

COLONEL WILLIAMS HAS LONG RECORD

Military Ladder Climbed From Bottom, Dating From Enlistment in June, 1889.

COMMISSION WON IN 1891

Prominent Part Played in Civil Life as Farmer, Teacher and Lawyer—Three Sons Are Educated for Service.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special).—Colonel John M. Williams, whose appointment as Adjutant-General of the state of Oregon, to succeed Adjutant-General White, was announced this week by Governor Withycombe, has climbed the ladder of military affairs in the state from the bottom rung, where he entered service as a private, to a position where he will have direction over the mustering of men of honor well deserved upon a man capable of rendering efficient service.

Colonel Williams' appointment came as a surprise to his neighbors in Eugene and Lane County, where he has long been a leader in patriotic movements, but they look upon his selection as the bestowing of a honor well deserved upon a man capable of rendering efficient service.

Last week Colonel Williams was acting as a volunteer guide for drafted men stopping in the city for dinner on their way from California to American Lake. Within the next few months, should the war continue, it is not improbable that he will have general supervision over the selection of thousands of Oregonians who may be called in the service of their country.

Patriotism Is Vigorous.
Colonel Williams' brand of patriotism has always been a vigorous sort. He has long been a believer in universal military training and an advocate of thorough military preparedness. His three sons, now in their country's service, had previously received training to fit them for duty in the Army.

As an educator, farmer and lawyer, Colonel Williams has taken a prominent part in civil life, first in his native state, Indiana, and later in Illinois, Iowa and Kansas, before coming to Oregon in 1887, when he began his career in this state as a teacher in the schools at Halsey, Linn County.

In 1888 Colonel Williams came to Eugene, following his election as principal of schools here. He held this position three years, during which time he read law, later admitted to practice. He served as Deputy District Attorney for Lane County for four years under George W. Brown, the present Attorney-General of the state. He also served four years as City Attorney and later as a member of the City Council. He has played a prominent part in hundreds of lawsuits, including some of the most important litigation originating in Lane County during his practice here.

Military Career Notable.
Colonel Williams enlisted as a private in Company C, Second Regiment, Infantry, Oregon National Guard, June 19, 1889. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in that organization in May, 1891. After continuous service and gradual promotion, he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fourth Regiment, Infantry, Oregon National Guard, September 2, 1907, being transferred to the retired list when the Fourth Regiment was disbanded, December 13, 1911.

During his active connection with the Oregon National Guard Colonel Williams attended 16 camps of instruction, taking part in maneuvers and acting as an instructor. He attended state meetings for rifle practice each year and for eight years was graded as an expert. He has been a close student of military affairs throughout his life.

The three sons of Colonel and Mrs. Williams, their only children, who are now in the service, are Captain William G. Williams, of the staff of the Oregon Coast Artillery; Lieutenant Benjamin H. Williams, of the regular Army, stationed at Camp Stewart, near San Diego, Cal.

DEAD SOLDIER IS KNOWN

Ernest Hart, American, Killed in France Has Relative in Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special).—Ernest Hart, the American soldier killed recently in France by the accidental explosion of a hand-grenade during a practice encounter, was a first cousin of W. E. Hart, a local hotel man. Mr. Hart, who first saw the news in The Oregonian, has had confirmation of the casualty from relatives in Kentucky.

"My cousin," says Mr. Hart, "was formerly a resident of Oxford, N. C. I had a letter from him last Fall, when he told me that he expected to visit me this Fall. Shortly after writing, however, he enlisted in the Army and I had not heard from him until I saw the news of the fatal accident."

ABERDEEN POSTOFFICE TO SUPERVISE

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special).—Twenty-eight postoffices in this county have been placed under the accounting department of the Aberdeen postoffice. Hereafter they have had to send in their accounts to Washington, D. C., to be audited. The new system, it is believed, will lessen the labor necessary to handle the work and will save considerable time.

CURED HIMSELF OF DRINKING

Los Angeles Man Gives Out a Simple Home Recipe That Banished His Desire for Liquor.

Mr. Carl Smith, living at 611 1/2 South Grand avenue, Los Angeles, Cal., cured himself of his liquor habit with a simple home recipe. In a recent statement Mr. Smith said: "I took two high-priced treatments for the liquor habit, both of which failed. Then I heard of the following simple recipe, which I tried. It quickly banished my desire for liquor and greatly benefited my health. To three ounces of water add 20 grains of Muriate of Ammonia, a small box of Varlex Compound and 10 grains of Pepsin. Take a teaspoonful three times a day. It is perfectly harmless, and, as it has no taste, color or smell, it can be given secretly in coffee, tea, milk or in food. Any druggist can put up this recipe at very little cost, and it is a wonderful remedy."—Adv.

NEW ADJUTANT-GENERAL OF OREGON AND HIS THREE SONS IN SERVICE.



