a strip of ground as smooth as a floor.

Companies E and G, Third Infantry, were the ones to have the first day at the targets. The organizations assembled at the Armory at 7 A. M. and an hour later marched to the Union depot, equipped for the field. The trip to the range was made over the Southern Pacific, a ride of 35 minutes landing the troops at Clackamas Station, 11 miles south of Portland. From that point a march of 500 yards saw the companies on the range. Company E was in command of Captain C. E. Smith, Senior Captain of the regiment. Company C was in command of Captain L. A. Bowman. Adjutant-General W. E. Finzer and Major F. S. Baker, State Inspector of Small Arms Practice, were on the range all day directing the details of the opening day's work.

Fire Over Short Ranges.

Good scores were numerous, totals of 40 and better out of a possible 50 being nothing out of the ordinary at the 200-yard range slow fire. In view of the fact that many recruits were on the line, the company averages were not very high, however. The forenoon was spent at the 200-yard range, slow fire. After mess the troops moved back to 300 yards. Experts and sharpshooters were permitted to fire over the short ranges in order that they might accustom themselves to the conditions.

So far as could be determined from yesterday's firing, freak weather conditions will not have to be contended with on the range. The wind was quite regular from the northwest, passing at a sharp angle across the line of fire. On account of a timbered line of hills directly back of the butte retarding winds are impossible, while the perplexing "fishtail" variety of breeze has yet to manifest itself.

During the morning's work a bad east light had to be encountered, the range running a trifle south of east and catching the sun squarely. This is no serious difficulty, however, and may prove of some advantage to the team men, since the National range is laid out in the same manner. Even with a mild sun, considerable mirage was in evidence, and when the experts take to the 800 and 1000-yard ranges on hot days, it is plain that they will have need of all the range "dope" that the average expert usually carries with him in from one to four trunks.

Firing Completed on Schedule.

The two short ranges were completed with a small margin to spare by the time recall was sounded, at 4 P. M. The two companies were then marched to the railway tracks, where they entrained for the city. A separate car which had been promised by the Southern Pacific Company for the officers and men failed to materialize, with the result that nearly all had the questionable pleasure of standing jammed in the aisles on the return journey.

Enthusiasm over the new range was general, and the most successful range season on record is taken as assured, Guard officers say. With a new range, perfect environment for firing, a thorough system in conducting the work and all facilities for instructing the poor shots and further developing the good ones, the Guard riflemen say they intend to forge right ahead. While the figure of merit in the Oregon Guard has already given it an enviable position in that important branch of military work, it is now intended to go to the very top.

Although the Oregon infantry team, competing with 50 picked teams last Summer in the National rifle competition at Camp Perry, Ohio, finished ahead of 37 teams, the local riflemen have always been handicapped by lack of proper range facilities for preliminary practice. Now that the handicap is overcome, the team men expect to get "inside the money" when they go East this Summer.

"The new range means a great deal to the military department of the state," said General Finzer, under whose supervision the range was purchased by the Government and laid out for use. "The several hundred men stationed in Portland, as well as the Oregon City company, now have a solid basis for enthusiasm and interest in marksmanship. The showing made on the opening day will convince any one that great progress is to be made from now on in perfecting the men in the most important qualification of soldiers—accurate firing."

Early in July arrangements will probably be made for sending the infantrymen of the regular Army here for practice from Vancouver Barracks. The Government has a lease on a range back of Vancouver, but the lease expires July 1, and the regulars will then have to seek a new location. The plan of placing them on the range near Portland has already been given favorable consideration. The local range will also be made available to the marines and bluejackets of visiting cruisers.

BAD EGGS LEAD TO FIGHT

Two Greeks With Knives Resent Reflections on Their Viands.

A dispute over the age of some soft-boiled eggs served to a customer last night in the Greek restaurant at Williams avenue and Russell street, conducted by the Harris brothers, led to a stabbing affray. C. H. Alliton, a carpenter, builder and contractor, living at 329 Graham avenue, received a slash over the head with a butcher knife and another in the palm of the hand, while Chris Harris was struck in the forehead with a tea cup and sustained a painful wound, and George Harris received numerous blows in the face.

