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resterday and the action of Governor West will not be awaited, as under the Question as to Whether Distributive law it is not necessary to seek his personal approval, inasmuch as Ad-Tariff Order Can Be Ready in jutant-General Finzer, as military chief of staff, can act in his stead. Time Granted Now Problem.

of staff, can act in his stead. The necessary dishandment order will proceed from General Finzer's of-fice, for while the Adjutant-General re-sisted the scheme for dishanding the regiment, the general staff carried the fasue over his head. Hence it is said he has no alternative. Governor West may be called upon to act and at this time big interference is the only thing time his interference is the only thing that can prevent the dissolution of the old Third in its present form.

Scheme Is Scented.

"Intrigue" was the word heard on every hand yesterday among National Guard officers. The hands of officers who seek promotion was clearly shown in the drastic action taken by the general staff, it was asserted. Disband-ment of the regiment is desired only by a small percentage of the regimental officers, it is averred, and these few are ones who will likely be advanced under a new commanding officer.

Two separate battalions are to be formed after the field and staff is uffi-ered out of the service January 1. Then The battalions will elect majors. Major John L. May, of Portland, is sceningly slated to take the post of senior Major, as he is a veteran in the service and is generally looked upon as efficient.

Contest in Sight. For the other majority the livellest mentioned thus far are Captains L. A. Bowman and R. O. Scott, who are said to have been leaders in the movement for dishandment of the regiment. Many raptains will be behind Captain Charles raptains will be behind Captain Charles Smith, senior Captain, who is said to be best equipped by experience and

service for the post. Still another Major will be named with the reorganization of the regi-ment, for it is understood that Major John L. May will be selected as Lieu-tenant-Colonel. It was in order that they might get in line for these maforities, it is asserted, that several captains banded together in the plan that brought about the present condi-

Three new companies must be or-ganized before the regiment can be reorganized. It is intended to recruit one of these at Corvallis, one at Klamath Falls and to take over the Dallas com-pany from the disbanded Fourth Infantry. When this is done, the call for reorganization as a regiment will be issued and the election of a Colonel

will follow Many officers say the pos again tendered to Colonel nal Dunbar, while others are doubtful. Colonei Sam White, of the Governor's staff, is said to have ambitions to head the regiment.

Governor, as commanding officer of the militia of the state, to uphold the men in their contention, with the result that he decided to withhold Simpson's comhe decided to withhold simpson's com-mission until the case is settled. "While the law provides for the elec-tion of the Captain in the National Guard by a vote of the enlisted men," said Adjutant-General Finze, last night, "it has been the rule to permit only Captains and field officers to vote three weeks. Traffic officials representing the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound and the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company con-ferred with the Commission yesterday, but no decision as to a tentative in the election for Colonel. The Cap-taincy in the Naval Reserve is a ranking co-ordinate to that of the superio ing co-ordinate to that of the soperior officers in the Guard, and following the same general plan of procedure, only the officers would be entitled to vote in his election. I intend to follow this rule until otherwise ordered by the courts of the state or the Governor. I bink that my position will be fully

enlisted men, and said that he had thrown them out as illegal. Adjutant-General Finzer upholds the position taken by Colonel Jackson and will leave this morning for Salem to con-fer with the Acting-Governor regard-ing the commission of the Captain-

The enlisted men of the Naval Re-serve assert their right to vote for

their Captain on the fact that the con-stitution provides for the election of all line officers in the National Guard

Olcott Decides to Walt.

think that my position will be fully upheld when I have an opportunity to communicate with the Acting-Governor and explain the case to him."

