

# POST FROM ARCADE RUMORS OF WARS

## More Than 1000 Soldiers in Vancouver Barracks Sit at Big Dinner.

### COLONEL YOUNG THERE

Commanding Officer Personally Gives Men Order to Be at Rest After They Make Impressive Scene Filing to Dine.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Wars, rumors of wars, and such unpleasant subjects were forgotten completely here by the more than 1100 soldiers in the garrison today and instead they thought of home, mother, the mince pies she used to bake, roast turkey, cranberry sauce and sweets, music and the pleasure of living, at peace with the world.

Colonel Young, commanding officer of the post, headed a party, including Mrs. Young, who had just returned from a short trip to Chicago, his daughter, Miss Polly Young, and his son's daughter, Mrs. Harold Young and Captain McLaughlin, post adjutant which visited a number of the dining-rooms of the post, and inspected the elaborate decorations made by the men themselves. Mrs. Young herself went to many of the tables in Company D, Captain Charles Howard's company, and wished the men a "Merry Christmas."

At 12:15, the dinner gong was sounded in Company D, and Colonel Young and party, coming from his quarters, a short time later, they watched the men file in to the banquet. Colonel Young personally gave the men the order to be at rest.

**Lively Music Enjoyed.**  
The company's orchestra of piano and two violins played lively music during the feast and the men were more than pleased with their entertainment. The company's kitchen was visited by Colonel Young, and it is safe to say that there is not a more up-to-date kitchen in any hotel in the Northwest, nor a cleaner one anywhere in Company D, or any other organization in this post.

The breakfast menu for Company D, is a fair sample of what was served to the soldier boys in their blue uniforms and it included pork sausage, fried potatoes, coffee cake, gravy, bread and butter and chocolate.

The Christmas dinner was elaborate and the menu was: Olives, sweet pickles, cream of celery soup; roast turkey, cranberry sauce, chestnut dressing, roast pork, apple sauce, green peas, French peas, sweet corn, celery, mince pie, cheese, apple pie, jelly rolls, raisins, nuts, oranges, coffee.

**Two Kinds of Pie Served.**  
For supper there was turkey hash, potato cakes, cake, mince pie, apple pie, cheese, fruit and tea.

At Company K, in command of Lieutenant Oliver P. Robinson, and Lieutenant George M. Parker, on duty with the company, the dining-room was also decorated lavishly. The menu included oyster soup, crackers, roast turkey, baked spiced ham, cranberry sauce, oyster dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, giblet gravy, creamed green peas, stewed sweet corn, celery, olives, dill pickles, brandy sauce and plum pudding, assorted nuts, mixed candies, mince pie, custard, marzipan pie, jelly roll, chocolate layer cake, fruit cake, oranges, apples, bananas, bread and butter, chocolate, cigars, coffee.

Each organization had its menu cards for souvenirs, and the roster of officers and men included each company or battery.

At Company K, Colonel G. H. G. Gale, commanding officer of Fort Slocum, N. Y., was present. He is father of Mrs. Robinson. Major Chase was at Company D.

Shortly after 12, all of the officers with their wives, assembled at the Officers Club, and extended greetings of the season. This is a time-honored custom in Army circles.

### SPECTACLE IS IMPRESSIVE

"The Star of Bethlehem" Has Initial Performance at Peoples Theater.

"The Star of Bethlehem" which had its initial performance at the Peoples Theater yesterday, created a profound impression. It is a subtle, reverential, profound historical spectacle, at times tender and sympathetic, again tumultuous with the passions and ambitions of those who trembled even at the thought of a national deliverer for down-trodden and oppressed people. Christianity itself, but in this latest telling it has gained in the power of conviction and no man, let his religion be what it may, can witness the spectacle and not be bettered. It appeals a newer and broader argument for the philosophy of Jesus and yet it has a stirring appeal to the man of action, for it depicts a period of Jewish and Roman history that was full to the brim of great deeds and eventful epochs.

Mary's sweet and tender mission is revealed in a masterly manner as one of the most beautiful and artistic photo-play actresses in this country. All of the characters are splendidly done. No effort or money has been spared to set the new and higher standard of excellence than ever before, and the Theater Company has left an enduring impression by this one work alone. The other pleasing thing of the show was a little Christmas playlet with very beautiful and original scenery and songs. This, though a made-in-Portland affair, was smoothly presented and artistically effective. The entire performance caught the fancy of the biggest crowds that ever in one day in this city attended a picture show.

The Star, Arcade, Sunnyside, Tiroll and Crystal theaters each had fine Christmas programmes, and their day's patronage was proportionately large. The Star Theater also put on an original Christmas production, using the Washington Quartet, while the Arcade Theater offered a neat little song and scene feature, based on an original tale of the old woman who lived in her shoe and who had so many children she did not know what to do.

The board of directors of the Peoples Amusement Company appreciated the sum sufficient to give a cash present of from \$2.50 to \$10 to each and every one of its 200 employees, the size of the present being based on the length of time he or she had been in the service of the company.