Alliton and a companion went into the restaurant shortly before 10 o'clock and ordered supper. When the eggs were served Alliton called the attention of George Harris to their condition, and asked to have them changed. This angered the restaurant man, so that he grabbed up the cup containing the questionable food and slammed it down on the counter with an oath, and told Alliton that if he did not like the quality of his eggs he could get out. Alliton and his friend started out, and then the two brothers ran after them and demanded payment for the eggs.

The customers refused to pay unless other eggs were substituted. This was refused, and a fight ensued. The Harris brothers selected knives as their weapons, and the customers picked up glasses and cups. In the midst of the melee Patrolman Fields was attracted to the scene and placed the Harris brothers and Alliton under arrest. Alliton's friend got away.

At the police station all presented a battered appearance. The restaurant proprietors were locked up in a cell, charged with fighting, and Alliton was released on $20 bail. Chris Harris had certificates of deposit in his pocket for $1676. Alliton declared that he would swear out a warrant for their arrest on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

WILL ADDRESS BRITISH RESIDENTS TONIGHT.

J. E. Laidlaw, England's Vice-Consul Here.

BRITISH TO CELEBRATE

EXERCISES AT EXPOSITION RINK FOR EMPIRE DAY.

Birthday of Late Queen, Now Is Kept as National Holiday in All English Colonies.

Britons in Portland will celebrate today as Empire Day and, in keeping with usual custom, appropriate exercises will be held at the Exposition Rink. Aside from a concert, James Ernest Laidlaw, the local British Vice-Consul, will deliver an address. The programme in full will be:

Song, "Braw, Braw Lads," Mrs. Rose C. Reed; song, "Death of Nelson," F. T. Crowther; song, "The Maple Leaf," Miss Kathleen Lawler; address, H. B. M. Consul, James Laidlaw; Welsh Glee Club, "Mai"; song, "Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon," Mrs. Rose C. Reed; song, "Kathleen Mavourneen," Miss Kathleen Lawler; song, "Yeoman's Wedding Song," F. T. Crowther; trio, "What a Merry, Merry Life We Gipsies Lead," Mrs. Reed, Miss Lawler and Mr. Crowther; "Star-Spangled Banner," by the audience; "God Save the King," by the audience.

From the Falkland Islands to Hudson Bay May 24 is celebrated by the British as Empire Day. Everywhere the British flag waves it is considered a national holiday, and it is one of the British national habits to carry their holidays into the lands of their adoption. For some years prior to the death of Queen Victoria it was the custom to regard her birthday, May 24, as one of the national holidays, although the matter was entirely voluntary and varied in different communities. On her death it was assumed the holiday would be changed to the birthday of King Edward VII, but his majesty made it known it was his pleasure the original day should be adhered to, and, if possible, made a national holiday.

London celebrates in its own peculiar fashion with rowdiness of every possible degree. Hampstead Heath, more usually known as 'Ampstead, is the resort of the masses, while the Thames takes on a regatta appearance with the decoration of the houseboats. The King usually gives a garden party to the foreign ambassadors and their suites and the diplomatic corps.

Wherever there is a detachment of the "thin red line," the men will be drawn up and three cheers given for the head of the reigning house, and at sea the same will be done with the bluejackets. In every harbor of the world British ships will "dress ship" and put on their smartest appearance.

MOTTER FOR THE COUNCIL

Eighth Ward Club Would Give Him Bennett's Seat.

That Frank Motter is the right man to succeed Councilman F. S. Bennett as a member of the City Council from the Eighth Ward in view of Mr. Bennett's almost certain election to the office of Municipal Judge, was the expressed judgment of the East Twenty-eighth-Street Improvement Club at a meeting Saturday night. Mr. Motter has been the president of this club from the start, and the chief booster of the community. The club indorsed the movement to make Mr. Motter Councilman and everybody signed the petition to the City Council to be presented after the June election.

Movement to transfer the $450,000 Madison-street bonds to Market street got another setback. W. M. Hall introduced resolutions condemning the diversion of this money to Market street and called attention to the general movement of all East Side push clubs to condemn the effort to divert the fund.

