

WASHINGTON GUARD SCORED BY LEGION

Officers Declared Unfit for Active Army Service.

VETERANS HELD IGNORED

Commander Cunningham Makes Charge at Opening Session of State Convention.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The charge that the national guard of Washington "is officered by men who are unfit for active military service," and that the organization "has become the rendezvous of the politician and job hunter," was echoed by C. D. Cunningham, of Centralia, commander of the American Legion, department of Washington, in his message to the state convention opening here today. Immediate remedy of such conditions was demanded.

Commander Cunningham pointed out that the American Legion recommended at its convention last year that officers in the Washington guard be chosen from men of demonstrated military ability, whose capacity for service had been shown in the world war, of whom there were many in this state. "Those high in authority in the state government have refused to heed these recommendations," declared the legion head. He did not hesitate to contrast conditions in Oregon, where the national guard is officered almost entirely by world war veterans.

Convention Is Opened.
The fourth annual convention of the legion in Washington opened this morning with approximately 800 delegates and visitors in attendance, and will continue until Saturday night. Then the "40 and 8" playground society will hold a promenade at Lake Cleland. Samuel L. Bolles, national adjutant of the legion, representing Hanford MacNider, national commander, arrived today from Yakima. Edward J. Elvers of Portland and Howard MacDonald of Seattle, national heads of the "40 and 8," are in attendance.

During the convention sessions the legion leaders of Washington will decide on some plan for continuing the campaign to erect a memorial at Centralia to the legionnaires who were shot from ambush by I. W. W. on armistice day, 1919, determine whether or not Americanization work will be carried on in the state in its present form, with high-salaried executives, and will redistrict the state for legion administrative purposes.

Legion Politics Hot.
Internal politics, centering about the selection of a state commander for the coming year, have been boiling, and a bitter fight is expected. Colonel Paul Weyrauch, wealthy fruit grower of Walla Walla, defeated last year for the post, is the outstanding candidate this year. His campaign in this state has been reported that his aides have visited all sections of the state. He has said that he has enough pledges already to win, but the opposition is active and is seeking a dark horse.

"Anybody to beat Weyrauch," is their slogan, and among those most determined to defeat him are ex-officers of the outfit he commanded overseas.

Charles H. Paul, commander of Rainier-Noble post, Seattle, has declined to become a candidate. Joe Kindal of Bellingham is among those being mentioned for the post. Henry A. Wise of Seattle has no opposition as yet for the post of adjutant-finance officer, for which he seeks re-election.

GOLD HILL MINES BOOM

QUICKSILVER DEPOSITS TO BE DEVELOPED.

Limestone Quarries Also Source of Wealth to Whole District Since End of War.

GOLD HILL, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Gold Hill district has been writing history ever since placer gold was discovered in southern Oregon in 1851. Other vast mineral resources have since developed and are being developed. The great wealth of the gold strike in 1851 made on Gold Hill, which gave the town its name, was the beginning of production of gold from quartz veins in this region and made the district famous.

War put an end to gold production and all the energies and equipment were diverted to producing war materials. Then came peace, and Gold Hill became the limestone center of Oregon. Limestone, converted to cement, commercial lime, fertilizer, and other products, has made Gold Hill the banner shipping point in western Oregon outside of Portland. Development of quicksilver deposits in the Gold Hill district during the war-period opened up an additional industry.

Cinnabar ore was discovered in the Gold Hill district in 1878. The early settlers for a number of years distilled quicksilver in a crude way from these deposits to supply the local placer mines in recovering fine gold from the black sands collecting in the sluice boxes. Early in the war the government in its dire need of quicksilver and searching for new deposits, found large and rich deposits of the metal in this district, which expert and government survey reports show outclass anything yet discovered in the United States.

The Chisholm, War Eagle and Force properties, producing mines during the war-period, are now preparing to resume on a larger scale to supply the demands of art and trade for this rare metal. These properties are contiguous deposits. The War Eagle has a modern mine and furnace equipment, and a large sum of money will be used immediately in increasing the output of the mine. The Chisholm and Force properties will be reopened on a larger scale.

GRAPE CROP TO BE BIG

Grants Pass District Slated to Ship 20 Carloads.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Josephine county will have a bumper grape crop, say local growers. A survey of the vineyards adjacent to Grants Pass shows that 20 carloads will be shipped from the valley this fall. The largest shipper

will be the Turner & Augenstein ranch, several miles from this city. This vineyard will ship at least five cars of the Flame Tokay and Malaga grapes to Portland. Other vineyards which will ship from two to four cars each are Churchill & Gross, John Stanbrough, A. Latimer, Stubblefield & Peterson, the Twohy vineyards, George Barton, Mrs. Beveridge and L. W. Carson.

The grapes are remarkably free from sun scald and disease, said L. W. Carson, president of the Josephine Grape Growers' association. The matter of lower freight rates has been taken up with the Southern Pacific and it is thought that special rates to Portland will be granted.

FAIR OPENS TOMORROW

GRAYS HARBOR PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE RACES.

Big Annual Event at Elma Is to Continue Five Days and Exhibits Are Complete.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 31.—The Grays Harbor county fair will open next Saturday and will continue until Wednesday. The first day will be devoted to getting the exhibits in place for judging and for exhibition to the public. Sunday the racing programme will be inaugurated with a 2:16 trot, 2:12 pace and two half-mile runs.

Monday has been designated as Labor, American Legion and sports day. Organized labor and American Legion men are expected to present their own programme of sports and there will be a general programme of sports as well. Judging will begin this day. The race programme will consist of a 2:20 trot, 2:17 pace, one-half and three-eighths mile runs. A parade of dairy stock will be held beginning at 1 o'clock. In the evening the visiting dairymen will be guests of the fair officials at a dinner at Elma.

Tuesday will be children's day, and all children will be admitted free, if accompanied by parents or teachers. Judging of exhibits will be completed. A sale of registered Holsteins is set for the afternoon. The 2:10 trot, free-for-all pace and two running races will make up the race programme.

Racing will be the chief event for the closing day of the fair. The bill will end with a consolation race for all entries defeated in other events.

IDAHO ROAD JOBS LET

Bids for Constructing 25 Miles of Highway Accepted.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Contracts for the construction of three highways in Idaho have been let by the bureau of highways. The highways cover a distance of 25 miles. Gleim and Shafer were the successful bidders for the construction of three and one-fourth miles of the Sawtooth park highway between Custer county and Salmon City on Cleghorn hill. Their estimate was \$52,477.49.

The contract is known as federal aid project No. 56. This highway, under the contract, must be completed before December 30 of this year. It will eliminate a 15 per cent grade over the hill and follows the Salmon river canyon.

The Postville Construction company received the contract for the construction of eight miles of the Grace-Friston highway south of Niter. The bid of this company was \$10,982.20. This is a state aid project and when completed the state will pay one-third of the cost. Another contract was for the construction of 13.7 miles of the Yellowstone park highway from Blackfoot to the Bonner county line. It went to Fred Coolidge whose bid was for \$46,564.31.

NEW BUILDING ERECTED

Structure to House Commerce and Administration Offices.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The new commerce building which will house the school of commerce and will serve as the administration building will be ready for occupancy when college opens September 18, according to announcement by Dean J. A. Bexell. The new building will house also the college press, the clerical exchange, the department of industrial journalism, Daily Barometer and other campus publications and the college editor's department.

The business office will take up the quarters to be vacated by the department of industrial journalism and the registrar's office will take over the president's suite. The industrial arts department will occupy the building to be vacated by the college press.

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