ERECTING SCHOOLS IS TO START SOON

Task of Getting Fund, Just Authorized, Is First.

BOARD TO MEET SOON

Plans to Be Taken Up at Wednesday Session if Not Sooner. Buckman First.

Now that the school board has obtained the consent of the citizens of Portland to a $3,000,000 bond issue and a $1,000,000 tax levy to bring the school system up to the requirements of the community, the task of getting the money and converting it into educational facilities will begin forthwith.

Forthwith means next Wednesday night, the next regular meeting of the board, if not sooner, for in the meantime all of the members of the board are formulating their ideas of the proper procedure. George B. Thomas, director, said last night that in all probability the preliminary step would be taken at the coming meeting.

Not speaking for the board but in his own opinion, Mr. Thomas advocated the employment of some nationally-known school building architect to draw the plans for the two new high schools and the five new grade schools included in the proposed extension of the school system.

Specialist Is Favored.

He said there are several in the country who have made lifetime studies of school building, without paying attention to any other kind of construction. "They know how to utilize every inch of space," Mr. Thomas said, "and I am firmly of the opinion that to purchase plans from some one of them and employ a local supervising architect for the actual building would be a great economy for Portland.

"The local architect employed to supervise the building" he continued, "could also choose the plans or help the board choose them, and be in general charge of both the preliminary work and the building, but I think the highly specialized knowledge of one of the big national school builders should be utilized in this building programme which has been made possible by the election.

"First of all, when we start work on this programme next Wednesday night, I, for one, am going to advocate changing the board to an active board from a board of ratification. The position of business manager of the school system is, so far as I knew, an imaginary one, and one we have no right to create. The affairs of the school system have been pretty much managed in the past, and before we start spending the money people have allotted the schools, we should change this and let the board actually manage the school system.

Holladay School Work First.

"Rebuilding the Holladay school, burned some time ago, must necessarily be the first actual step in the new building programme. It is imperative that we get the Holladay school children out of the Buckman school and into a building of their own. Action on this rebuilding has been held up until the insurance adjustments are completed. These adjustments have been concluded, and happily at nearly the same time that the bonds have been allowed."

Frank L. Shull, director, also said that the building programme would have to be pushed as fast as possible. He said that the bonds would not be sold all at once but as they are needed. The $1,000,000 tax levy voted will not be available in actual cash until next spring and what building is done prior to that time must be on bond money.

Whether Director Shull or William F. Woodward, also a director, will take the chairmanship of the board has not yet been decided. The chair was left vacant through the election of F. S. Pickering over A. C. Newill, past chairman. Law provides that the oldest member of the board in point of service shall occupy the chair, and Mr. Shull and Mr. Woodward have served the same length of time.

Custom in Case Is Cited.

In such case it has been the custom of school boards to divide the year of chairmanship equally between the eligible parties. William F. Woodward, being a member of the legislature, will be absent from the city for 40 days during the last six months, which might indicate that he will serve as chairman for the six months now starting. In some cases, however, the member having the largest number of votes has taken the chair first. This would place Mr. Shull in the position.

George B. Thomas said last night that he would not attend the convention of the National Education association at Boston this year on account of the public dissention over long trips by school board members. In such case the paper which the association has requested him to read on the activities of Benson Polytechnic school will be prepared and read before the convention by someone else.

"I consider it a great tribute to the Benson school," Mr. Thomas declared, "because the association would not ask for a paper on any institution unless it was considered the best in the country and the paper should be read by all means. It is now in course of preparation and will be forwarded to Boston along with my regrets."

WITHDRAWAL PLANNED

Japan Negotiating to Get All Foreign Troops Out of China.

BALTIMORE, June 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan has entered into negotiations with the powers maintaining troops in China, looking to the withdrawal of all foreign troops from that country, Sadao Saburi, charge d'affairs of the Japanese embassy, declared in an address today at the First Unitarian church. Mr. Saburi referred to a recent order removing Japanese troops from Hankow and declared the Japanese minister at Pekin has been instructed by his government to take up the matter of withdrawal of other troops, with the representatives of the countries interested.

