

RESEARCH TRY OUT HUGE GUNS IF WAR

Four Shots Will Be Fired at Fort Stevens Today With 1046-Pound Projectiles.

PROFICIENCY IS REPORTED

Oregon Coast Artillerymen Under Instruction by Regular Army Officers Given Actual Practice Handling Big Pieces.

PORT STEVENS, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The specially selected details from the various companies of the Oregon Coast Artillery Reserves passed the greater part of the day firing sub-caliber shells. This is for the purpose of getting actual training in the handling of the pieces and the consequent familiarity with conditions closely approaching those that prevail when the full service charges and shells are in use.

The sub-caliber tubes, or miniature guns, are inserted inside the ten-inch rifles and 12-inch mortars and the guns are set and handled exactly as if they were discharging the full weight shells. In the case of the ten-inch, a one-pound shell is used, with the mortars an 18-pound shell answers the purpose.

Tomorrow morning actual service conditions will prevail. The reserves stationed at the mortar battery will fire the half-ton (1046 pounds) projectiles used for that type of piece. Four shots will be fired. These projectiles are the same as those used in war, with the exception of the fact that they do not contain the Dunitite, an explosive compound that they are filled with when firing at an enemy's battleships. In conjunction with this Dunitite a fuse is set to explode two one-thousandths of a second after striking, thus permitting it to spend its terrific force in the engine-rooms and powder magazines of the boat hit.

Mortars are fired at an angle exceeding 45 degrees, hence describe such a curve through the air that in descending they strike upon the decks of the vessels hit. One shell is sufficient to insure the destruction of any battleship afloat, since the decks are never protected with over three inches of armor plate and a shell of the weight used in the mortar batteries would sheer through this veneer as if it were so much paper.

All the regulars are favorably commenting on the striking proficiency that is being developed among the Oregon Reserves considering the short time they have been handling the huge guns that defend the mouth of the Columbia. The reserves attribute much of their success to the able manner in which the instruction has been carried on by Captain Collins, a regular officer detailed as their permanent instructor, and Sergeant Gaudes, his assistant, who was formerly a member of the garrison at Fort Stevens.

1000 SEEK 5000 ACRES

CONFUSION PREVAILS IN RACE FOR 63 BIG BOTTOM CLAIMS.

Many Would-Be Homesteaders Are Disappointed at Limited Number of Farms—Some to Be Bid In.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—This morning at 9 o'clock, when 5000 acres of land recently eliminated from the Rainier Forest reserve, in the Big Bottom country in Eastern Lewis County, was thrown open to settlement, it was estimated that fully 1000 persons were on the ground to try to obtain prior rights of location on the 63 claims that were available.

Telephone messages received from Randle said that confusion prevailed in the matter, persons in many instances not knowing just what to do, or what was expected of them. There was, what, if any, disorder so far as learned.

From over the whole Northwest within the past few weeks hundreds of persons have headed for the Big Bottom country. Through Chehalis, 65 miles by stage and by Morton would be homesteaders passed, most of them only to be disappointed at the limited number of claims.

Under the rules laid down by the Government where two or more file upon the same land and neither has improvements, the right of entry goes to the highest bidder. Under this condition it is likely that at the Vancouver Land Office June 8, when the filings will be accepted, spirited bidding will be shown as there are a number of desirable tracts involved.

LONG IGNORED ACT VALID

Washington Supreme Court Upholds Commission Merchant Law.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—After the commission merchant law, enacted several years ago, had been treated as a dead letter by the state authorities, the Supreme Court, in a decision rendered yesterday, found the act constitutional and valid.

Shortly after the law was enacted, the King County Superior Court held it void. No appeal was taken, but the state authorities made no effort to enforce the act.

Recently, since the State Department of Agriculture was organized, notice was served on the commission merchants that they must file surety bonds and take out state licenses in conformity with the law. The commission men demurred, claiming the law invalid.

