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LYTLE-HARRIMAN LINE BUYING RIGHTS-OF-WAY ON LEWIS & CLARK-TILLAMOOK MATTERS TO BE AIDED IN COURT.

News reached this city yesterday from authentic sources, in fact from parties just in from the territory, that the Harriman interests are overwhelmingly busy in the Lewis & Clark country buying up rights-of-way for that section of the Lytle line that is to be deflected hither from the Hillsboro-Tillamook road, and are paying almost fancy prices in their quest for an early acquirement of the property; they are making no bones about the work nor its object, according to the informant of the Astorian, and expect to cover the line to Young's Bay in a few more days.

Apr6pos, of the Lytle road, the differences between that road and the Astoria & Columbia River railway, are now squarely in court, with Judge Geo. H. Burnett, presiding at Salem, and the case will take some time to adjust as there is a great deal of testimony to be produced by both parties to the action, and there is a bare possibility of the issues being amicably reached and decided.

Mr. Lytle was on the stand and offered to compromise to a certain extent and give the Astoria & Columbia choice of 25 feet on the coast side or on the inland side, in which case, both companies can lay their rails on the same right of way.

Auditor Deyoe also favored this plan, but was not willing that the entire right of way at this point be given over to the defendants, as it would shut them out entirely, and the Lytle company has already built its line from Buxton to Hillsboro, and is now constructing its road to Tillamook Bay, and has surveyed the entire right of way to Astoria through Seaside, Nehalem, Garvoto, Hobsonville and Bay City.

In the Matter of Tips.
The man who tips the highest gets the best service and the most ostentatious deference. "Give this to the cook," said a St. Louis parvenu, handing a dollar to the waiter with his order, "and tell him to cook it my way." "Give this to the cook," said a scribe at the next table, handing a two dollar bill to the waiter with his order, "and tell him to cook it his own way, for he is a better cook than I am." We will not be outshone. We will not shrink in any man's shadow. At the same time the pace is too hot and fast for most of us.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Localized Him.
A stranger wishing to play golf at North Berwick saw some one in authority upon the matter. "What name?" asked the dignified official in charge. "De Neufeldt," the stranger replied. "Mou," said the official in a tone of disgust, "we canna fash oorsels w' names like that at North Berwick. Ye'll stairt in the morn at ten fifteen to the name of Fairgusson."—Blackwood's Magazine.

He Was Willing.
A good, kind man unfortunately married a shrewish wife, and the woman changed his nature. One morning after his wife had called him a good for nothing loafer and snatched his breakfast away he started off, hungry and sore, for work. A sour looking woman entered the car he was on. She got into a violent dispute with the conductor over her change. Finally, red with rage, she looked about her and said, "Is there a gentleman in this car who will stand by and see a lady insulted?" The hungry man whose nature had been spoiled rose eagerly. "Yes, madam," he said; "I will."

The Nature of Love.
Love is the river of life in this world. Think not that ye know it who stand at the little tinkling rill—the first small fountain. Not until you have gone through the rocky gorges and not lost the stream; not until you have gone through the meadow, and the stream has widened and deepened until fleets could ride upon its bosom; not until beyond the meadow you have come to the unfathomable ocean and poured your treasures into its depths—not until then can you know what love is.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Takes No Chances.
"Remember," said the kind elderly gentleman, "that you may be president of the United States." "Yes," answered the boy whose father is connected with the race track, "but look at the population of this country. I've only got one chance in millions. I ain't playing any long shots like that."—Washington Star.

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NATIONAL GUARD NEWS

American Marksmen Invited To Participate in Rifle and Pistol Matches in Switzerland—Iowa To Sell National Guard Camp.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 18.—The program for the National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, commencing August 28th has been arranged. Monday, August 26, and Tuesday, August 27, have been set aside for preliminary team practice. The National Team Match will begin on Wednesday, the 28th. The first prize in this match will be the National Trophy and \$300 cash; second prize, the Hilton Trophy and \$200 cash; The Soldier of Marathon and \$150 cash. There will also be prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50, to the fourth, fifth and sixth teams, and a medal to each member of the winning teams.

In the National Individual Match there will be a number of gold, silver and bronze medals carryings with the cash prizes ranging from \$5 to \$50. In the National Pistol Match there will also be a number of medals and cash prizes.

An important decision in this connection is the one that no person who is either a principal or alternate on any team entered in the competition

for the National Trophy shall be eligible to serve either as principal on any other team at the next yearly competition for the National Trophy. This provision does not apply to members of the teams from the United States Military or Naval Academies should they be entered as members of these teams, graduating might be found in the army or navy team next year.

The matches of the National Rifle Association will be shot the week preceding the National Matches, and upon the Camp Perry ranges. The Ohio Rifle Association matches will be shot at the same time and place.

Immediately following the National Matches, the Matches of the New Jersey Rifle Association will be shot at Sea Girt, New Jersey. Although the matches of the National Rifle Association and the National Matches will be shot in Ohio, the Sea Girt shoot is an attractive affair as it will be the seventeenth annual competition. During these seventeen years a number of matches have been established, including those for regiment and company teams and individuals. Prizes will consist of time honored trophies and cash. New matches are announced for a prize to be given by Senator Briggs for regimental teams, to be confined to rapid fire and skirmish runs; a prize to be given by Colonel Anthony R. Kuser, and a slow fire match for regimental teams, to trophy to be given by Ex-Attorney General John W. Griggs. It is expected that many of the riflemen in attendance on the National matches in Ohio, will go to Sea Girt for these matches. General Bird W. Spencer, formerly President of the National Rifle Association, will have charge of these matches.

Mr. Brutus J. Clay, American Min-

ister to Switzerland, forwarded, through the Department of State, a note received from the Committee of the Ter federal, inviting the American marksmen to be represented by a delegation at the International Rifle and Pistol matches to be held at Zurich, in July, 1907. It will be impossible for representatives of the American army to be present on the occasion, but it is likely some individual riflemen will attend, and there is a possibility a team will be sent by private individuals.

Iowa proposes to sell its present National Guard camp ground, consisting of 160 acres north of the army post at Des Moines. This ground can be sold for about \$125 per acre or more, and north of the city a desirable rifle range and camp can be secured at \$8 per acre. It is proposed to add to the funds thus secured a part of the State's share of the government appropriation for rifle practice, which will enable the State to secure a much larger camp ground, and to fit up an excellent range.

General Grant, commanding the Department of the East, has directed that the annual rifle practice of the shall take place on the range of the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Maryland, which has been placed at the disposal of the Department for this purpose by the Navy Department. There is a great deal of interest in small arm practice among the Middles and they have a first class range.

The National Rifle Association has presented a gold medal to the Topeka, Kansas, rifle club, which will be awarded to the best shot in the club. A 500-yard range is being laid out near Topeka, and the club is reported as doing excellent work.

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