"Japan hopes that all the other foreign troops stationed in Pekin and other places, according to the protocol signed after the Boxer rebellion of 1900, will be withdrawn as soon as order is restored in China," he added.

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WE HOPE THE WEATHER MAN IS GOOD-NATURED THIS MORNING.

OLD FRIENDS RENEW TIES

EX-RESIDENTS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY HOLD REUNION.

600 Persons Gather at Peninsula Park Where Luncheon and Programme Are Held.

Former residents of Douglas county, Oregon, renewed their old friendships yesterday at the reunion and picnic held by the Douglas County Association of Portland at Peninsula park. More than 600 persons, young and old, who at one time of their lives called some section of Douglas county their home, including many well known Oregon pioneers, attended.

The picnic was the 11th annual meeting of the association, which includes nearly 1500 members. A total of 250 new members were taken into the association yesterday. A short business meeting was held in the morning at the Peninsula community house. The following officers were re-elected: George C. Johnson, president; Lafe Manning, vice-president; G. W. Wonacott, second vice-president; Lon L. Parker, third vice-president; Nancie Drain Singleton, secretary, and Laurie Rice Castor, treasurer.

Following a basket luncheon, a musical programme held in the community house entertained the members. Among the well known Douglas county pioneer families and their decendants, who were present at yesterday's reunion were, the Drains, Applegates, Sutherlins, Lanes, Tibbets, Rices, Oteys, Dimmicks, Mannings, Parkers and Wilsons.

Illahee Club to Be Improved.

SALEM, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—Ten thousand dollars will be raised by subscription among members of the Illahee Country club, located near Salem, and improvements will be made at the clubhouse and grounds, according to officers of the club. The committee from the club, which has a membership of 153, is composed of John J. Roberts, F. W. Steusloff, William Brown, D. J. Fry and Homer H. Smith.

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MEMBERS OF GEER FAMILY MEET IN REUNION HERE

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer Is Host to Relatives in Affair That Is Expected to Become Annual Event.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

EX-GOVERNOR T. T. GEER has probably as many living relatives in Oregon as any other citizen of the state, and about 40 of them gathered yesterday at his lovely home on East Fifty-third street North to hold a reunion of the Geer family. As there are not many of the members living near Portland, most of them came in from the Waldo hills and nearby territory by automobile. The governor informed me that an effort would be made to hold annual gatherings of the Geer klan, the meetings to be in a grove somewhere convenient for the relatives to attend.

The Geer family, at least this branch of it, was founded really by the coming to Oregon in 1842 of Joseph Carey Geer Jr. from Galesburg, Ill. He was followed in 1846 by his brother, Fred W., with his wife and two children. They were the sons of Joseph Carey Geer, who was born in Connecticut in 1795. He and his family moved to Ohio in 1818, and removed from there to Galesburg, Ill., in 1840.

There were 13 of the Geer children, 10 of them born prior to the trek to Oregon, and three born here. Their names were as follows: Ralph Carey, Fred W., Joseph C. Jr., Isaiah, Heman J., Emeline, who was married to John Grimm; Mary, who was married to R. V. Short; Iantha, who was married to John Kruse, and Juliette.

Mrs. Smith Is Married.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Geer, the father and founder of the family, married Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, mother of Seneca Smith, and three children were born to them—Orlando, who died in infancy; Lucien, the only living son, and Joel P., who died about five years ago.

The elder Mr. Geer settled, upon his arrival in 1847, near Butteville, and lived there until his death in 1887, aged 87 years. T. T. Geer was the son of Heman J. Geer, the youngest of the Geer children, born before the family came to Oregon. Ralph Carey Geer was one of the first settlers in what is now known as the Waldo hills district, and he died there in 1895.

It is well known that T. T. Geer has been not only an active citizen of Oregon for more than 35 years, but he has served Oregon as governor, and has therefore cut a big figure in Oregon history, for men are not promoted to that high office without certain mental qualifications and without passing through a grind in lower positions.

