

REVOKE LICENSES OF COQUILLE MEN AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR 1915

Government Steamboat Inspectors Punish Panter and Willards for Trouble

(Special to The Times.)
 COQUILLE, Or., Feb. 4.—Following the hearing here by the U. S. Steamboat Inspectors on the Coquille River boat line troubles, it was announced that the licenses of the following had been suspended for a period of twenty months for violating the regulations of navigation:
 Thos. W. Panter, Captain, Str. Telegraph.
 Wm. Panter, Engineer, Str. Telegraph.
 Allen Panter, Captain Str. Dora.
 O. R. Willard, Captain Steamer Charm.
 Elmer Willard, Engineer Steamer Charm.
 The punishment imposed follows a number of clashes during the past year or so between the rival boat lines, Willards have one line of boats and Panter has the other and the inspectors decided that not only were the passengers and boats menaced, but that the conduct of the men was unbecoming.

CASE FLAGRANT ONE

Inspectors Edwards and Fuller Denounce Coquille Trouble.
 Messrs. Edwards and Fuller, local U. S. Steamboat Inspectors, and Sec. A. F. Merrill of the Board, returned here this morning from Coquille, where they conducted an investigation of the Coquille River boat trouble.

In addition to suspending the licenses of the five Willards and Panter as engineers and masters for twenty months, each one of the five had his operator's license revoked. The operator's license which each held enabled them to operate launches of less than fifteen tons which are engaged in passenger traffic. The master's and engineer's licenses they held applied to larger craft.

Ties Up Boats.
 The punishment became effective yesterday and as a result most of the boats of the two lines are tied up until the owners can get new men who have licenses to operate them. W. R. Panter, father of the Panter boys, today was operating the steamer Dora, having secured another engineer.

The Coquille and the Dispatch, two other Coquille river boats, are not connected with the Willard and Panter lines, so they are not affected and will take care of the business for the present.

Offenses Were Flagrant.
 Sec. Merrill said that for eighteen years he has been taking testimony in boat cases, but the Coquille case was the worst that he ever heard. The hearing lasted two days and they heard about forty witnesses.

He said that the testimony showed that some of the worst language known was used by the men on the two rival lines in the presence of women and other passengers.

He said that one collision on September 23, 1914, was caused at Jarman's Landing by rivalry between the Telegraph and Charm as to which boat should get one passenger. The Charm made the landing first and the passenger was about to step aboard when the Telegraph rammed the stern of the Charm, pushing her away from the landing and picking up the passenger, which was about a fifteen-cent fare.

On January 23 another collision occurred and then one of the rival boatmen threw a can of cylinder oil, striking the other craft.

Limit of Punishment.
 Sec. Merrill said that the reason that the suspension of the license in each case was fixed at twenty months was because Allen R. Panter's license had but twenty months to run. The licenses are issued for five years. Had the minimum license of the men run three years, the suspension would probably have been for that long he said.

Complaint by Johnson.
 Sec. Merrill said that the complaint upon which the last hearing was based was received from Sheriff Alfred Johnson, Jr., following the collision and fracas January 23. He said that they were glad that it had been made as the inspectors did not wish for a minute to allow any such trouble to continue as had been manifested on the Coquille lines for the past year or two.

Receive Applications.
 Messrs. Edwards, Fuller and Merrill expected to leave today on the Elder for home in Portland but as the Elder was a day late, they would reinspect the ferry Transit and any other craft that was ready. They also expected to receive applications for licenses. Under a recent ruling, the inspectors insist that all applicants for licenses the first time must personally appear before the inspectors. Mr. Merrill said that before they made this ruling they found that

Season Will Open April 14 and Close October 7—Division of Holidays

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
 CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The American League will open its 1915 campaign on Wednesday, April 14, with Chicago at St. Louis, Cleveland at Detroit, New York at Washington and Boston at Philadelphia, according to the schedule announced today. The chart provides for 154 games by each club as usual and the season will end October 7, with Boston at New York, though the other teams will have wound up their quota before that date.

Since May 29 and July 4 fall this year on Sunday, the holiday double headers are appointed for the following Mondays. On May 31 St. Louis plays at Cleveland, Detroit at Chicago, New York at Washington, and Boston at Philadelphia. The July 5 double headers find Chicago at St. Louis, Cleveland at Detroit, Philadelphia at New York and Washington at Boston. The Labor Day games are Cleveland at Chicago; St. Louis at Detroit; Washington at Philadelphia and New York at Boston. St. Louis gets the June 17 holiday at Boston.

As was the case last year, the conflicts have been reduced to four, so far as the National League is concerned, and again they are all in Chicago in Sundays. Chicago leads in Sundays at home, with 14, and is tied with the four eastern clubs with 13 Saturdays at home.

NO SEAGOING DREDGE TO DISPLACE CHINOOK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The War Department today intimated to Senator Lane in forceful terms, its disapproval of the plan to build a seagoing dredge to replace the Chinook. The department says, the Chinook is adequate to perform all the dredging at the mouth of the Columbia River permitted by weather conditions; also that a suitable stable channel out to sea can be secured only by the completion of the jetties as planned by the engineers.

SCHOOL BILL PASSES HOUSE

Qualifications for Superintendents in County "Tightened Up."
 STATE CAPITOL, SALEM, Feb. 4.—Qualifications for County School Superintendents were "tightened up" by the House Saturday when it passed the Hinkle bill providing that persons holding this office must have at least 27 months' actual experience in teaching school and hold a state teachers' certificate. Twelve months' of the past experience must have had been had in Oregon. The present law permits county superintendents to have only nine months' experience. They can hold their positions on a county certificate. It is understood that the Hinkle bill has the support of the county superintendents of the state.