The entire misunderstanding appears to hinge on the failure of the enlisted men to appreciate the difference in the relative ranking of the officers in the National Guard and in the Naval Mill-R. P. Miller, general freight agent for the Harriman lines of Portland, contended it would be unfair to the Oregon-Washington Rallroad & Navi-gation Company to base the maximum rates on the short mileage between Fouriet and Stokane over the Great Adjutant-General Finzer believes

that the action taken by the enlisted between Portland and Spokane should prevail. It is likely some sort of an arrangement will be made whereby the

that the action taken by the enlisted men of the Naval Reserve is due en-tirely to the same agencies that stirred up the troubles some time ago, which resulted in the removal of Shepherd from the Captaincy. "The same influences appear to have been back of most of the disturbances that have appeared from time to time in the Naval Reserve," he suid. "T heartily approve of the newly-elected commanding officer of the Naval divi-sion of our State Militin, and believe

by the enlisted men, and they claim the same privilege in the election of the Captain in the Naval Reserve. These who cast ballots in the election, Use it a week and you can forget you ever had sore feet. There is nothing on earth that can compare with it. TIZ is for sale at all druggists, 25 and 50 for Shepherd assert that the majority of the men in the ranks are in favor of his reinstatement to the Captaincy. cents per box, or direct, if you wish, from Walter Luther Dodge & Co., Chi-cago, III. from An appeal was made to the Acting throughout the county that suffered a rupture with the McMinnville Local and Long Distance Telephone Company and that have for some time been practi-acily excluded from switching privi-leges over the other lines. The franprovides, among other requirechise nents, main a strictly mutual concern, any de-viation from this or any attempt to dispose of its franchise to another com-pany rendering it void.

MEDFORD CASE IS MYSTERY

Shooting of Man "by Imps of Satan'

Being Investigated.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 13 .-- (Special.)-Declaring that he had been shot by the imps of Satan, Fred Timms presented himself before Police Chief Hittson today with a bullet in his hand and a bump on his shoulder, and asked that the dignitary of the law help him slay

and quarter the forces of evil. "I charged James J. Jeffries to carry on the work," said the wounded apostic, "but two years ago he was unfaithful

to his trust." Chief Hittson modestly disclaimed greater prowess than the ex-heavy-weight champion in vanquishing the forces of darkness, and invited Timms to take an automobile ride to the County Courthouse. After his wounds were dressed Timms was taken to Jacksonville, where he confidentially informed the Chief he was the "Mesminals. RANCK MAY GET OFFICE Representatives Approve Poindexter Representatives Approve Poindexter



STATE COMMISSION BUSY Railroad Body Meets and Secures

Evidence at Union.

UNION, Or., Dec. 13.-(Special.)-The State Halfroad Commission has been in Union today taking testimony in the case of the Central Halfroad of Oreron. Clyde B. Altchison and Frank Miller, of the Commission; W. C. Earle, civil engineer: James W. Crawford, second assistant Attorney-Gen-eral, and Abner Jones, stenographer, made up the party. The Central Rall-road of Oregon was represented by Attorney C. E. Cochran, of La Grande; the Commercial Club of Union by B. F. Wilson, of Union.

Evidence was taken and it is under-stood that the Commission will decide the points at issue at the next regular meeting.

The repair and continued operation of the road from Union to Union Junction is one of the principal points at issue, the company having conceded that it was their intention finally to abandon a portion of this road and make Hot Lake the connecting point with the O.-W. R. & N. road. The members of the Commission left tonight for Baker, where it is understood they will take testimony relative to the Sumpter Valley road.

PROTEST IS BELITTLED

Klamath Falls City Council Violated

Law, Says President of Body.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 13. (Special.)-Over the protest of its president, the City Council of Klamath Falls has gone on record, according to his use of terms, of having violated the law. Owing to the mixup which has resulted over non-enforcement of the building ordinances and the erection of new structures and com ment of repairs in anticipation of securing the necessary city permits for the work afterward, Councilman the work afterward, Councilman Charles McGowan offered a resolution motifying all property owners that hereafter they would be expected to comply with the building ordinance and that no permit would be given ex-cept within its provisions. President Hanks asked if he wanted the council 1200 go on record as having violated the law.

McGowan said he did not care Methoward said he did not care whether this was done or not as the Council had continued to overlook the regulations with great frequency. The resolution was adopted by the Council with only the president's vote dissenting.

