

TAPS SOUNDED FOR OLD HEADQUARTERS

At Midnight Historic Department of Columbia Will Cease to Exist.

ARMY ORDER RINGS KNELL

Since Organization in 1855, Many Famous Officers Have Been in Command—Name Has Been Changed on Six Occasions.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., June 29.—(Special.)—At midnight tomorrow, June 30, 1911, the present organization of the Department of the Columbia, which has been in existence under six different names since 1855, and which has had such distinguished men as Colonel Jefferson C. Davis, Brigadier-General Nelson A. Miles, Brigadier-General Elwell S. Otis, and many others as commanding officers, will cease to exist. The order recently issued by the War Department, reorganizing the Army on a war basis, and drawing all the troops into the United States into three divisions—the Eastern Division, Central Division and Western Division, with headquarters at New York, Chicago and San Francisco, respectively, goes into effect at that time.

History Is Interesting.

The list of officers and the many vicissitudes through which this department has gone since it was first established, make an interesting chapter in the history of the Pacific Northwest.

On or about January 21, 1855, the Columbia River and Puget Sound District was established, with Major G. I. Rains, Fourth Infantry, in command. Colonel G. Wright, of the Ninth Infantry, assumed command about January 21, 1854, and kept it until March 1 of the same year, when the name of the department was changed to the Northern District, Department of the Pacific. Colonel Wright commanded it until October 24, 1858, when a change to the Department of Oregon was made, with Brigadier-General W. S. Harney in command. This officer remained in charge until July 5, 1860, when he was relieved by Colonel Wright, who held command until January 1, 1861, when a change to the District of Oregon was made. Colonel R. S. Beall, First Dragoons, relieved him September 12, 1861. Lieutenant-Colonel A. Cady, Seventh Infantry, commanded from October 23, 1861, until May 9, 1862.

After him followed in succession Colonel Justus Steinberger, First W. T. Infantry, May 9, 1862, to July 7, 1862; Brigadier-General Benjamin Alvord, United States Volunteers, who has descendants in Portland, July 7, 1862, to March 24, 1863; Colonel R. P. Murray, First Oregon Cavalry, March 24, 1863, to August 6, 1865.

The Department of the Columbia was then established on June 27, 1865, and that name has not been changed to the present time. Brigadier-General George Wright was assigned to its command, but he was drowned, July 28, 1865, while on his way to Portland, when the steamer Brother Jonathan was wrecked. Colonel George B. Curry, First Oregon Infantry, then took charge on August 8, 1865, but he served only a short time, being relieved November 28, 1865.

Wheaton Relieves Miles.

Then Colonel Wheaton relieved General Miles and alternately they were in command of the Department of the Columbia until July 8, 1885, when General Miles was relieved by Major-General John Pope, division commander July 8, 1885, to July 29, 1885; Brigadier-General John Gibbon, July 29, 1885, to May 27, 1886; Major-General O. S. Howard, division commander, and Brigadier-General Gibbon commanded alternately until the latter was relieved, April 28, 1891, by Brigadier-General Thomas H. Ruger, who held until July 24, 1891; Brigadier-General August V. Austin, July 24, 1891, to January 3, 1892; Major-General John M. Schofield, commanding Army, January 3, 1892, to May 1, 1892; Brigadier-General Thomas H. Ruger, commanding Department of California, November 24, 1892, to January 2, 1894; Brigadier-General Elwell S. Otis, January 2, 1894, to May 21, 1897; Brigadier-General Thomas M. Anderson, May 21, 1897, to July 31, 1897; Brigadier-General H. C. Merriam, July 31, 1897, to January 19, 1899; Brigadier-General William R. Shafter, January 19, 1899, to June 28, 1900; Major-General Samuel B. Young, June 28, 1900, to October 21, 1901; Brigadier-General George O. Randall, October 21, 1901, to November 21, 1901; Colonel Charles A. Coolidge, November 21, to December 21, 1901; Colonel Tully McGee, December 21, 1901, to February, 1902; Brigadier-General Randall, until March 23, 1902; Brigadier-General Frederick Funston, March 23, 1902, to September 24, 1904; Colonel W. S. Godfrey, September 24, 1904, to October 1, 1904; Brigadier-General Constant Williams, October 1, 1904, to March 15, 1905; Colonel C. H. Noble, March 15, 1905, to April 25, 1905; General Williams returned until June 22, 1905, and Colonel Noble relieved him October 18, 1905; Brigadier-General F. J. Secord, October 12, 1905, to March 1, 1907; Colonel T. C. Woodbury, March 1, 1907, to July 3, 1907; Brigadier-General A. W. Greely, July 3, 1907, to December 18, 1907; Colonel Woodbury returned until March 31, 1908, when he was relieved by Brigadier-General Daniel H. Brush, who commanded to January 21, 1909.

Colonel Woodbury relieved him until July 6, 1909, when Brigadier-General Marion P. Maus assumed command. He is now the commanding officer of this department, but since he was called to the front, Colonel Cornelius Gardner and Colonel Sidney W. Taylor have been in command.

MEMBERS OF BAKER COUNTY'S BOARD OF EDUCATION.



