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RADICAL REFORM MADE IN MILITIA

All Warrant Officers Must Pass Rigid Examination Before Special Board.

MERIT ALONE WILL COUNT

Company Commanders Are Relieved of Authority to Appoint Non-Commissioned Officers Arbitrarily. Questions Up Are Sticklers.

Radical reform in the selection of non-commissioned officers in the Oregon National Guard is provided in general orders issued from National Guard headquarters yesterday by Adjutant-General Finzer.

By the terms of the orders it is required that appointments of warrant officers shall cease, and that no warrant shall be issued except after rigid examination has been made by a board of officers as to the capability of the applicant for promotion.

Since the first organization of the militia of the United States in the time of Washington, it has been left to the province of company commanders to name their warrant officers. Oftentimes systems of examination have been put into effect by the company commanders, but more often the appointments have been made arbitrarily, the captain choosing those who, in his opinion, were best fitted for promotion. Not infrequently considerations other than those of ability as a soldier have figured in the promotion of an enlisted man.

Examinations Are Prescribed.

Under the change just announced, applicants for promotion not only pass an examination, but the exact nature of the examination is prescribed. It is a most rigid examination, and under the new system the spectacle of incompetent and untrained non-commissioned officers will necessarily disappear from the guard.

Hereafter, to wear a corporal's or sergeant's chevrons in the service of the Oregon Guard, it will be necessary to be thoroughly informed in the following list of military subjects:

Drill regulations, to include school of the squad.

Manual of guard duty, to include the duties of commander of the guard.

Firing regulations, general principles of care and preservation of small arms, position and aiming drills.

Field regulations, the duties of commanders of patrols, and map-reading.

Army and organized militia regulations, general principles only.

Military code and regulations.

Spelling and writing.

Candidates Must Be Posted.

Each candidate for promotion will be required to answer ten questions under each subject, and inasmuch as numbers must be drawn to determine just which ten must be answered, it is plain that the applicant must be up on military work if he hopes to pass. The questions are, for the most part, of an intensely practical character. There are many sticklers in the lot. "How many horizontal stripes has the National flag?" is a specimen. "How many red and white?" "How many stars?" Here are a few of the practical questions under the head of field regulations:

Of how many men does a detached post consist?

In important cases who should be the leader of a reconnoitering patrol?

Is the object of a patrol to fight or gain information?

Assuming that infantry, in column of squads, will occupy half a yard per man, how many men will pass a given point in one minute?

Should a message be made out in detail?

Are standards and flags carried into battle?

What are the responsibilities of chiefs of squads?

What measures are necessary in the thorough cleaning of the rifle after use?

What is meant by a battle sight?

A corporal on being challenged while posting a rifle does what?

To whom will the Sergeant of the guard report any suspicious or unusual occurrence that comes under his notice?

There are 500 of these questions to select from. The new system takes effect immediately. An average marking of 65 per cent must be obtained in order to pass for a warrant. There are, at present, 250 warrant officers in the Oregon National Guard.

Conveying Married Woman's Estate.

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly state if a woman, deserted nearly 20 years by her husband, can

We Sell on Easy Payments

FOR CHILDREN

Do Your Xmas Buying This Week

By making large purchases, we are able to offer for the Holiday season a few specials for Children's use that are within the reach of any purse. Our other lines are also complete and prices are marked to the lowest notch. Interesting specials for this week below.



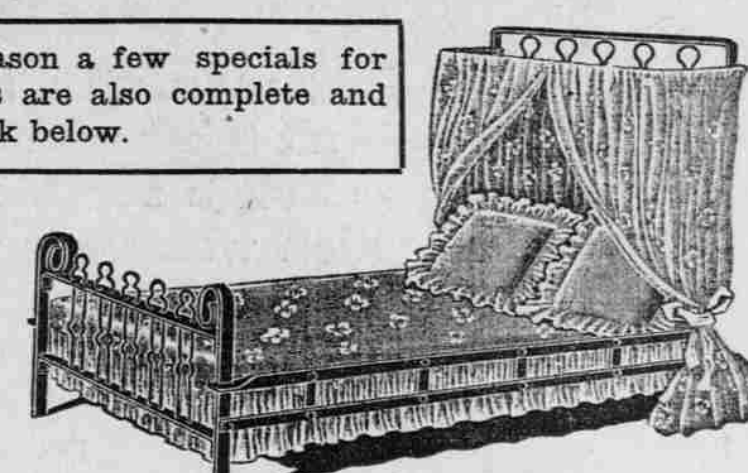
\$2.75 Value for \$1.25 Child's Morris Rocker