## REMARKABLY COLD BODY OF WATER, FROM WHICH STATE WOULD DRAW SUPPLY FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY TOWNS.



CLEAR LAKE.

### LAKE WELL NAMED

Water So Clear That Bottom May Be Seen in Places.

### PETRIFFIED TREES IN IT

Remarkably Cold Is Body of Water From Which State Board of Health Would Supply Willamette Valley Towns in Future.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Clear Lake, which the State Board of Health is planning to utilize as a source of water supply for the cities and towns of the Willamette valley and the state institutions at Salem, is situated in the southeastern part of Linn County, about 17 miles southeast of Albany. It lies about two miles from the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road and is about four miles from the summit of the Cascade Mountains.

The main body of the lake is about two miles long and three-fourths of a mile wide. Connected with the main body of the lake by a neck of water about a mile wide, is a smaller body about one-half a mile long and one-fourth of a mile wide. The lake is remarkably deep, so deep, in fact, that no one who has ever visited it has had a line long enough to measure its depth. The water is so clear that the bottom of the lake may be seen in some places, notwithstanding it is many hundreds of feet deep. The bottom is irregular and there are evident high cliffs at various places, though they appear as small precipitous formations from the surface.

**Petrified Trees in Lake.**  
A most peculiar feature of the lake, which makes it unique among all the lakes of the state and probably of the country, is that it contains at least 60 petrified trees, standing upright.

The water of the lake is remarkably cold. A person cannot keep his hand in it very long at a time. A large spring, which bubbles up on one side of the lake and which is one of the sources of the lake's water supply, is even colder than the lake itself. It is a practice among the people who visit the lake before they attempt to wade those visiting it for the first time that they cannot keep their hand in this spring for more than a minute. This has been tried many times, but so far as known, the feat has never been accomplished. So cold is the water of this spring that if one alludes to it in conversation, the speaker's hand becomes apparent both in the hand and arm as well.

**Clear Lake Beautiful.**  
Clear Lake is a very beautiful body of water and its charm is enhanced by the natural surroundings. The Three Sisters are many miles from the lake, but a beautiful view of them is obtained looking across the lake from north to south.

There is a large quantity of lava in the vicinity of Clear Lake and it is supposed that the lake may be an old volcano, though the border of the lake does not have the appearance of a crater now.

The lake is the main source of the McKenzie River. The river flows out at the southwest corner of the lake and about one and one-half miles from where it leaves the lake the river plunges over a cliff 60 feet high, forming a beautiful waterfall.

Investigations which have been made disclose that the water of Clear Lake is of splendid quality and admirably suited for supplying cities and towns with water for drinking purposes.

### MRS. HUTTON IS HOSTESS

At Wedding of Niece Big 10-Course Banquet Is Served.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Miss Bertha Marie Hutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hutton, of Minnehaha, and niece of L. W. Hutton and his wife, Mrs. Mary Arkwright Hutton, the well-known suffragist of Spokane, was married to Clarence Lee Johns, of this city, at 2 o'clock today at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Floyd A. Ross, of the First Christian Church of this city, officiating. The bridegroom was attended by Albert Houghland and the bridesmaid was Miss Nellie Hutton, sister of the bride.

After the wedding ceremony, the bride and groom were married and to pass Christmas with the old folks.

Friends of the popular young people tonight went out to Minnehaha and charivari them. They were invited inside and served with cold carved turkey, mince pie, apple elder and cake. Mr. and Mrs. Johns will remain at the home of the bride for a short time and then remove to a bungalow provided in this city.

### VANCOUVER GIVEN \$50

Postmaster Gets Small Sum to Start Parcel Post Work.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Fifty dollars of the appropriation of \$200,000 made for the beginning of the parcel post system in the United States, has been allotted to this city for "vehicle hire." The letter to Postmaster Daniel Crowley says that "it is realized that the \$50 will not last the entire year," but it is supposed to be made to last as long as possible.

A sub-committee and sub-clerk have been provided to assist in caring for the extra work the new system will require, and as soon as possible a report on necessary supplies and help will be forwarded to the Postoffice Department at Washington, D. C. It is believed that many merchants in the city, who have no delivery of their own, and who can do so a saving will deliver their goods parcel post. One merchant has figured out that he can have his packages delivered for 14 cents by the Government, whereas he now pays 25 cents and more.

The parcel post stamps, about the size of a special delivery stamp, have arrived in denominations up to 75 cents and will be on sale January 1.

### CITY WORKERS HAVE TREE

Vancouver Citizens Are "Santa" to All Municipal Employees.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special)—In the same room where yesterday prisoners were sentenced pronounced upon them, at 11 o'clock last night, the Vancouver municipal Christmas tree was held, with Mayor Charles E. Irving and members of the Council present. Merchants, professional men and others interested in the happiness of the employees of the city were invited to the tree, and every person on Vancouver's payroll, and those were placed on a huge Christmas tree in the City Hall. At 11 o'clock the candles were lit and in the presence of a large number of friends the gifts were passed out.