New Buildings Go Up at Mays.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—An amusement hall has been completed at Mays, a new town being developed on the South Bend branch of the Northern Pacific, a mile beyond Miskill. A 40-room hotel and new general store are also under construction by the Baker-May Lumber Company, which operates a sawmill at Mays. B. A. Bartholomew, a real estate agent, has recently purchased 100 acres of logged-off land, then reports the sale of four more tracts ranging in area from 10 to 40 acres.

Albany Club Elects Officers.

ALBANY, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. H. Holman has been elected president of the Shakespeare Club, a leading literary organization of this city, for the year and other officers have been chosen as follows: Mrs. J. C. Weatherford, vice-president; Mrs. D. H. Bodina, secretary; Mrs. J. A. Mc-

Kilop, treasurer; Mrs. C. C. Page, leader.

POTATO GROWERS TO MEET

Session of District Association to Be Held at Weiser.

WEISER, Idaho, May 9.—(Special.)—L. M. Campbell, manager of the Southern Idaho Producers' Association, was here during the week and met with the members of the Weiser District Potato-Growers' Association. He arranged for a meeting to be held Friday, May 15. Details were also completed for shipping several cars of potatoes to Eastern markets from Jonathan, four miles west of here.

COMMUTATIONS HELD VOID

Lazy Husband Sentences Must Stand, Washington Court Rules.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—A justice of the peace who commits a prisoner to the stockade under the "lazy husband act" has no power to commute his sentence later, the Supreme Court decided yesterday.

SALEM COUPLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. LEWIS.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lewis, prominent residents of this city, was observed at their home, 1125 Leslie street, April 24. Covers were laid for 14 at the family dinner, and many beautiful presents and flowers were received by the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have lived most of their lives in the Willamette Valley and are well known throughout the country. The following children attended the celebration: Mrs. James W. Willson, James W. Lewis, Mrs. L. C. McCoy and Mrs. Anthony Klein. The grandchildren present were Harry L. Willson, Mrs. Stanley Morgan and Maud McCoy. James Willson, Jr., a great-grandchild also was present.

father of the "lazy husband" act, attempted to commute the sentence of a prisoner he had sent to the stockade for 182 days. The "lazy husband" act provides for the employment, by the county, of men who fail to support their families, and payment of their wages, at the rate of \$1.50 a day, to the families.

now paramount in the minds of Republicans both for and against him. It begins to look as though he would not and if so it will produce a situation in this state unparalleled since the direct primary law went into effect.

The primary election this year is held September 1 instead of the early part of August, as was the case two years ago.

The prospective possibilities as gubernatorial timber now prominently mentioned are Frank Lewis, a Moscow Banker; C. L. Heintzman, of Bathurst, former state chairman, and D. W. Davis, of American Falls. It is practically assured that Senator Davis will not make the race, although urged to do so by Mr. Heintzman.

Mr. Heintzman is non-committal on the subject. Mr. Lewis visited Boise this week and took a trip into the south-eastern part of the state to look over the political situation with a view of siding it up to the prospects of a candidate for Governor in opposition to the incumbent.

The prohibitionists are particularly active in behalf of Mr. Heintzman, who has been prominent in the fight in his home county to bring about a "dry" condition there. He not only personally conducted the war on saloons in his home town, but he aided in the prosecution of the bootleggers. When the Commissioners of Kootenai County denied the applications and petitions of the "drys" for a local option election in that county he took charge of the campaign and circulated petitions which the Commissioners approved, calling an election. The result was that Kootenai County went from "wet" to "dry."

LABOR PLANS FORMULATED

Yakima Farmers Will Estimate Number of Men Needed.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—To devise a plan for bringing to the Yakima Valley the outside labor which will be needed next fall to harvest the hops and the apples, a committee, including representatives of the hopraisers, fruitraisers and the labor unions of the city, was named yesterday at a meeting held in the rooms of the North Yakima Commercial Club.

In connection with the work of the committee, the hopgrowers and fruitgrowers are to make inquiry and formulate estimates of the probable magnitude of these crops, so that an estimate of the number of outside laborers needed can be made.

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