The club then undertook to "wade" through the little book of amendments to the charter of 164 pages, but little was accomplished. No vote was taken on any of the amendments discussed.

At this meeting the following officers were elected for one year: President, Merwin Pugh; vice-president, W. B. Hall; secretary, W. T. Gardner; treasurer, F. W. Arlss.

"DRYS" SEE PLOTS

James R. Knodell Warns Audience of Tricks in Ballot.

PRAISES HIS MANAGEMENT

Tells People at Y. M. C. A. That Prohibition Movement Is Gaining in Oregon, and Funds Are Very Plentiful.

"A tremendous effort is being made in Portland today to head off the 1910 prohibition vote," said James R. Knodell, president of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, in speaking to the men assembled in the Y. M. C. A. parlor yesterday afternoon. "I do not know, and neither do I care, what your politics are, whether you are a Democrat or a Republican. But no matter what your political faith may be, I want you to stand with me against the liquor traffic.

"In 1910 there will go upon the ballot at least two measures framed for the purpose of heading off the advancement of the fight against the liquor traffic by regulating it. But these movements are against your manhood and mine, and against our homes and children. Both measures mean license, and you cannot rightfully license an evil.

Scores "Decent" Saloons.

"High license will mean the death of the "groggery." My boy and your boy will go to h— quicker from a gilt-edged saloon than from one of those. Men, we can't afford to put the stamp of decency on this evil. We are winning in the struggle. Don't let them prevail upon you to sidetrack this movement.

"The liquor traffic is a criminal transaction. It is a crime for a man to murder, for a man to sell him the stuff that entices him to murder, and for you and me to vote for a regime which will license the man who sells him the stuff that entices him to commit crime. So all the way up, until the fatal shot is fired or the knife is thrust, it is a crime. It is not a business proposition to allow a traffic to continue which fills your penitentiaries and asylums.

Pays Respects to Baker City.

"Baker City is so rotten in its public administration that they have fenced off a section of the city as a corral for the habitues of the red-light district, and there the young men and boys visit nightly, because the nefarious business is licensed by the city. The thing to do is to let the sunlight in, so to speak, on such a thing as that. Lincoln said that sunlight in a rat hole spoils it for that purpose. Many of Baker City's citizens are ashamed of the condition of the town. And men, if this liquor traffic continues in this city, we will have to hold our heads in shame."

Mr. Knodell told of the financial condition of the League since Rev. Paul Rader was ousted from president, and Mr. Knodell took charge. The latter said that when he took the League work, the organization was $5400 in debt.

Praises Own Management.

"The former officers were good workers," he said, "but they didn't attend to raising money to pay the bills. That entire $5400 has been paid off. In spite of the fact that we carried on the campaign of 1908 at the same time."

The speaker said that Maine, Kansas, Dakota, Georgia, Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee, are now dry, and that Florida and Oregon soon will be. He said that 15 Governors favor prohibition, that 42,000,000 of the 86,000,000 people in the United States are living in dry territory, and told of the passage at the last Congress of a law to prevent "bootlegging," the shipping of liquor into dry territory. He remarked that the 21 dry counties in Oregon have been made so within the last five years.

When the meeting was thrown open for remarks, the statement was made that prohibition does not work in North Dakota, there being more drunkards in Fargo than in Portland. But another speaker said later that he came from North Dakota five months ago, and that liquor is sold at Moorhead, Minn., just across the line from Fargo. The last speaker also told of Michigan City having been cleaned of bootlegging.

NO ASTRAL INFLUENCE

Results of Weal or Woe Caused Only by Ourselves.

PORTLAND, May 22.—(To the Editor.)—Astral and planetary influences have been the supposed bane and weal of humanity during thousands of years; and even now there are millions of humanity on earth who believe that their fate for weal or woe is governed by some star or planet under which they entered earth-life.

Shakespeare, in "King Lear," sums up this human fallacy in the following terms: "This is the excellent foppery of the world, that, when we are sick in fortune, often the surfeit of our own behaviour, we make guilty of our disasters the sun, the moon, and the stars, as if we were villains by necessity, fools by heavenly compulsion, knaves, thieves and traitors by spherical predominance; drunkards, liars and adulterers by an enforced obedience of planetary influence; an all that we are evil in by a divine thrusting on, an admirable evasion of whom, to lay his goatish disposition to the charge of a star!"