SHOW CHURCH GAINS

Protestant Episcopal Census Records Increase of Communicants.
 MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 4.—The "Living Church," the official Protestant Episcopal director and census, issued here today, shows a gain in the number of communicants in 1914. The total number of communicants is 1,915,000. In the country at large there are 5,588 clergy, 124 candidates for orders, 345 postulants, 2,459 lay readers, and 7,922 parishioners. The total baptisms were 67,758 for the year. In all, there are 28,641 more communicants than last year.
 In the year there were 27,127 marriages and 48,079 burials. There are 455,251 pupils in the Sunday schools. The total contributions for 1914 were \$19,729,573.
 In commenting upon the statistics, the editors say:
 "Not for many years has the record of the Church shown on the whole so healthy a condition of advance as is recorded for the year just passed. In communicants we have gained 2.8 per cent., which is above the average. Still better, the gain in baptisms is in excess of 4 per cent."

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 occasionally licenses were issued to men with only one eye, one arm or otherwise physically unfit to have them.

"DIGGING IN" ON THE FIRING LINE

L YING flat on the ground, alternately digging with his bayonet blade, scooping out the loosened earth with the top of his meat cup, a soldier hastily makes at his side a shallow trench that extends from the head to the knees, placing each little scoopful as he digs it, in a pile at his head. Every movement is made with the utmost caution, for bullets are whistling past only a few inches above his head and the missing of any part of his body would mean almost certain death. When this shallow trench is finished, the soldier cautiously rolls into it. Under this slight cover he then begins to dig another and deeper trench at his side, but one that is long enough this time to take his entire body. If he lives to complete the task, he has made what is known as a "triple-down" trench. He has made a cover that protects him from rifle fire but not from shrapnel or the flying fragments of bursting shells.

This is not an individual instance but a typical case. It is one phase of the "digging-in" process that comprises one of the biggest features of the biggest war the world has ever known. When a column of soldiers has advanced until it can advance no farther, and the men are ordered to hold their exposed position, they "dig themselves in" in this fashion. Perhaps they are compelled to remain where they are, for a retreat over exposed ground is often as dangerous as an advance. As soon as night comes, intrenching tools are brought forward, and the little trenches made under fire are enlarged, connected, and deepened until they are continuous, and furnish cover in which men may stand and move about safe from rifle fire, but always in danger from shell fire and shrapnel. In this shelter that the soldier has dug for himself he may remain for weeks, or the trench may be abandoned in a few minutes or a few hours for an advance or a retreat. In the face of modern weapons, infantry troops, fighting long in the open, simply get themselves slaughtered, and the first thing an army does after its preliminary advance has been stopped is to dig itself in.

This war is therefore primarily one of field entrenchments. Much had been written before the war about field intrenchments and their importance in modern warfare. But a battle line 300 miles long, extending from the North Sea through northern France into Alsace, consisting of practically continuous lines of intrenchments so securely held that neither side could make any material advance in weeks, is a thing so big that it had apparently never been dreamed of. Along this battle field the country is cut up, not by two parallel lines of intrenchments alone, but by numerous trenches, some of which have been occupied repeatedly by first one army and then the other as the fortune of battle wavered along the battle line. There are new and half-finished trenches, trenches with shrapnel-proof shelters and with zig-zag excavated approaches from the rear, abandoned trenches and trenches that have been wrecked by artillery fire. So carefully are the trenches and their occupants concealed that the battle field would have, much of the time, an appearance of a deserted country, if it were not for the bursting shells and shrapnel. Back of the firing line, on both sides of the great conflict,

men have been busy for weeks constructing trenches for the army to fall back on in case of retreat. Since this work is not done under fire, these trenches are carefully made on selected ground, often motor-drawn plows being used to break ground for them.

Since men not only fight in the trenches, but must often eat and sleep in them, the cave shelters have become one of the common features of the intrenchments on both sides of the battle field, and, crude as they are, they furnish the one home-like touch of the war. Here are found dishes, stovetop cooking utensils, and the ever present coffee or tea-pot, the latter being indispensable for the English soldier. In spite of the discomforts and dangers of the trenches, human nature, with its philosophy and a grim sort of humor, asserts itself. Much ingenuity has been expended in naming the shelters scattered along the trenches and it is not an uncommon thing to see a crude sign above one of the caves bearing some such name as "Hotel Cord," "Ritz Hotel," "Hotel Donx Hotel," or "Rue Dormir."

VALENTINE BALL

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 WHEN THE OPERATOR ANSWERS, BE BRIEF. DO NOT ASK FOOLISH QUESTIONS, WHICH THE OPERATOR COULD NOT ANSWER IF SHE HAD TIME. RECENTLY PEOPLE HAVE INSISTED ON ASKING "IF THE FURNITURE WAS BEING SAVED?" WHETHER "THERE WAS ANY INSURANCE?" AND OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH DELAY IMPORTANT BUSINESS. SO, BE BRIEF.
 RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL FIRE ALARMS LATE AT NIGHT WHEN BUT ONE OR TWO OPERATORS WERE ON DUTY. THOUGH NOT REQUIRED OR ASKED TO DO SO, OTHER OPERATORS, OFF DUTY, HAVE SHOWN THEIR LOYALTY TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BY RUSHING TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE AND FILLING THE EMPTY POSITIONS AT THE SWITCHBOARD INSTEAD OF RUNNING TO THE FIRE. BUT EVEN WHEN THE MAXIMUM FORCE IS AT WORK THE ORDINARILY PROMPT SERVICE CANNOT BE GIVEN DURING EMERGENCIES.
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