Made of solid oak, golden or mission finish; not a toy chair, but useful as well as ornamental. Rockers can be taken off, leaving chair as shown in illustration. Sales during the past week have reduced our stock of this pattern, so that we expect them to be all sold by Tuesday. While they last.....\$1.25



MAGAZINE STAND \$1.75

Worth \$3.00. Made of solid oak, mission finish. Can be used as a book shelf also. Size, 42 inches high, with shelves 10 for books underneath. Desk and chair are both oak and can be furnished in golden or weathered finish. Price for both.....\$2.95 Price.....\$1.75



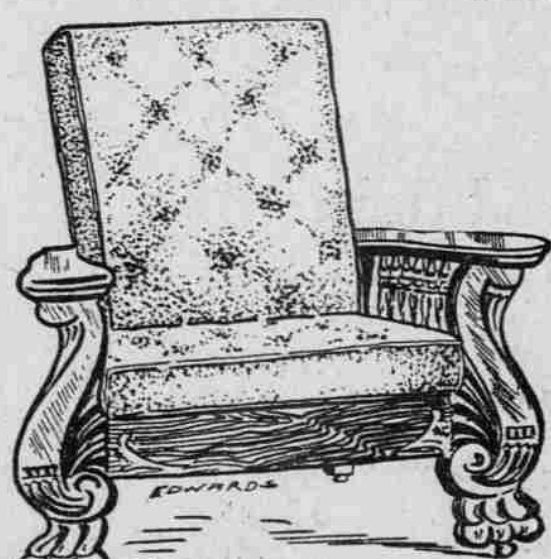
Brass Finished Doll Bed, \$1.25 Value for 69c

Two hundred mothers have already taken advantage of this opportunity to make 200 little ones happy at a trifling expense. We have only 200 more, and the Christmas buying has hardly started. Read the description: Complete doll bed, with mattress, pillows and canopy of flowered cretonne; size 18 inches long, 11 inches wide and 15 inches high; constructed of unbreakable brass-finished steel rods; exactly like the illustration. Can be folded perfectly flat. Price.....69c



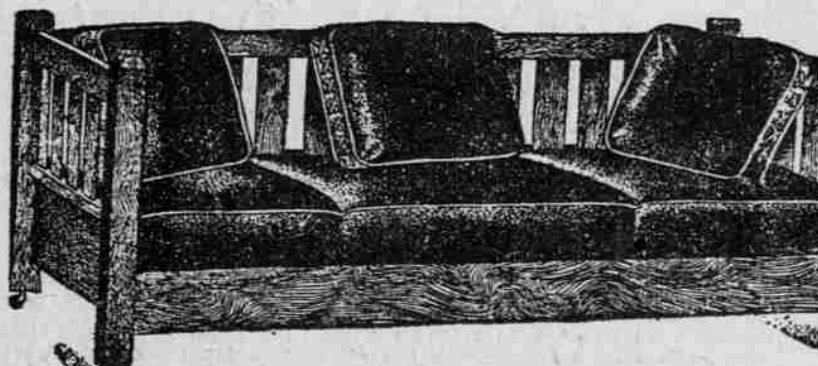
\$5.00 Desk and Chair for \$2.95

For children, but not so small as the price would suggest. Notice the size: Desk is 28 inches high, top 22x17; can be raised, showing compartment for books underneath. Desk and chair are both oak and can be furnished in golden or weathered finish. Price for both.....\$2.95 Price.....\$1.75



Ten Dollar Morris Chairs

And some far less. This item made a big hit last week, and we are going to continue it until Christmas unless our stock runs out. Remember we are not claiming this is our cheapest chair, but it is out best special sale value. Big chairs, with loose, reversible cushions of velvet; solid polished oak with spring seat.....\$10.00



Six Foot Mission Davenport With Leather Seat Only \$27.75

These Davenports have solid quartered oak frames, but do not have the loose pillows shown in picture; spring seat covered in real leather.....\$27.75