Those of us who have lived this physical life two or three score years and reflect thereon, cannot deny the truth so eloquently described by our immortal poet. We see that the results of weal or woe are from our own faults, mistakes and evil propensities. Giles Fletcher, the great contemporary of Shakespeare, said: "A man is his own star."

We are not the slaves of star, planet or providence, but mainly of our own uncontrolled physical passions, partly of hereditary weaknesses, of vicious and unwholesome environment and of social temptations.

Each of us makes and cultivates his or her second nature—the physical one—which proceeds from the objective mind of the physical senses and, alas for our well being, neglect the intuitions and warnings of the subconscious mind of our spiritual and primary being.

Our earthly food from vegetation is the source of our physical body and objective mind, and its passions. The spirit-world around us, to which we, by nature, belong, is the source of our true life, of our evolution from the mental barbarism of our forefathers, of noble inspirations and of all our righteousness.

R. M. BRECKTON.

NEW PASTOR OF ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, VANCOUVER.

Rev. Otis E. Gray, of New York.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 23.—(Special.)—Rev. Otis E. Gray, of New York City, who has accepted a call to become rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in this city, is expected to assume his duties here about June 15.

Mr. Gray was in active business life until 1896, when he entered St. Stephen's College, from which he was graduated in 1899. He studied in the General Theological Seminary and was ordained a deacon in 1907, entering the priesthood in 1908. Upon his ordination he was made first assistant at St. Mark's Church of New York City, which position he resigned to become rector of St. Luke's parish.

He will be married to a young woman of London, Province of Ontario, Canada, the first week in June.

CIRCUS TENT IS RAIDED

POLICE FIND GAMBLING AND MAKE ARRESTS.

Thirty Employes Are Sent Scurrying by Officers and Five Are Locked in Jail.

Reports that gambling was in progress in the tents of the Sells-Floto Circus at Twenty-fourth and Vaughn streets caused a raid on the circus grounds last night by a squad of police and resulted in the exposure of wholesale gambling going on in the mess tent among the employes and the arrest of five men, who were taken to the City Jail and locked up in default of bail.

The raiding squad was composed of Sergeants Gotz and Smith and Patrolmen Holterman, Teevin and Williams. On the approach of the officers they discovered a sentry stationed outside the tent armed with a big club. While he was watching some of the police, two officers slipped around on the other side and crawled in under the canvas. The others then rushed past the guard, who was unable to give any alarm.

The sight which met the gaze of the police when once inside was surprising. Fully 30 men were gathered about the mess tables. The seats had been drawn back and the wooden tables covered with cloths so that the games might be conducted. Poker and craps were being played. The moment the police appeared there was a general scramble among the gamesters to make their escape.

The first alarm was followed by a mad break by all hands. Some of them dived under the tables and, dodging the officers, got away by crawling under the tent. When the police saw that they were outnumbered and would be unable to take all of the players into custody they made a rush at the party, captured as many as they could and let the others escape. The prisoners were handcuffed and taken downtown in pairs.

Several dollars which the players were unable to gather up before the descent of the officers was seized by the police for evidence. The prisoners gave the names of C. Maddux, S. Jones, J. R. Nottingham, W. Bost and Ed Clark. They said they were employes of the mess tent and the stables.

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YOUNG BURGLAR CAUGHT

Policeman Gets 12-Year-Old Lad "With the Goods" On.

During the absence of the household yesterday afternoon the home of Mrs. M. Taylor, 25 Ebey street, Montavilla, was broken into and ransacked, the thief securing a gold ring, a breast pin, a pair of cuff-buttons, and a gold nugget. A little later Patrolman Sloan found a boy named Matthew Rosen, 12 years old, who lives with his parents at 5 Hibbard street, trying to sell these articles at a store in Montavilla. The officer took possession of the stolen articles, and took the boy home to his parents. The father of the youthful burglar said that his son was incorrigible, and requested that the police send him to the Reform School. The lad will be brought before the Juvenile Court.

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