KLAMATH FALLS ANXIOUS

Will It Remain "Premium Station"

Is Question Now Uppermost.

and industrial branch of the bureau is KLAMATH FALLS. Or., Dec. 12.-(Special.)-This city boasts of one of being organized.

in Land Office Choice. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 13 .- (Spe-

VANCOUVER, Wash, Dec. 14.- (Spe-cial)--Gien N. Banck, who has been recommended by Senator Poindexter for register of the United States Dis-trict land office in this city, to suc-ceed Hugh C. Phillips, is a pioneer of the county.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 13 .- (Speial.)-Will the State Public Service

Commission be able to complete its distributive rate order by January 1, so that the railroads of Washington can put their tariffs into effect by Febru-ary 2, the date on which the back-haul rates of the Interstate Commerce Com-

mission will become effective? is the question which is bothering the Com-

The Interstate Commerce Commis-sion has informed the State Commis-

sion has informed the picto of its order on the back-haul rates of 30 instead of 60 days had been granted. This means that if the distributive rates of the State Commission are put in force on the same date as the back-haul rates

they must be prepared and the order served on the railroads within the next

Everett and Spokane over the Groat

Northern. The Commission was in-clined to take the same view, but re-

used to admit that the longer mileage

O.-W. R. & N. can get into Eastern Washington on a competitive basis with the lines from Fuget Sound ter-

three weeks.

minals.

Mr. Ranck has served two terms in. the State Legislature, is a Spanish-American War Veteran and until re-

cently was editor of the Independent-Chronicle. His father was assessor in this county hefore the Civil War, and Mr. Ranck has made his home here Mr. Hanck has made his home here since he was born. He was told by Senator Jones and Congressman War-burton that they would concur with Senator Poindexter in the recommenda-

tion. The salary of the office is from fees collected and may run to \$250 a month or much lower. Mr. Phillips' term ex-pires January 1, 1912, after four years tion.

CO-ED DEBATERS TRAINING

Contests Between Universities to Be

Arranged Coming Winter.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Dec. 13.-(Special.)-"Oregon has consented to allow her co-eds to enter intercollegiate debate and it only remains to got a third institution to take interest in the work to complete the arrangements for the varsity women's angular meet," was the statement ven out by Zednick's office today. "Idaho has fiatly refused to allow triangular meet,"

this university runs a pretty good chance of taking honors by the way some of the contestants are showing up in other contests."

People's Ticket Wins at Milton.

MILTON, Or., Dec. 13 .- Excitement in the city election here was great yester-Two tickets were in the field, the Citizens' and the People's, the latter winning out by a large majority. The bond issue for \$10,000 to build a barrel, bond issue for \$10,000 to build a barrel, flume for the extension of the electric plant was defeated. The result of the election follows: Mayor, H. A. Will-lams, People's, 115; J. E. Young, Citl-kens', 52. Councilmen: W. A. Gent, People's, 146; Nelson Maneia. People's, 125; G. W. Johnson, Citizons', 153. Re-corder, Roy Samuels, Jr., and Treasurer, T. Frasier. These two were indersed by hoth parties.

both parties.

Washington Law Knowledge Sought.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 12.-(Special.) -That Australia is interested in the progress being made in the United States in labor legislation is shown by

the fact that State Labor Commissioner C F. Hubbard has been requested by G. H. Knibbs, commonwealth statisti-G. H. Exhibits commonwealth states monwealth bureau of census and sta-tistics with copies of the labor laws of Washington. He states in his letter to Commissioner Hubbard that a labor

George S. Shepherd said yesterday that he had been notified of the action taken by the men and that it was his intention to contest the election on be half of the enlisted men if Acting-Gov ernor Olcott had not held up the Simpson commission. ENGENE SEEKS HALL SITE

Driven to Move by Advancing Realty Values, Bids Are Called.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 13,-(Special.)-Driven by sharply advancing property values to a realization that some pro-vision for a city hall site must be made at once, the City Council last night

passed a resolution inviting property owners to offer to the city suitable sites. These tenders are to state the property offered, its size, location and price, and give the city an option of 90 days in which to refer the question to the people, and provide for the proper bond issue. A communication was received from local syndlerte which because

a local syndicate which bought the old Methodist Church and the quarter block occupied by it at the corner of Tenth and Willamette streets, offering to sell the site and building to the city for