Top—Adjutant-General and Mrs. John M. Williams. Below, From Left—Lieutenant Benjamin H. Williams, Verne A. Williams, Hospital Unit U. S. Aviation Corps, and Captain William G. Williams.

PROJECTS ARE SEEN

Commissioner Tallman Makes Tour of Idaho.

SOME WORK TAKEN OVER

Effort Is Being Made to Revive Irrigation Schemes That Have Partially Failed and Bring Order Out of Chaos.

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 20.—(Special).—Clay Tallman, Commissioner of the United States General Land Office, personally inspected Idaho's irrigated areas this week in an attempt to solve some of the puzzling problems that a number of the Carey act projects present.

Few states have had greater success, greater trials or tribulations with its irrigation projects than Idaho. Repeated steps have been made to remedy these blunders by one Governor or Land Board after another. Little progress has been made. Politics have been injected into the project affairs until they became red-letter issues in many campaigns. Engineering mistakes were made; large amounts of money were spent; controversies arose between project owners and project settlers and discontent prevailed.

Within the past few years some real progress has been made in placing the projects that had every appearance of becoming total failures, upon their feet. The mistakes of the past have been profitably reviewed, and the problems, it was successful with regard to the King Hill project, in which a fortune was lost. Congress made an appropriation so that the Reclamation Service could take it over. It is in reality a Government project now.

After repeated requests and numerous trips to Washington on the part of state officials, arrangements were finally made for Commissioner Tallman to come to Idaho.

SOLDIERS PLAN BIG DAY

PATRIOTIC RALLY AND TOURNAMENT SET FOR WEDNESDAY.

Colonel W. E. Ellis Invites All Loyal Americans to Attend and Also Urges Purchases of Bonds.

FORT STEVENS, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special).—A Liberty loan rally and field day will be held here next Wednesday, participated in by soldiers at all forts at the mouth of the Columbia River.

In giving notice of the event Colonel W. E. Ellis, commandant at headquarters, has issued a general invitation to all loyal citizens to attend the festival. The official announcement is as follows:

All companies will participate in the athletic events, which will include relay contests, tug-of-war and grenade throwing from dummy trenches. The programs will be as follows: 1. Semi-finals of field events, beginning at 9 o'clock. 2. Military review of all companies at about 1:30 o'clock. 3. Addresses and music. 4. Final field events. (To be concluded about 4:30 o'clock.) All loyal American citizens are cordially invited to be present at these exercises. Victrola will find much to interest them, and will be heartily welcomed, especially those who have purchased one or more Liberty bonds. The only military restriction imposed is that they are not allowed to visit batteries or defensive elements except on special passes issued by the commanding officer.

It is hoped that the citizens of nearby communities will organize and make the necessary arrangements with a view to securing special bands, troupes and other entertainment for the occasion. District officers are requested to advise the public and the military should result in a grand boost for the Liberty bond campaign. Subscriptions by the garrisons of the three forts at the mouth of the Columbia River to include October 15 amount to \$94,100. Think this over.

Make it a big red-letter day in the history of the Lower Columbia River district. Pay us a visit, and when you return home buy a Liberty bond. If you have already bought one, buy another.

Church Plans "Harvest Home."
KEELSO, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special).—Rev. H. E. Greening, of the local Methodist Church, is planning for a "harvest home" celebration which will be held at the church early in November. Community development topics and

CHEHALIS PLANS INSTITUTE

Lewis County Teachers to Gather for Three-Day Session Tomorrow.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special).—Monday of next week the eighth session of the Lewis County Teachers' Institute will open in this city, lasting for three days. A. C. Canterbury, superintendent, and Herbert G. Heath, deputy superintendent, will have charge.

To receive the week of institute credit required by law, in addition to this institute teachers may attend the Washington Educational Association at Tacoma for two days, or the two days may be earned by complying with any two of the following: One day's attendance at the Southwest Washington Fair, one day at local institute in County Superintendent's office, one day in a local institute approved by County Superintendent or one day visiting schools.

SOLDIERS WATCH PAPERS

Letters Received From Dan H. Johnston and Lloyd E. Dunn.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special).—Mrs. H. L. Drew, of this city, this week received three letters from her son, Lloyd E. Dunn, who is serving in France with the 15th Engineers. The young soldier asserted that all of the American watch papers for papers and magazines from home, come to him as bad as fighting in our own country," wrote Dunn. "You folks are pretty lucky. If you could see some of the results of war in this country you would change your minds."

HOOD STUDENT HONORED

Joe M. Johnson Elected Head of Whitman Student Body.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special).—In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson, of this city, Mr. Johnson, a senior at the Whitman Wash. institution, announces his election to the presidency of the Whitman College student body organization. Young Mr. Johnson, who has taken a prominent part in all student activities, is a graduate of the Hood River High School. He has been captain of the Whitman baseball team and has played a leading roll in student musical organizations.