Legislative Position Held.

Thus T. T., who was born in the Waldo hills on March 12, 1851, was first elected to the state legislature in 1880. He was then a candidate for the senate, but missed fire on that, so he went back to the house in '88, '90 and '92. In the '91 session he was elected speaker. He also served as a presidential elector for President McKinley, and carried the returns from Oregon to Washington, and stopped off a day or two and had a conference with President-elect McKinley at his Canton home. But he was not a stranger to McKinley, for he had made some speeches in Ohio that stirred up a lot of comment. You who have heard the governor make short talks on any subject should know that he is one of the best political speakers in the west. In the following gubernatorial election in Ohio, he was invited to make a two weeks' canvass in Ohio. President McKinley was killed about the time the campaign was to open, and both parties took a two weeks' breathing spell.

Then he, accompanied by his wife, went back and opened the campaign at Waverley. Mark Hanna being with him. He made eight speeches and came home greatly honored by the republican press and the republican politicians of the east. But at that time Mr. Geer was governor of Oregon, being elected in 1898. As to his career while in the governor's chair, there is no use in alluding to it. Some think he was the best governor we ever had. Many do not go as strong as that. But whatever may be said he can go out into the open, hold up his hands and shout, "These hands are clean," and no one can dispute him.

Newspaper Games Tried.

When his term expired he had a couple of flings at the newspaper game, one as half owner with Bob Hendricks of the Salem Statesman, the other as half owner of the Pendleton Tribune. But the newspaper grind did not suit him, so he came to Portland, built a fine home on East Fifty-third street, and here he and Mrs. Geer spend the most of their time in their garden and among their flowers. Happy? Yes, happy and contented, with a political career to look back upon, and an honorable career to refer to, thus ex-Governor T. T. Geer and his charming wife while the time away, usually though in the garden, for they not only have flowers by the hundred and thousand, but by the tens of thousands.

Guests present were: Chet C. Geer, second cousin, with Mrs. Geer, and a daughter, Ruth; Mrs. Mabel Settlemeier, niece; Mrs. L. B. Geer, cousin; Mrs. Lois Grubb, second cousin; Archie A. Geer, second cousin, with Mrs. Geer and their daughters, Evelyn and Reba; Mrs. Juanita Geer Miller, third cousin, with her son, Vincent; Ellen Geer, third cousin; Lucien Geer, only living survivor of the 13 children of Joseph Carey Geer; Lucien is really an uncle of T. T., but is much younger than his nephew; Captain Irwin Sanders, first cousin; Mrs. Lizzie Roberts, first cousin; Layola Roberts, second cousin; Mrs. Irwin Sanders, only related by marriage; J. L. Kruse, first cousin, Mrs. Lucinda Kruse and son, E. S. Kruse, second cousin; Mary Geer Cook, daughter of T. T. Geer, and Harry Cook, her husband; Mrs. Jessie Flynn, married a first cousin, and James Timothy Flynn, her son; Mary Baker Kruse, second cousin; Mrs. Alice Grimm Weaver, first cousin; Evangeline Short Shaw, first cousin, and her husband, Harry Shaw; Mrs. F. C. Geer, first cousin; Mrs. Edith Moser, second cousin; Mrs. Ann Call, second cousin.

GRADUATES HEAR PLEA

DR. BOWMAN PREACHES BEFORE CLASS OF 1922.

Men Declared Needed to Tear Up Barriers of Race, Creed and Geographical Limits.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, June 18.—(Special.)—A plea for the breaking down of the barriers that are keeping men apart was made to the graduating class of 1922 of the University of Oregon today by Rev. Harold L. Bowman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, in a baccalaureate sermon delivered in the First Methodist church this morning. The church was filled with graduates, faculty and friends.

The speaker took his text from the eighth chapter of Romans, emphasizing particularly the words "In all these things we are more than conquerors." After drawing a vivid picture of the misery in the wake of the military conquerers, the speaker pointed out in contrast the healing work of the "more than conquerors"—those who work through love toward brotherhood.

