

### DRIVE FOR RECRUITS PLANNED BY GUARD

#### \$500,000 Federal Payroll Is Oregon's Goal.

### OFFICERS IN CONFERENCE

#### Question of Policy and Administration Discussed at Session at Armony.

A quarter of a million dollars as the federal payroll for the Oregon national guard in 1923 was the goal announced at the annual conference of citizen-soldier officers from all sections of the state, held at the local armory yesterday. The means a spirited recruiting campaign for the guard and the formation of several new units.

Federal funds brought into Oregon by the national guard in 1921 totaled \$199,000, being paid to members of organizations and camps located in the state. The quota was fixed at \$500,000 for 1922. Colonel George A. White, adjutant-general, declared that he felt confident the state would exceed that sum.

The recruiting campaign was launched for the first time yesterday and guard units assigned membership quotas. It was said that several companies having mercantile officers and non-commissioned officers already had been recruited to full authorized strength.

**Camp Dates Discussed.**  
Dates for the annual encampment of the Oregon guard were discussed yesterday and the period informally selected was between July 5 and July 20. Though there was an overwhelming sentiment in favor of holding the camp during the last two weeks in June, Colonel White announced that it now appeared impossible to obtain any federal appropriation for an encampment prior to July 1. With June eliminated, it was thought that leaving for camp immediately after the Fourth of July would meet with the most favor.

Many of the members of the guard are high school and college men who seek summer employment and the dates were planned to inconvenience them as little as possible.

The conference was opened yesterday by roll call and a brief address by the adjutant-general, who called attention to the excellent morale of the national guard in Oregon, a harmony which he said made it impossible for this state to make the splendid record in guard efficiency which it has in the past.

**Harmony Spirit Lauded.**  
"The spirit of harmony and co-operation which prevails in the Oregon national guard is a fine sign," he said. "It is based on the realization by officers and men that men who may some day have to die together—or, at least, face death together—certainly should be able to live together."

Colonel W. H. Jordan of the 59th Infantry, United States Army, stationed at Vancouver, addressed the guard officers on "The One-Army Spirit," pleading for close co-operation and understanding between the regular army, the national guard and organized reserves.

Federal inspection of Portland units of the guard will be made from February 15 to March 14, it was announced. Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur W. Bradbury, federal inspecting officer, spoke on inspection plans and was followed with a general discussion.

The relation of the militia bureau to the Oregon National Guard was discussed by Colonel Creed C. Hammond, commanding officer of the 162d Infantry, who recently completed 14 months' service on the general staff at Washington, D. C., during which time he had an active part in formulating war department plans for national defense which place the guard as the second line of defense.

Major Eugene Libby, whose promotion from captain was received yesterday, spoke on outdoor target practice. Captain D. D. Hall, surveying officer for Oregon, outlined proper methods of making a survey.

A large part of the afternoon was devoted to brief talks by organization commanders concerning methods they had found successful in stimulating recruiting, keeping up interest in the guard and in improving efficiency.

### CHURCH WORK TO GROW

#### St. John's Community Congregationalists to Improve Edifice.

The Community Congregational church of St. John, corner of Richmond and Vanhook streets, of which the Rev. R. E. Nourse is pastor, has held its annual meeting, at which plans for the ensuing year were adopted and officers elected. It was decided to construct a full basement under the church edifice for use of the Sunday school and community activities. A wide programme of social and educational features will be undertaken during the year. The elections resulted as follows:

Church trustees, Robert Boyd, J. O. Bailey and J. Webster; deacons, C. H. Stadelman and M. B. Green; deaconesses, Mrs. J. Webster and Mrs. John Grinnod; clerk, Mrs. J. M. Blair; treasurer, J. W. Gordon. For the Christian Endeavor society: President, Mabel Reed; vice-president, James Vrooman; recording secretary, Ruth Gordon; corresponding secretary, Ella Anderson; treasurer, Donald Green; organist, Clarence Whittier.

### YOUNGEST VETERAN DEAD

#### Man Who Enlisted in Civil War at Age of 9 Succumbs.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 10.—Famed widely as the youngest soldier of the civil war, "Commodore" Perry Ryan was dead here, aged 76. He enlisted in the Union army when he was 9 years and 10 months of age, joining company D, 24th Iowa volunteer regiment, as a drummer boy. His enlistment was at Cedar Rapids, Ia., and his father, E. C. Ryan, was colonel of the regiment. Every member of the regiment, according to relatives of "Commodore" Ryan, was a Methodist, and it was known in army circles as the "Methodist regiment."

The young drummer boy served through the siege of Vicksburg and his published reminiscences declare he was the first Union soldier to be taken prisoner there. He was released when General Grant captured the city and was honorably discharged on account of disabilities July 26.

### ELABORATE STILL FOUND

#### APPARATUS DISCOVERED IN SUB-BASEMENT OF HOME.

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Their search was a prolonged one due to the clever concealment effected by the owners. Three mash vats, all full and each holding 300 gallons were found in the basement. Underneath them a sub-basement had been dug and the still in this was connected with the vats by three sets of pipes. Entrance to the sub-basement could be gained only by pushing back a false shelf covered with cooking utensils in the kitchen, and going down a ladder past the mash vats.

The arrangement allowed the still to be run 24 hours a day. While one vat would be running off into the still, the others would be filled and working. As soon as one was empty the next one would be turned on. Electricity, water and the sewer were all connected to the still so that nothing had to be taken out of the basement. The men said it had taken them two months to build the apparatus.

Both Kovich and Eiscoe were arrested on charges of violating the prohibition law and held under \$500 bail each. Besides the 900 gallons of mash, 39 gallons of finished whiskey and the still were confiscated. As there is no entrance to the sub-basement the still will be dug out.

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