BOY OF 9 IS PATRIOTIC

Carey Thompson, of Vida, Helps Soldiers' Tobacco Fund.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special).—There are many ways in which the people of Oregon have been doing their bit, but Carey W. Thompson, Jr., aged 9, of Vida, found a way that is novel. Carey read that contributions were being made to a fund for the purchase of tobacco to be supplied to the American soldiers in France. He wanted to give some money, but had none. There are many fishermen who visit the McKenzie River near his home. Fishermen were his only available source of revenue. He caught grasshoppers until he had earned 50 cents. Then he filled out a blank and forwarded his contribution to Eugene.

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SOLDIERS TAKE TRIP

Five Companies Travel to Fort Canby for Day.

3 FORTS MEET THURSDAY

Grenade-Throwing, Footraces, Tug-of-War and Speeches on Programme When Fort Columbia Holidays.

FORT COLUMBIA, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special).—Grenade-throwing, foot races, a tug-of-war, a holiday dinner and a number of address-making were the programme during a visit this week of five companies of men from Fort Columbia to Fort Canby.

Two boats filled with the holiday crowd left Fort Columbia at 8 A. M. and it was dark before they returned. Arms were stacked on four parade grounds at Canby and the first hour or two devoted to visiting.

One-Hundred-Yard Dash First.
The first event of the day was the trial 100-yard dash. Corporal Peet, of the Fourth Company from Columbia, won in 11 seconds, considered a record, owing to the fact that the boys ran on turf and in Army shoes.

The crowning feature of the day was the tug-of-war. So evenly were the boys matched that it looked at first as though there would be some ties. The first contest was between the Seventh and Tenth companies, both of Columbia, the Tenth winning by a few inches. Then the Fourth, of Columbia, and the Fifth, of Canby, pulled. The Fourth won. The Fifth, of Canby, and the Tenth, of Columbia, pulled next, but the honor went to the Fifth, who had the weight. The Seventh and 12th pulled, the 12th winning. The Fourth and 12th pulled with the Fourth winning. This gave the first place to the Fourth Company, second to Fifth and third to Tenth.

Fourth Wins Grenade Event.

Mess call came at 11:30 and the way the boys stowed away the food would put a long face on the Hooverites. The officers from Fort Columbia were the guests of the Fort Canby officers' mess. The first thing on the afternoon programme was grenade-throwing. The men stood behind an eight-foot wall and threw a missile at a three-foot trench 60 feet away, just the same as the American teachers may attend the Washington Educational Association at Tacoma for two days, or the two days may be earned by complying with any two of the following: One day's attendance at the Southwest Washington Fair, one day at local institute in County Superintendent's office, one day in a local institute approved by County Superintendent or one day visiting schools.

The finals for the 100-yard dash showed that Corporal Peet, of the Fourth Company, was still the winner. Shultz, of the Fifth, won second, and Brostius, of the Fourth, won third.

Throughout the afternoon the Fort Columbia Band played for the boys.

Ball Thrown in Relay.

The relay baseball throwing contest was something new to several of the boys. Fifth Company won first, 12th second, and Tenth third. The relay running race was next. The best time was made by the Fifth, second by the Seventh and third by the 12th. This finished the athletic events of the afternoon.

The Fifth Company, of Canby, won the first place for the day's work with 25 points to their credit. Second place was awarded to the Fourth with 26 points, and the third to the 12th with 18 points.

Thursday all of the three forts at the river mouth will come together at Fort Stevens, where the winning teams will contest for the final honors of the Coast defenses.

Men Are Reviewed.

After the games the men fell in line for review. Major White, commander at Fort Canby, acted as battalion commander. Colonel Lawson was the reviewing officer, and reviewed the five companies, nearly 500 men and waiting to do their country's bidding.

After the parade the soldiers marched to a place near, on the terrace, to listen to the speakers of the day. Captain Wilbur, of the 12th Company, was the officer in charge of the afternoon's speaking. He introduced as the first speaker Herman Wise, postmaster of Astoria, German born, but a loyal American citizen. He urged the purchase of liberty bonds by every man able to spare the necessary funds.

Benefit Held to Get Phonograph.

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Druggist Kills 300-Pound Bear.
RIDDLE, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special).—D. F. Everett, the druggist at Riddle, while out hunting last week with George W. Murphy, the School Supervisor in this district, killed a 300-pound black bear. The bear was killed in the Elk Creek district.

Grays Harbor Boys in Texas.
ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special).—Sixty members of a medical unit of 100 men made up of recruits from Tacoma and the Grays Harbor district have been sent to Waco, Tex., according to letters received here from the boys. They recently went from Fort Lawton to Fort Riley, Kan. At Fort Riley 60 of the 100 were picked out for base hospital and evacuation hospital work and these were sent to Waco for further training. They report royal treatment everywhere.

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