"How many of us these days," he declared, "are building partitions to divide groups—walls of hatred between labor and capital, walls of partition between creed and creed, walls of strife between nation and nation." These walls, he pointed out, were themselves largely the cause of the strife.

"But there must," he insisted, "be other men devoted to the tearing down of walls—to bringing men together in love and brotherhood."

"Fight a man and he will hate you; love him, and he's yours. Love is the force that holds the world together. Will you go out as protagonists of abolished partitions? Will you with all your hearts go out to tear down these dividing walls? For it is youth that must do that. Age has its prejudices all set. There must be a league of young people who still have the spirit of audaciousness, who are willing to blaze a trail to the last lonely soul in the world.

"The world has not yet reached the place when force can be dispensed with in the handling of the morally perverted or the ignorant irresponsibles, either in the case of nations or individuals. And yet the conquest by force is a transient conquest, because the mere addition of force will turn that conquest into rout."

Other ministers who participated in the services were Rev. J. M. Walters, pastor of the First Methodist church of Eugene; Dr. E. C. Sanderson, president of Eugene Bible university; Rev. Frederick G. Jennings, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, Eugene, and Rev. W. L. L. Marshall, pastor of the First Congregational church, Eugene.

John Stark Evans of the University School of Music, was at the organ. Musical numbers were given by Madame Rose McGrew, soprano; John B. Siefert, tenor, and the university choir of 40 voices.

In the afternoon a special vesper service was given in the auditorium of the woman's building by the University School of Music. The commencement exercises will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with Dr. A. H. Upham, president of the University of Idaho, as speaker.

GORGE CAMP IS OPENED

Many Visitors Pour Into Lancaster's Resort.

Lancaster's Columbia Gorge camp, near Eagle Creek on the Columbia river highway, was formally opened yesterday. Scores of visitors poured through the camp grounds all day. Many of them were personally conducted around the camp by Samuel C. Lancaster, founder of the camps bearing his name.

The camps are ready for occupancy, although much work remains still to be done before all the ideas conceived by Mr. Lancaster are embodied in them. A scouting party visited Lost Lake yesterday to ascertain conditions there, preparatory to work on the establishment of the Lancaster camp on the south shore. Mr. Lancaster expects to have crews in at Lost Lake by the end of this week.

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PICKERING WINNER IN SCHOOL ELECTION

Lead for Director Over A. C. Newill Is 4024.

BONDS AND TAX CARRY

12,838 Ballots Cast for and 4160 Against $3,000,000 Issue. Vote by Precincts Given.

Returns from Saturday's school election, completed yesterday, gave F. S. Pickering a total vote of 11,926, while A. C. Newill, chairman of the board, whose seat was contested by Mr. Pickering, received 7902 ballots.

The vote for the $3,000,000 bond issue for building purposes was far more overwhelming, with 12,838 ballots cast in favor of the bonds and 4160 against them.

The tax levy, providing $1,000,000 for maintenance of schools for the coming year, also won easily, with 12,692 votes for it and 4302 against.

The vote Saturday was lighter than had been thought probable, a total of 19,828 ballots being cast for directors and a lesser number, due to property qualifications, 16,988, on the bond issue.

The complete vote by precincts throughout the city was as follows:

