

COLONEL DENTLER WILL RETURN HERE

Army Man Appointed Inspector-Instructor of the Sixteenth Militia Division.

NINE REGIMENTS INCLUDED

Announcement of Portland's Selection as Headquarters Made Simultaneously With That of Col. Dentler's Appointment.

Colonel Clarence E. Dentler, Thirty-fourth Infantry, U. S. A., formerly of this city, will return to Portland within a few days, having left El Paso, Tex., Thursday. He comes here to assume his new post as senior inspector-instructor of the Sixteenth Militia Division, with headquarters in Portland, to which he was appointed a few days ago.

The Sixteenth Militia Division is a division created under the new Army bill and in it are contained nine regiments. These nine regiments will probably include Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, and Utah, and the selection of Portland as headquarters for the inspector-instructor is gratifying to Portland guard officers.

Colonel Dentler Known Here.

Colonel Dentler has had several Oregon commands, having been commandant of cadets at Oregon Agricultural College, 1894-98, and more recently serving as inspector-instructor of the Oregon National Guard in 1911.

Colonel Dentler will join his wife and three children, John, Jeannette and Robert, who are living here. He has been in command of the Thirty-fourth Infantry at El Paso, Tex., which he organized there when promoted to the rank of Colonel July 2, 1916.

He was graduated from West Point in 1884, from the Army School of Line, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 1908, being the first field officer to graduate from the latter school; and from the War College at Washington, D. C., in 1909.

One of his first experiences of actual service was in the White Mountain Indian campaign against Apache Kid, in 1894 he was appointed commandant at Oregon Agricultural College, and while there was admitted to the State Bar Association of Oregon.

Mrs. Dentler an O. A. C. Graduate.

It was during his service at Oregon Agricultural College that he became engaged to a college belle, Miss Della Gellatly, who graduated from O. A. C. in 1894 and was married to Colonel Dentler in September of the same year.

During the Spanish-American War Colonel Dentler served in Porto Rico, and in the Samar and Leyte campaigns, and later in the Philippine insurrection. In 1904 he was made inspector-general of the Department of California, and while in San Francisco had charge of the remittance of Philippine money into American coin and of the counting, packing and shipping of the money. He went to Cuba in 1906 with the second army of pacification and returned to take charge of the camp of instruction of the National Guard in 1910.

Service Covers Wide Range.

In 1911 he became inspector-instructor of the Oregon National Guard, with headquarters at Portland, and in 1912 was sent to the Peking, China, for six months, then to Manila, where he was in command of the instruction and training of the Philippine troops department. He returned to the United States in 1915 and took posts at Texas City, Jacksonville, Fla., and in March at El Paso, where he organized the Thirty-fourth Infantry.

Although he had not heard of the assignment of Colonel Dentler to the Sixteenth Militia Division, with headquarters in Portland, Lieutenant-Colonel John L. May, regimental commander of the Third Oregon, said last night that he was very much pleased with the prospect of having Colonel Dentler in Portland.

PRISON CHANGE ADVISED

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board be composed of the secretary to the Governor as an ex-officio member, and two citizens to be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years each, to be the other members, instead of a membership of five as now constituted.

It is urged that the Mutual Welfare League, as applied to Sing Sing prison, be experimentally tried, and that a balanced diet be given the inmates under the direction of a skilled steward, who, the report says, could save more than his salary.

More Produce Advised.

Touching upon the penal farm, the report says that it should be operated to supply the general demands of the penitentiary for farm produce; that it be drained where needed; that all its products of a perishable nature must be canned or prepared for use or marketing.

"To do this," the report declares, "it is necessary to repeal the law prohibiting the sale of prison-made goods in competition with the products of free labor," and the report so recommends that the law be repealed.

It is urged that the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College be required to co-operate with the penitentiary farm management, and that, as soon as practicable, seek to apportion the farm operations of each state institution now maintaining a farm, so that the penitentiary may develop the entire dairy business in sufficient volume to satisfy state institutional demands under the state plan.

Quarries Are Suggested.

It is suggested that prisoners, if compensated, be required to pay for all or part of the cost of their apprehension and trial.

Any industry for the employment of prisoners should be one that requires the smallest initial plant investment per unit, the report says, and the smallest number of units; one that employs profitably the largest amount of unskilled labor and the least amount of machinery, and one that does not have to depend for a market on interstate trade. The commission believes that the quarrying and grinding of limestone by prison labor is worthy of consideration.