\$30,000. Mayor Berger said he thought it would be best to submit several of the most desirable sites to the people

for their choice. The question of a new city hall has been agitating Eugene for several years, but, nothing has ever been done. The present structure is a small and disreputable-looking wooden building located next door to the county jail, on ground owned by the county, and is often mistaken by strangers for the her women to do any such thing as debate in a semi-public way, but I do not think we will have any difficulty for the city's needs, even leaving out not think we will have any difficulty in getting some other college of good standing to take her place. Women here are anxious to begin work and this university runs a pretty and

Five Score Represented in 45 Separate High Schools in 22 Counties.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene Dec. 13.—(Special.)—According to the high school files of the state, over 100 graduates of the University of Oregon are now teachers in Oregon high schools. They are represented in 45 separate high schools and in 22 coun-ties, Eugene High School leading with 11 and the Portland schools next with

class of 1911, the last to leave The class of 1911, the last to leave the University, has the largest number teaching, 32 in all. The 1310, 1309, 1908 and 1907 graduating classes fol-low almost in natural sequence with 19, 14, 10 and 11, respectively. Of the total list, 30 are men and 17 of these are either principals or super-intendents. The statistics show that the average length of their high school exercise is not over four or flux years

service is not over four or five years, marriage attracting the women and business enterprise the men.

McMinnville Grants 25-Year Deal. M'MINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 13 .- (Spe-

M'MINNVILLE, Or. Dec. 13.-(Spe-clal)=-The McMinnville Mutual Tele-phone Company has been granted a 25-year franchise by the City Council to build and operate its lines in this city. This company was formed from the several farmers' mutual lines

vestigating the case, which is still shrouded in mystery.

MEDFORD TAX LEVY HIGH

City Will Realize \$61,750 for City Improvement Purposes.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 13.-(Special.) -The City Council has fixed the tax levy for 1912 at 9.5 mills, which will realize \$61,750 for city purposes dur-ing the coming year. Last year the levy was 8 mills. This slight increase is said to be due to the working of the Bangroft act.

to the working of the Bancroft act, which makes it possible for the citi-zen to pay his assessment at the end of the year, while the city has to make the interest payment at the end of six months, on the improvement bonds.

The amount of taxable property, ac-cording to the assessor's figures, is \$6,500,000, and the levy will be made 36,000,000, and the levy will be made as follows: General, \$18,200; Interest, \$12,000; street, \$9750; sewer, \$6500; park, \$1300; library, \$3250; bridge, \$6500; sinking fund, \$3250. \$13,000:

MEDFORD MOTHER ANXIOUS

Woman Who Lost Daughter May

Seek Aid of Government.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 13.-(Special.) -Mrs. Margaret Darling, the mother of Nora Darling, the Medford girl who disappeared last September, has noti-fied Medford friends that if she does not find her daughter by the first of

not find her daughter by the first of the year she will invoke the aid of Federal authorities in enforcing the law against the white slave traffic. James Gillespie, of Buhl, Idaho, who is suspected as the man responsible for Nora's disappearance, is still at-large, and Mrs. Darling remains in that city with friends under the hope that her efforts to bring him to justice may not be unavailing. The local au-thorities believe that the girl will not be found. be found.

Three of 22 Dead Are Women.

ALBANY. Or., Dec. 13.-(Special.)-Only three of the last 23 people who have died in Linn County were wo-men. In October there were 14 deaths men. In October there were 14 deaths in the county and all were males and the report of the county health officer for November, filed today, shows that six of the nine people who died last month were males. The November re-port shows 23 births in the county during the month, 11 of the bables being boys and 12 girls.

Agricultural College Man Honored.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COL-LEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 13.-E. B. Moore, of the department of commerce at Ore-gon Agricultural College, will address the National Commercial Teachers' Federation convention to be held at Spo-kane next July. Mr. Moore will take as his subject "How to Maintain Interest by Examinations, Tests and Prizes."

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