Precincts	Director		Bonds.		Levy.	
	Newill	Pickering	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	105	72	113	43	104	51
2	65	81	51	48	55	42
3	99	62	52	68	48	72
4	151	67	92	78	79	90
5	97	75	63	38	64	36
6	101	56	66	39	64	41
7	65	72	63	61	63	32
8	105	43	76	48	73	52
9	52	80	54	32	54	30
10	47	66	48	30	49	29
11	34	71	43	18	43	19
12	93	109	69	68	66	72
13	58	68	52	25	49	28
14	55	96	62	36	57	42
15	75	63	50	46	49	47
16	160	67	154	42	145	50
17	73	53	51	47	52	46
18	38	62	61	26	60	26
19	47	80	65	42	66	42
20	21	32	56	6	57	6
21	67	320	252	47	255	44
22	88	286	301	50	311	54
23	42	114	114	25	114	25
24	64	51	94	11	94	9
25	87	199	221	29	226	41
26	81	160	185	50	182	48
27	47	225	233	23	230	86
28	43	138	153	24	156	32
29	31	148	112	40	111	36
30	38	191	162	40	161	40
31	59	180	193	30	187	36
32	87	135	162	42	160	41
33	54	115	123	21	124	19
34	126	139	191	42	188	45
35	98	172	187	48	176	56
36	161	127	128	114	127	104
37	67	91	76	48	71	52
38	146	218	267	56	269	64
39	91	105	93	62	93	62
40	127	198	228	71	226	71
41	103	169	223	33	209	29
42	33	71	31	31	31	31
43	125	121	121	63	111	71
44	130	150	177	51	160	62
45	53	154	133	34	127	41
46	103	154	179	41	172	45
47	139	171	217	65	216	65
48	72	77	114	20	110	24
49	54	154	129	39	130	40
50	59	257	215	52	199	55
51	27	138	109	27	110	26
52	86	149	196	33	192	26
53	79	202	218	28	212	34
54	154	211	337	24	312	31
55	91	161	203	24	196	27
56	112	96	163	40	167	41
57	57	156	136	39	135	40
58	87	103	96	61	98	58
59	91	98	67	71	67	71
60	112	72	133	41	130	46
61	103	56	96	55	94	57
62	104	85	62	85	55	91
63	60	99	70	57	71	61
64	158	146	245	46	236	52
65	143	164	257	35	246	43
66	155	113	206	46	209	45
67	249	147	284	83	275	95
68	108	120	88	92	89	96
69	88	88	80	73	84	69
70	64	107	76	56	76	59
71	92	128	131	52	132	54
72	107	218	246	47	244	49
73	80	151	136	69	131	73
74	83	237	222	56	220	59
75	73	100	83	60	86	57
76	88	206	206	48	204	48
77	115	155	196	46	196	49
78	86	188	102	49	208	48
79	82	208	272	27	235	28
80	56	75	83	25	78	30
81	105	176	194	59	192	58
82	137	127	161	61	163	61
83	73	233	221	50	210	61
84	40	136	129	30	123	32
85	79	147	163	55	161	56
86	50	101	86	45	92	38
87	63	121	137	31	142	27
88	97	195	184	62	184	58
89	36	68	64	19	64	17
90	34	101	94	33	91	35
91	42	64	63	44	63	44
92	24	15	31	4	31	4
93	10	47	33	5	30	5
94	62	67	114	9	112	11
95	33	40	41	17	39	19

Grand totals:
Director—Newill, 7,902; Pickering, 11,926.
Bonds—Yes, 12,838; no, 4,160.
Levy—Yes, 12,692; no, 4,302.

FLEET REACHES CITY

(Continued From First Page.)

tion a programme of entertainment has been prepared for them by local committees.

Headed by the flagship Chauncey, the fleet arrived in the harbor yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in command of Lieutenant-Commander L. N. McNair. The battleship Connecticut, by far the largest war vessel ever to visit Portland harbor, followed and was moored just below the east end of the Broadway bridge at 6 o'clock. She brought Rear-Admiral Jehu V. Chase and his staff.

Battleship Anchors Easily.

The giant battleship, which draws 28 feet of water, was brought to and anchored in her position as easily as though she might have been some private yacht.

The destroyer fleet, which includes, besides the Chauncey, the Percival, the Somers, Farragut, Delphy, Fuller and John Francis Burns, were moored at the Pacific Coal dock and the North Bank dock, on the west side of the river, below the Broadway bridge.

The first of the destroyers was moored shortly after 3:30 and within 15 minutes gangplanks had been thrown out and visitors were aboard. As rapidly as the vessels were brought to and moored they threw over gangplanks and invited those who wished to come aboard.