School Work Needed.

Continuation of the present chaplain system is recommended, but it is said, religious teachings should have a more prominent place in the work of reformation of prisoners.

Re-establishment of common school work at once is suggested. It is urged that such work be placed under a competent paid teacher, to be supervised by the state or Marion County School Superintendent.

It is urged that vocational training be established, that military drill and calisthenics obtain, that an American flag fly within the prison grounds and that inside officials, except the ward-

en, be in prison uniform, and that prisoners be required to salute officials. In suppression and handling of vice it is recommended a one-man cell system be established and that sterilization of the feeble-minded and castration of the incorrigible be instituted.

Segregation is Favored.

Touching upon segregation of first offenders the commission declares that it does not believe in the segregation of first offenders as such. It declares the proper basis of segregation is to ascertain the high per cent of factors contributing to the delinquency of large groups of criminals and segregate in accordance with the persistent or frequently recurring factors.

The commission favors that a segregation be made by ascertaining the hopeless mental defect cases and these be permanently removed from their social environment by life detention in a state institution, but that this system be fully safeguarded.

Tailor Shop Should Be Larger.

Other minor recommendations are made to the effect that provision be made by law for the Attorney-General



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to safeguard prisoners' property; that the printing plant be enlarged to provide more work and that an effort be made to avoid tailor shop duplication; that the water tower be moved to a place less exposed to fire hazard and that the race and fume inside the prison walls be covered.

It is urged that a medical department be established in connection with the prison with psychological and sociological branches and that properly equipped laboratories be provided to make blood tests of inmates.

Parole System Faulty.

Referring to the parole system the report declares that its operation is the principal source of irritation among prisoners; that considerable misunderstanding exists among the prisoners as to the difference between the mandatory and discretionary provisions of the law, and largely upon that ground the recommendations in regard to the parole system are offered.

It is declared that the fundamental error of the present parole system is that it is not true that repetition of criminal acts is conclusive evidence of habitual criminality.

"Ball Ring" Not Abolished.

Removal of the warden and the parole officer from membership of the parole board is advocated. Removal of the warden is suggested, as it says he is apt to attach too great importance to compliance with prison discipline; while, the report says, "the proper control of subordinate functions of a parole officer are destroyed if he is permitted to participate in the discretionary powers that of necessity must be employed to direct his subordinate duties."

Walking in the "bull ring," the report states, probably has been abused in the past, but no objection is found to its use by the committee if the assignment be for a reasonable period and carefully attention be paid to its effect upon the feet.

Great waste was found in disposition of some of the articles of food served to the prisoners.

ELKS HAVE FINE BALL

ONE THOUSAND TRIP LIGHT 'FANTASTIC MERRILY.

Royal Purple and Multi-Colored Lights Used to Good Effect in the Decorations.

Portland Elks were hosts last night at a dancing party held at Cotillion Hall to more than 1000 people, old and young. The floor was jammed and dancing continued from early in the evening until 1 o'clock this morning.

The hall was tastefully decorated in the Elks' royal purple and multi-colored lights were used effectively during the dances.

Promptly at 11 P. M. the dancers were hushed by a call from the corner. The purple lights flashed and Wallace Erwin sang the toast to the absent brothers.

Exhibition dancing was given by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ringler, purple costumes being used with effect.

W. R. McDonald was chairman of the committee that arranged the annual ball.

The proceeds derived from last night's dance, approximately \$1000, will be used for costuming the Elks' band, an unusually good amateur organization. It is the intention of the Elks to allow the public to get the benefit of their band free during the coming summer.

SHORT WEIGHT GETS FINE

\$1 a Pound Given Dealer Who is Not Giving Full Measure.

"One hundred pounds of potatoes must weigh 100 pounds, no less," ruled Municipal Judge Langsuth yesterday as he fined John Salta, a Yamhill public market merchant.

The arrest was made by E. D. Jones, City Seal of Weights and Measures, on complaint of the purchaser, Mrs. H. Shipiro. The sack supposed to contain 100 pounds of potatoes was just 15 pounds short. Judge Langsuth fined Salta \$1 a pound for the shortage.

"We have had a number of similar complaints recently," said Mr. Jones, "and intend to wipe out this species of abuse without delay."

Military Instructors Assigned.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—Quartermaster-Sergeant Cyrus F. Dugger, retired, and Regimental Sergeant-Major Dennis Hayes, retired, under orders issued today, will report to the president of the Oregon Agricultural College for duty as assistant to the military instructor of cadets.

