

EXECUTIVES GREET
VISITING VETERANS

Delegates to Seattle Convention Welcomed.

PORTLAND MAN PRESIDES

First Session of Order of Cooties, Fun-Making Branch, Is to Be Held Tomorrow.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 15.—Formal business sessions of the 23d annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States got under way today with welcoming addresses by Governor Hart and Lieutenant-Governor Coyle of Washington, and Mayor Brown of Seattle. The entire morning was given over to encampment routine and the appointment of committees.

In the absence of National Commander-in-Chief Robert G. Woodside of Pittsburgh, John Walker Jones of Portland, Or., senior past national commander-in-chief, presided over the opening session and replied to the addresses of welcome. National Commander Woodside, who was delayed in Pittsburgh in connection with the railroad strike situation, was expected to arrive later.

During the convention business will come first and pleasure will take second place. Mr. Jones said in his "keynote" address. Colonel Charles A. Pennington, representing Colonel Charles R. Forbes, director of the United States veterans bureau, addressed the convention briefly.

While a majority of the delegates this afternoon attended a boys' picnic at Woodland park, committees went into session and preparations were made for the business session tonight. After the night session Wild West post No. 51 of Tacoma, Wash., gave an exhibition in installation ceremony in convention hall.

The first business session of the Order of the Cooties, the fun-making branch of the veterans' organization, will be held Thursday, it was announced today. Several hundred members of the order are attending the encampment sessions.

BEAUTY CONTEST CLOSES

JUDGES FACE A DIFFICULT TASK IN PICKING BEST.

Innumerable Photographs Entered in The Oregonian Race for Oregon's Winner.

With seemingly innumerable photographs of pretty girls entered in The Oregonian's beauty contest, the competition was closed last night. There remains the stern task of choosing the most perfect flower from among a wonderful garden of beautiful maidens, every one worthy to be classed as a queen of loveliness.

The judges, five in number, have a stern duty before them. It would not surprise the beauty contest editor to have the jury declare the task impossible after looking carefully over the evidence in the case. But the judges must accomplish the seemingly impossible, although to do it they will have to bring every last bit of their judicial aptitude to bear.

There are girls of every type of beauty among the entries. There are blondes, brunettes, and all the shades of complexion in between. There are tall girls, short girls, plump and svelte, and the alarming thought arises that each judge may have a different ideal of feminine beauty and possibly the jury might disagree upon the verdict.

However, the judges must do their own worrying and as they have not yet seen the very great number from which the fairest is to be chosen, they do not realize the hard job ahead.

The contest, seemingly, has been well worth while. Never before, it is safe to say, has there been made such a wonderful showing of Oregon girls, with all sections of the state represented. It is a revelation in the most beautiful of all Oregon products to glimpse the contest entries. Here is one state resource that the ordinary and usual state exploitation bodies entirely neglect and it fell to The Oregonian as a high privilege to discover so much loveliness.

The judges will be set at their task just as soon as may be and the result will be made known as promptly as possible. Until that time comes, and it will take several days, no doubt, the contestants and their many friends are asked to exercise patience, and give full opportunity for the most careful consideration of all the entrants in order that the very best possible award may be made.

BLANCHE SWEET LEAVES

Matrimonial Difficulties With Marshall Nellan Not Discussed.

Blanche Sweet, motion picture star, left yesterday for northern Washington, near the British Columbia border, without discussing the matrimonial difficulties between her and Marshall Nellan, the director, to whom she was married about two months ago.

Miss Sweet did say, however, "that it would be better if the press devoted less space to airing the marital differences of the people of the screen." She pointed out that any difference between her husband and herself was their own business.

The picture players are going north to film some water scenes for "Quincy Adams Sawyer," which is taken from the famous novel of New England life of the same name. Miss Sweet, until she began work on this feature, has been away from the silver sheet for more than two years. The party also included Barbara La Marr, John Bowers, Clarence Badger, the director, and Rudolph Berquist, cameraman.

SCOUT LEADER HONORED

James E. Brockway Will Attend Big School as Instructor.

James E. Brockway, scout executive for this district, has been named one of six teachers for the school for scout executives to be held at Blue Ridge, N. C., September 12 to 26, according to word which has reached him from the national headquarters at Washington, D. C.

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GREAT FUTURE FORESEEN

INDIANA ATTORNEY-GENERAL
GIVES PRAISE TO OREGON.

Remarkable Future for Pacific Coast Cities, Particularly Portland, Is Predicted.

A remarkable future for the cities of the Pacific coast is seen by U. S. Lesh, attorney-general of Indiana, who left Portland last night after a visit of several days. Mr. Lesh is noted as an attorney in the middle west, having gained fame through smashing several trusts in his home state.

The decline of the European states through the world war, and the consequent rise and development of Asiatic countries, will mean much to the Pacific coast, Mr. Lesh believes. He foresees a great growth for the west through trade with Asia.

"I am delighted with Oregon," Mr. Lesh said last night before leaving for San Francisco. "I have been particularly impressed with the brightness of the cities and the alertness of the people."

Mr. Lesh was unable to attend the recent convention of the American Bar association at San Francisco, and the meeting of attorneys-general, because of the coal strike situation in Indiana.

NEW BIDS ARE ASKED

South Aberdeen Drainage Project Proposals Again Wanted.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The county commissioners are readvertising for bids for the improvement of about 800 acres of land—part of it lots, but more than half acreage—in what is known as drainage and dyking district No. 4, located on Grays harbor, just on the edge of south Aberdeen.

This big improvement, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000, is expected not only to prevent tide flooding a part of south Aberdeen, but also opens up about 300 acres of what agriculturists believe will prove the richest land in Grays Harbor.

Bids for the improvement were opened Monday, but due to an omission in the advertising, new bids have been asked.

Albany Fights Express Rates.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Albany's chamber of commerce has joined forces with organizations in other towns to combat the alleged discrimination in express rates for Oregon. Directors of the chamber today decided to petition the public service commission for a re-adjustment. The subject was brought up for investigation on request of the commission and the local committee in its report took exception to the existing system now used, asserting that the larger cities are favored at the expense of the smaller towns.

Blaze Thought Firebug's Work.

ILWACO, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The George L. Putnam store at Seaview was the scene of a fire Monday evening. It resulted in no damage, however, as the blaze was quickly extinguished by persons who, in passing, turned in an alarm. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin and Deputy Sheriff Wood is making an investigation.

Prisoners May Be Worked.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Plans for the working of county prisoners at the rock crusher at Rutlesnake Butte, near this city, are advocated by the county court. Judge Barnard will leave for Portland later in the month on official inspection of the Kelly Butte plant to obtain data prior to starting a rockpile here.

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