Reading from left to right: Top row—J. F. Smith, County Superintendent Baker County; W. D. Pierce, Bottom Row—J. W. Ball, G. W. Vanderwall.

BAKER MEN NAMED

County Superintendent Makes School Appointments.

4 BUSINESS MEN CHOSEN

J. W. Ball, W. D. Pierce, Charles E. Barber and W. G. Vanderwall Are Selected for Places on Educational Board.

SALEM, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—As members of the County Educational Board, County Superintendent Smith has named J. W. Ball, of Sumpter; W. D. Pierce, of Halfway; Charles E. Barber, of Richland, and W. G. Vanderwall, of Haines.

Mr. Ball formerly taught school for many years in Nebraska and Iowa. Since coming to Oregon, he has been Superintendent of the Light & Power Company of Sumpter. He has always been closely affiliated with the schools of that community, serving as clerk of the Sumpter Board for several years.

Mr. Pierce was born and raised in Baker County, is a stockman, and is much interested in the upbuilding of the schools. He was a prominent worker for the Union High School, which was created in Pine Valley at the last school election.

Mr. Barber is a graduate of the University of Oregon and is a druggist at Richland.

Mr. Vanderwall is a large land holder in Haines and has served 13 years on different school boards in that part of the county.

Superintendent Smith received his education in Ohio and Indiana, and has taught school in Ohio, Colorado and Oregon. He has been school superintendent of Baker County for the last six years. Many important improvements have taken place during his administration.

At its first meeting the new Board divided the county into three supervisory districts. E. W. Dunn, of Halfway, was named supervisor for district No. 2, and P. C. Arildson, of Richland, for district No. 1. Both men have been in school work for several years.

PRINEVILLE IS MECCA

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE TO HOLD TWO DAYS' SESSION. Delegates From All Towns in Central and Southern Oregon Beginning to Arrive.

PRINEVILLE, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—Delegates are beginning to arrive for the Central Oregon meeting of the Oregon Development League, which will convene for a two-days' session at the Prineville Commercial Club's assembly hall Friday. At 11 o'clock the convention will be called to order by William Hanley, of Burns. There will be three sessions both Friday and Saturday, the meeting closing Saturday evening with a banquet to be given by the Prineville Commercial Club.

Secretary Chapman, of the Portland Commercial Club, and J. J. Sayre, field secretary of the Oregon Development League, have been in the interior for several weeks arousing interest in the Prineville meeting. Carl Gray, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad; William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Harriman line in Oregon and W. E. Coman, general passenger agent for the Hill lines in Oregon, will make addresses. Mr. Gray will be the principal speaker at the Friday evening session of the convention. At noon Friday a luncheon will be served at the Commercial Club for all visiting delegates.

Methods of work for commercial clubs will be discussed by the visiting secretaries of commercial clubs. Saturday afternoon good roads, dry farming and experimenting stations will have a place on the programme and experts in all three lines will present their views. Use of the local press in community advertising will also be discussed Saturday by the editors of the interior and any other editors who are present.

Delegates from Klamath Falls, Medford, Lakeview, Paisley and La Pine will gather at Bend Thursday evening and will come with the Bend delegation Friday in time for the opening session. The Prineville and Bend bands will furnish music.

Secretary Chapman expects at least 200 delegates and all the towns in Crook County will be represented tomorrow, including Crescent, La Pine, Imperial, Madras, La Monte, Redmond, Opal City, Hillman, Laidlaw and Sisters.



Charles E. Barber.

OLD SOLDIERS MARCH

ASHLAND SEES VETERANS IN BLUE ON PARADE.

Grand Army Men and Boy Scouts Form Striking Feature—War-Time Play Presented.

ASHLAND, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—The feature of today's Grand Army encampment programme was the parade at 1:30. The old soldiers formed on the plaza and marched up and down Main street. The drum corps led, followed by the Rogue River Boy Scouts, Grand Army veterans and Women's Relief Corps. Ten past commanders led the veterans. The contrast between "Young America" in buckram and "Old America" in blue was striking.

At the high school building the Relief Corps presented a flag for the new Ashland High School building. The speech of acceptance was by George A. Briscoe, superintendent of the Ashland schools. Installation of officers took place after the parade and all other business was closed. Last night the veterans were entertained by a play, "Before the War," given by local talent, arrayed as dandies. Before the play Comrade John S. Bliss gave a sketch of his experiences as color sergeant in the Ninety-fourth Infantry. Toward the close of his speech he unfurled the flag, exhibiting a score of bullet holes made during the siege of Vicksburg. The audience rose as the flag was outspread and gave three cheers and a tiger. The encampment closed tonight with a banquet and campfire.

DREDGING OF LAKES ASKED

Residents Near Marshfield Petition Port for Improvements.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—Residents of the country around Ten-Mile Lake have petitioned the Port Commission that improvements be made in their neighborhood. They want the channel connecting two of the lakes dredged out so that it can be used at all times of the year and also ask that Ten-Mile River be cleared so that it will carry away the surplus water and prevent the overflow of valuable land.

The residents hold that their country is included in the Flooded in Coos Bay district and that they have not received any benefits from port work so far. The improvements asked would greatly increase the advantages of Ten-Mile Lake as a pleasure resort.

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