The smoking of dried "cool's foot" leaves antedated the introduction of tobacco in England.

DEALERS SEEK BAN ON TRADING STAMP

State Hardware Association Discusses Several Measures Before Assembly.

ANNUAL SESSION CLOSES

Banquet Given Delegates by Jobbers and Wholesalers—Selection of Next Meeting Place Is Put Up to Committee.

Resolutions opposing the passage of a bill now pending in the State Legislature which provides for the operation of trading stamp concerns through the payment of a license fee were adopted at the closing session of the 11th annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association at the Imperial Hotel yesterday afternoon. The organization took action opposing or indorsing several other bills now before the state law-making body.

The gathering closed with a banquet at the Multnomah Hotel to the retailers by the wholesalers and jobbers.

Trading Stamp Declared Evil.

In taking action on the trading stamp bill it was the expressed opinion of the gathering that the use of trading stamps was an evil from the standpoint of the retail men and small dealers. The action of the association on that bill, and on other bills also, will be forwarded to the members of the Legislature.

The organization indorsed a bill providing for the carrying of a license by those taking out a license to do so, which is to be introduced in the Legislature. It was said that this bill, if passed, would mean the adoption of the system at present in use in New York.

A bill further enlarging and defining the functions of the small claims court was indorsed. The body went on record as opposed to bills providing for further regulation of hunting and fishing. It was the expressed opinion of the body that there are sufficient game laws now to provide for the proper protection of the fish and game of the state.

Thanks Tendered Press.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the news and trade papers for their courtesy in handling reports and advance matter on the convention of similar resolutions, thanking the jobbers for their hospitality, were also adopted.

It was decided to leave the question of the place for the next annual meeting to the decision of the executive committee. Portland probably will be selected.

E. E. Lucas, of Spokane, was elected secretary by the executive committee. He succeeds H. J. Altrow, of Portland.

The banquet at the Hotel Multnomah last night was tendered to members of the association by 20 wholesale hardware and implement firms of this city.

Besides the elaborate dinner, which was served in the hotel ballroom to nearly 250 hardware men, an unusual programme of entertainment was provided. The conventional after-dinner speeches were dispensed with, and cabaret numbers were given under the direction of Harold H. Grady.

Appearing on the programme with Mr. and Mrs. Grady, who diverted the diners with a number of unique and original dances, was a list of entertainers including the following: Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, Master Louis Kaufmann, Mrs. Lulu Dale Miller, who rendered musical numbers; and Larry Mann, the Jerome Stone Trio, Karkeek, Miss Caroline Rotay, Miss Marguerite and the Four Sisters.

Burnett, Miss Violet Densinger and Master Hal Larned, and the Multnomah Marimba Band, contributing various novelties.

In charge of the arrangements were the following members of the banquet committee: W. K. Slater, Honeyman Hardware, chairman; E. C. Ward, Marshall-Wells Hardware Company; E. Creasey, the Gauld Company; W. F. Norman, Fairbanks-Morse Company; E. E. Tressler, Simonds Manufacturing Company; S. C. Rasmussen, Rasmussen & Co.

ITALY FEELS REASSURED

Wilson's Peace Ideas Found to Be Precisely Those of Allies.

PARIS, Jan. 26.—The Rome correspondent of the Temps, in a dispatch dated January 23 and delayed in transmission, describes the effect there of President Wilson's address to the Senate as follows:

"President Wilson's message has produced an enormous sensation in Rome among the people in society and in political circles. No one has spoken of anything else since the address became known. At first it produced an impression of disquietude, as the public thought that his proposals were entirely in favor of the central powers. A rereading of his words, however, disclosed to the public that his principles for a basis for a durable peace were nearly the same as those contained in the reply of the entente powers to President Wilson's recent peace note."

SPY SUSPECT TO LECTURE

Dr. John M. Dean Who Was Prisoner in Paris, to Speak.

Dr. John M. Dean, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, of Chicago, and who, as a Y. M. C. A. secretary has spent a large part of his time in service with the Army, will speak at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow at 3:30 on "Assorted Gods."

Dr. Dean was arrested in Paris at the outbreak of the European war as a spy, and in the Philippine campaign was captured by the natives.

Music will be furnished by an orchestra and by J. W. Palmer and M. A. Howard.