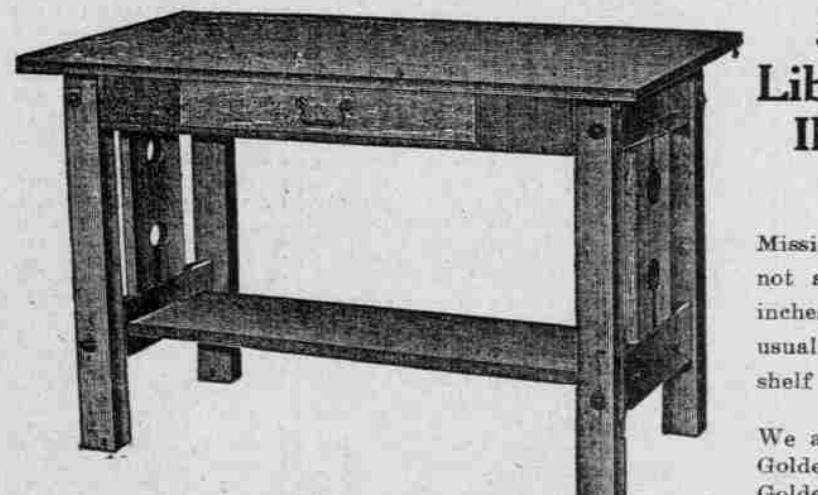


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Our No. 251 Buffet, quartered oak, polished early English finish, French bevel mirror.....\$33.00

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Mission or golden finish, in solid oak; not a little table, either. It is 42 inches long, 24 inches wide and the usual height; has good drawer, with shelf underneath, as shown.....\$7.45

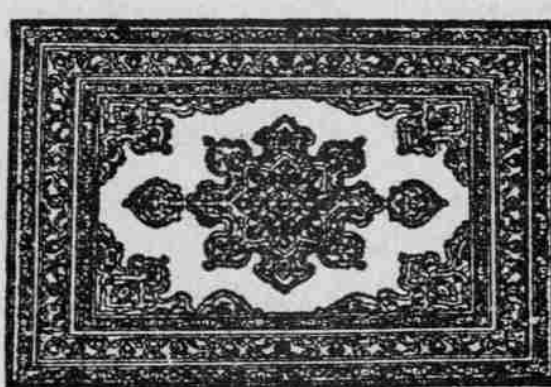
We also have a fine stock of Polish Golden, Mahogany and Waxed Golden Library Tables from



\$72 Mission Dining Suit at \$49.85

Just think of it. Dining-table, buffet and china closet, all weathered finish and all made exactly to match in reproduction of old English style. All for the above price.

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minis are there, and where located? Please name the Justices of the United States Supreme Court.

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1. There are three minis—Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver.

2. Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, Associate Justices John M. Harlan, David J. Brewer, Edward D. White, Joseph McKenna, Oliver Wendell Holmes, William R. Day and William H. Moody. There is one vacancy, caused by the recent death of Judge Peckham.

SEARCH FOR OIL KEEPS UP

Malheur County May Be Largest Oil Field in West.

J. P. Wilbur, director of the Union National Bank, of Union, a guest at the Imperial Hotel, stated yesterday that he is quite certain that oil will be discovered in paying quantities in Malheur County, where he has just been to look into the oil prospecting going on there.

"Seven out of 22 incorporated oil and gas companies in Malheur County," stated Mr. Wilbur, "are drilling steadily day and night at depths varying from 500 to 1700 feet. After a recent thorough examination by Chester Washburn, United States oil geologist, he stated positively that, in his estimation, Malheur County would in time be the largest oil-producing field in the West."

If it is found in the quantities expected by Mr. Wilbur, he thinks it will be piped to Portland, and will thus aid in developing this part of the state, as well as the place where it is discovered. The discovery of oil, Mr. Wilbur declares, will aid in the reclamation of much arid land in Eastern Oregon and

KIERNAN GOES FOR KING

Deputy Constable Will Bring Accused Man From California.

Constable Wagner has selected Deputy Kiernan to go to San Francisco to bring back Herbert Booth King, who has become notorious since his arrest for debt at the altar Thanksgiving eve. King was again arrested in San Francisco Friday night, on telegraphic information from Portland, on a warrant charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses.

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12-size Waltham or Elgin 20-year case	\$8.35
6-size Waltham or Elgin 20-year case	\$11.50

Boys' Watches, American movement, 20-year case.

Jewels	17.
Solid Gold Birthstone Rings	\$5.00
Solid Gold Seal Rings	\$2.00
German Silver Mesh Bags, large sizes	\$1.45
Silver Toilet Sets from	\$3.00 to \$4.50
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