The Chauncey, Percival, Somers and Farragut are moored four abreast at the Pacific Coal dock, and the others are moored three abreast at the North Bank dock.

Admiral Chase Pleased.

"The first ship which I went aboard was at Portland, Me., and ever since that time I have been anxious to visit Portland, Or.," declared Admiral Chase in expressing pleasure to be here last night.

The admiral is not one of those unapproachable officers of the type usually brought to mind by the term admiral. Instead those visiting the ship found him delightfully human. He speaks with a slight southern drawl, and one immediately knows that he hails from somewhere in the sunny south. He is a native of Bayou Teche in Louisiana.

Admiral Chase was a member of the class of 1890 at Annapolis and has been in the navy since that time.

War Experience Thrilling.

"My most exciting experience during the war was when my ship, the Minnesota, which by the way is a sister ship of the Connecticut, was struck by a German mine off the coast of Delaware on September 29, 1918. The mine tore a 45x22-inch hole in the ship, but we managed to limp into port without further accident."

The admiral said his vessel was used for training men during the war.

The battleship Connecticut also had a similar role while the world war was on. She did not have a chance to participate in any engagements with the Germans.

Probably the greatest event in the history of the visiting battleship was the fact that she was Admiral Evans' flagship on the trip of the fleet around the world in 1908. She was commissioned in 1906, and at that time was declared to be the largest naval vessel in the world. So rapid, however, has been the naval development since that time that she is now considered a secondary vessel.

Destroyers of Latest Type.

The Connecticut has a complement of about 600 men, including marines. She left San Pedro last Monday for the trip to Portland. Besides the admiral and his staff of seven officers, the vessel also has its own line of 23 officers.

The visiting destroyers are all of the latest type in the American navy. All were launched in July, 1919. They have recently been held in reserve and have been kept on the sound. They were brought out of reserve just before coming to Portland and have not yet been furnished with full crews. Each vessel has from three to four officers and 85 men at the present time. When they have full crews they carry 114 men.

Vessels to Get Full Crews.

Lieutenant-Commander McNair said the vessels would be furnished with full crews when they arrived at San Francisco to which place they will go after visiting here and touching at different ports for the Fourth of July celebration.

Lieutenant Commender McNair is of the 1905 class at Annapolis. He hails from Buffalo, N. Y. During the war he was for a time in command of the destroyer Ericsson, operating out of Queenstown. He also served for a time as gunnery officer on the staff of Admiral Sims.

The battleship Connecticut is scheduled to leave here again to rejoin the Pacific fleet next Monday. The time for the departure of the destroyers has not yet been announced. Lieutenant Commander McNair said that they might get away Sunday or might stay until Friday, June 30.

Visitors to Be Received.

It was announced yesterday by the admiral that the vessels would be open to visitors from 10 to 11:30 A. M. and from 1 to 5 P. M.

The committee of Portland citizens which met the visiting warships yesterday included: Eric V. Hauser, president of the Rose Festival; John Beckwith, representing the governor; Otto W. Mielke, president of the Chamber of Commerce; R. W. Childs, representing the mayor; J. M. Albert, chairman of the greeting committee; Dr. Edward Allen Pierce of the Royal Rosarians; Fred Vogler, representing the regatta; Clay S. Morse, head of the gymkana committee, and Oscar M. Smith of the committee of 100 of the Chamber of Commerce.

The ease with which the battleship Connecticut entered the harbor was commented on by Lieutenant-Commander John M. Schelling, executive and navigating officer of the vessel. He said they had no trouble in coming up the river, although the day was hazy and the atmospheric conditions consequently were bad.

Sailors to Play Soldiers.

The 1200 men aboard the battleship and seven destroyers are making elaborate preparations for participating in the Rose Festival while here. The baseball team of the fleet will contend with a team organized by the soldiers of Vancouver barracks. In addition there will be a whaleboat race and the boats from the fleet will participate in the water carnival. Men from the fleet will march in the floral parade on Friday.