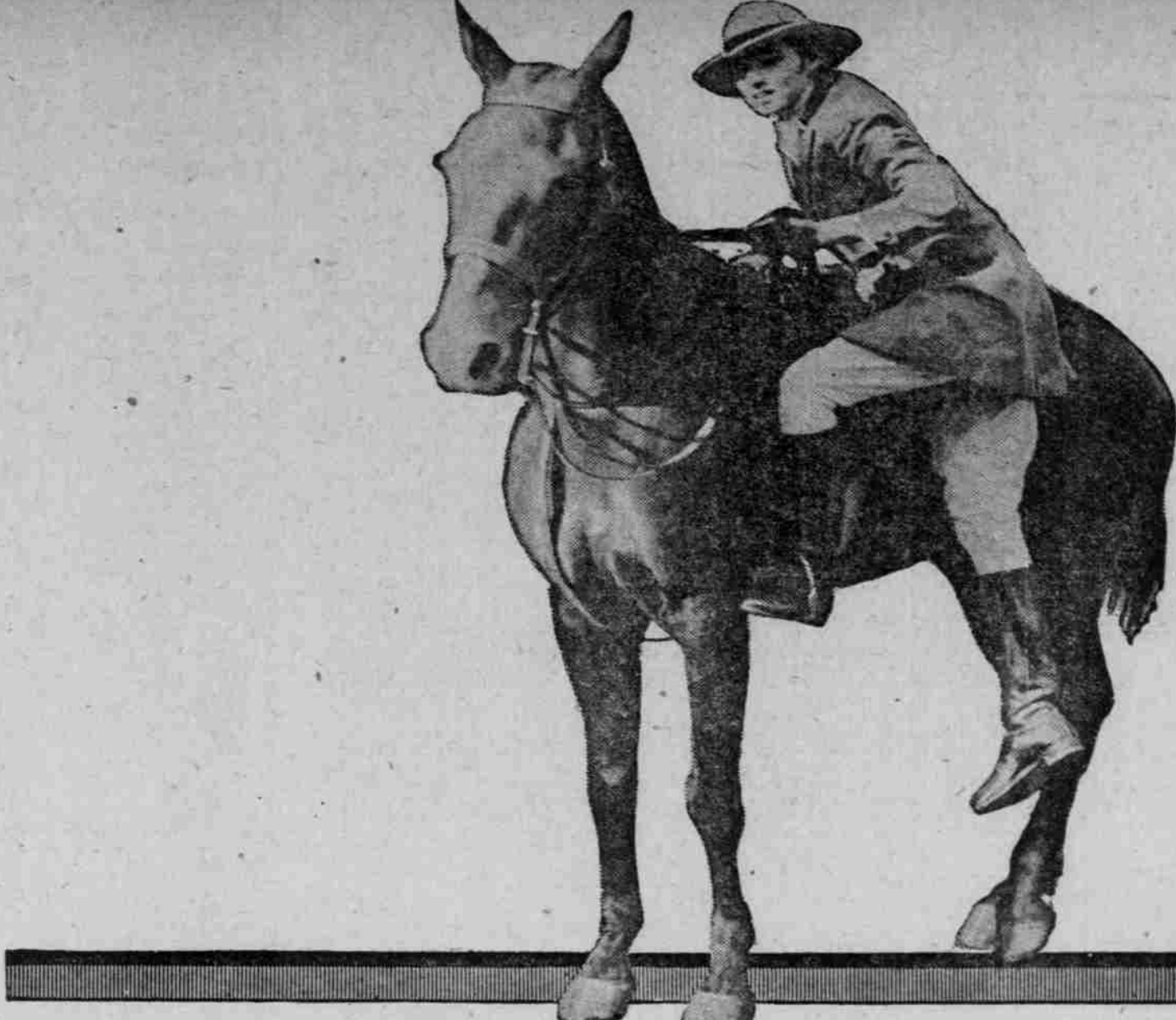
Dr. Dean will give brief Bible lectures every noon next week in the Y. M. C. A. lobby.

THAW STILL BEWILDERED

Recovery From Loss of Blood, Says Police Surgeon, is Slow.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25.—Harry K. Thaw, who is slowly recovering from self-inflicted wounds, is suffering from a condition of mental bewilderment as a result of hemorrhage and lowered vitality, according to the report of a police surgeon, filed with the detective bureau today.

Thaw was examined to determine whether his condition would permit his removal from the hospital for a hearing in connection with the charges brought against him in New York that he had beaten Frederick Gump, Jr., a Kansas City boy.



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