A feast was a part of the celebration, and cigars were provided for all, in addition to more substantial presents, and some humorous ones.

This is the first time such a celebration has been held in Vancouver, and Sergeant of Police Gasoway had pleased company until after 1 o'clock. Jack Smith, patrolman, officiated at the Christmas tree. The custom will be kept up, so successful was the initial attempt.

### PRISON JOKES APPLAUD

More Than 800 Convicts Enjoy Rare Treat in Penitentiary.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Eight hundred and fifty men today nearly split their hands applauding jokes about penitentiaries. Everyally about "doing time" brought a big roar. The applauders were convicts at the State Prison and the jokes were sprung by convict endmen in the minstrel show. Old-time gags were repeated today and night. Some of the big hits were made by an old minstrel man, who has been working in the kitchen. He got back to his natural element today and the audience roaring.

### WATER FOR SHASTA VALLEY

Klamath River May Be Utilized if Cheap Plan Is Outlined.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special)—The Shasta Valley is again trying to secure water from the Klamath River for irrigation and new surveys have recently been made for that purpose. The Government had a party in the field last season, but the engineer's figures indicated that the cost would run about \$70 per acre and as that was considered prohibitive the project was dropped.

It may be that a cheaper way of getting the water on the land has been found. If so the value of such an enterprise to that section will be great, for the soil is productive, generally of good depth and needs only water to make it produce wonderful crops.

**Another Insane Man Picked Up.**  
ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Entering a delusion to the effect that he was recently discharged by Superintendent Steiner, of the State Insane Asylum, after seven years of faithful service, a man named Dewade, Gilmore and Blaine, and of Portland, were run out of the valley and compelled to go to Bend, owing to alleged thefts committed by them. Articles have been reported missing for some time and homes, left unprotected during the absence of the owners, have been burglarized daily. Suspicion finally fell upon this trio and when an impromptu vigilante committee called at the tent occupied by these young men a collection of all the stolen articles was discovered.

### ELOPERS ARE GIFTS

Young Couple Promise Parents Presents; Pledge Kept.

### "TOT" IS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

Charlie Strauhau Asks 'Papa' Strauhau for Money to Go to Portland to Buy Tokens — Returns With Wife of 17.

SEASIDE, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special)—"Father, give me some money; I want to go to Portland to get you a Christmas present," said 17-year-old Charlie Strauhau last Tuesday morning to his father, W. E. Strauhau, wealthy cranberry grower and owner of a string of stores along North Beach.

Mr. Strauhau promptly acquiesced in the request of his only son, and Charlie left for Portland by the morning train.

"Mother, give me some money; I want to go to Portland to buy you a Christmas present," were almost the identical words on Wednesday morning of Miss Elaine Gooley, who is also just 17 years of age, and lives at Long Beach, Wash.

"All right, 'Tot,'" was the parent's reply.

**"Tot" Off to Portland.**  
So Miss Gooley departed for Portland on Christmas shopping bent.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Gooley and Mr. Strauhau met in the postoffice and related their Morning Oregonian together.

"Tot" has gone to Portland to do some shopping," said Mrs. Gooley, as she skinned sheep in the newspaper.

"So has Charlie," remarked Mr. Strauhau, as he did likewise.

"Look here!" called the North Beach merchant, as he read:

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special)—A marriage license was issued here today to Charles E. Strauhau and Miss Elaine Gooley, of Long Beach, Wash.

**Boy to Be Disinherited.**  
There were two simultaneous "Ohs!" Then—

"I shall disinherit Charlie as soon as he comes back," stormed Mr. Strauhau, as he strode homeward.

"I did not believe 'Tot' could do anything so cruel," moaned Mrs. Gooley.

When the boat-train from Portland arrived Saturday morning a somewhat worried young pair of elopers alighted.

"Here's your Christmas present, dad," said young Strauhau to the worried older person who met him at the depot.

"And here's 'Tot's' gift," added "Tot" Strauhau to her mother.

Two Christmas presents were hugged to the breasts of two respective, quite happy parents.

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Three were then advised by the committee that they would be given 35 hours to get out of the community or else go to Lakeview, the county seat, and stand trial for burglary. They left Gilmore and Blaine had their wives with them. Dewade said he had worked in an Albina market, while Gilmore claimed to have been employed in a grocery store beside the market.

**Union Now Occupies Library.**  
UNION, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Union's fine new library building donated by Andrew Carnegie, is now occupied by the Union Library Association and is a source of pride to all. Donations of books are coming in from the various orders of the city and from individuals, and to these donations will be added many volumes to be bought by the city, making one of the most complete small libraries in the state. The directors of this library are: Joseph Wright, George A. Selbird, H. C. Cockrum, Mrs. Walter Cook, Mrs. Mabel Gale and Mrs. Fred West. The cost of the library building was \$5500, all of which was furnished by Andrew Carnegie.

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