Thursday will be army and navy day for the festival and men from the fleet and from Vancouver barracks will participate in various athletic contests. These will include boxing, and a track and field meet. Cash prizes and trophies will be given for the winners.

Miniature Circus to Be Held.

The gymkana, which is under the direction of a committee headed by Clay S. Morse, will include not only a programme of sports, but a miniature circus and dancers.

The visiting destroyers comprise a unit known in naval circles as destroyer force division 31 of the Pacific fleet.

The officers aboard the battleship, including the admiral and his staff, follow: Admiral and staff—Rear Admiral Jehu V. Chase, Lieutenant-Commander Harry B. Hird, Lieutenant-Commander Robert T. Young, Lieutenant John E. Reinburg, Lieutenant Earl E. Stone, Commander Edward T. Hoopes, Lieutenant Hugh A. Phares, Lieutenant Albert W. Eldred.

Officers of battleship: Captain G. L. P. Stone, Lieutenant-Commander John M. Schelling, Lieutenant-Commander Herbert W. Underwood, Lieutenant Rivers J. Carstarphen, Lieutenant Nelson N. Gates, Lieutenant William E. Miller, Lieutenant Harry K. Leventen, Lieutenant Patrick Fernan, Lieutenant Harry A. Rochester, Ensign Ellsworth D. McEathron, Ensign Ralph Humphreys, Ensign Harold Coldwell, Ensign Jewett P. Moncure, Ensign Edward E. Roth, Ensign James C. Harris, Ensign Robert C. Greenwald, Ensign Robert G. Willis, Lieutenant-Commander Jasper V. Howard, Lieutenant Richard H. Miller, Lieutenant William A. Epstein, Lieutenant Harold J. Hill, Lieutenant-Commander Omar D. Conger, Lieutenant Joseph B. Earnest Jr.

Officers of the destroyers are:

Chauncey No. 296—L. N. McNair, commander, U. S. N.; Francis A. Packer, ensign, U. S. N.; L. L. Pace, ensign, U. S. N.

Fuller No. 297—E. E. Sauer, lieutenant, U. S. N., commanding; Ludwig W. Gumz, lieutenant, U. S. N.; Frank C. L. Dettmann, ensign, U. S. N.; J. F. Mitter, ensign, U. S. N.

Percival No. 298—William M. Reffel, lieutenant, U. S. N., commanding; M. E. Hatch, ensign, U. S. N.; Virgil E. Korns, ensign, U. S. N.

J. F. Burns No. 299—Gordon B. Woolley, lieutenant, U. S. N., commanding; Stanley E. Martin, ensign, U. S. N.; A. H. Mullibex, ensign, U. S. N.

Farragut No. 300—Harold A. Turner, lieutenant, U. S. N., commanding; Charles E. Hartmenn, ensign, U. S. N.; Cyril A. Rumble, ensign, U. S. N.

Somers No. 301—R. R. Booth, lieutenant, U. S. N., commanding; Charles W. White, lieutenant, U. S. N.; Jenson Nelson, ensign, U. S. N.; Harold J. Kircher, ensign, U. S. N.

Delphy No. 261—R. W. Paine, lieutenant; R. F. Blodgett, ensign; W. B. Bushel, ensign; W. B. McHugh, ensign.

Captain Jacob Speier, harbormaster, met the Connecticut at Astoria and came up the river aboard. The harbor patrol launch under command of Carl Prehn met the vessels in the lower harbor and kept the waters clear.

The warships got into the mouth of the Columbia river yesterday morning and left up about 7:30.

Lodge Retreat Over.

The third annual laymen's retreat, held under the auspices of the state council of the Knights of Columbus at Mount Angel college, Mount Angel, Or., closed yesterday. More than 100 men from various parts of Oregon enjoyed the exercises. Rev. Charles M. Smith, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Portland, was retreat director. P. J. Hanley, state deputy-elect, of Portland, was in general charge of arrangements.

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