RECRUITING OFFICE BUSY

MANY RECRUITS ARE ENTERING THE SERVICE OF UNCLE SAM—LACK OF EMPLOYMENT A PRIME FACTOR.

Sergeant E. D. Skinner, of the recruiting service, who has been here since May 25th last, has received orders to close his office here, at the end of the year, and will probably open his new headquarters at Centralia, Wash., after his removal from Astoria.

Sergeant Skinner has been very successful in securing recruits, his thorough knowledge of army life and of human nature being a valuable help. The officer is a very pleasant young man and has, during his stay here, made many friends who will regret his going away.

Speaking of the results of his work, in Astoria, he said:

"I have been very successful in securing recruits in this section. Of late the results have been of the best, the class of men offering themselves being very good. Young, healthy men, capable of entering any field of laboring work, have applied for enlistment, and we are able to be choice in our selection. I ascribe this condition of affairs to the closing down of industries and the lack of work for laboring men. Single men without ties to bind them are coming into the service, not caring to take their chances on securing employment in an overcrowded field. In Portland many young men are enlisting, to take advantage of the opportunities of technical education. Some are enlisting in the different branches of the service such as, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, blacksmithing, etc., and will take the courses in those branches. The Portland office is doing a good business and no doubt will continue to do so.

"As I said, present conditions have much to do with the number of recruits. Logging camps, mills, etc., are closing down and the flower of the land, in the way of husky men are plentiful, and unemployed. The army offers an opening to them, that is being taken advantage of, hence the good results. I expect, before leaving here to add many more names to the roster."

E. R. Budd, superintendent Ilwaco Railroad Company, came over on the Nascohta yesterday, and proceeded to Portland last night.

A. G. Delany, of Chicago, arrived in Astoria Thursday.

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BURGLARS BUSY IN RIVER TOWNS

BLOW OPEN SAFES IN STORES IN KELSO AND RAINIER, THEN TAKE TO THE RIVER IN BOAT—FIND COIN ON SLIP.

Burglars are getting busy in various river towns and two crimes were reported to the local department yesterday. Friday evening a brace of "dark lantern and gum shoe" operators got busy over in Kelso and abstracted about $500 from the strong box of a mercantile house in that town. The same gang is supposed to have burglarized the store of L. E. Clark at Rainier the same evening, blowing open the safe and taking $200 in silver and a check on the First National Bank of Portland for $55. They then proceeded to take a boat, as is evidenced by the finding of coins amounting to $1.75 on the slip at Rainier, and presumably came down the river. Mr. Clark came down on the Telephone line and conferred with Chief Gamble returning last evening.

Fred Oglesby, of Olympia, came in on the evening train last night and will remain for a few days.

Bad Fire in Ilwaco—

Early yesterday morning a fire broke out in the big joint barn of Messrs. Matt Kaner and Alex Lampi. That the structure lay directly with the high wind that was blowing at the time is all that saved the town from serious results. As it was, the citizens named lost heavily, having stored their respective halves of the barn with generous supplies of grain and hay for the winter, and one of them lost a valuable cow in the flames.

Work at Fort Stevens—

Contractor Lebeck returned from a visit to Fort Stevens yesterday morning. The work on the wharf at the engineer's station there is progressing. For the past week the gang of workmen have been preparing the land pile driver and it is expected that it will be ready for operation the first part of this coming week. The winds prevailing have not interfered with the work on account of the direction but the rain has hindered.

Leaves For Eureka, Cal.—

Mr. Ed. Cho left for Eureka, Cal., where he will open the Turkish Baths on Commercial street, leaves for Portland tomorrow morning. After remaining there a few days he will proceed to Eureka, California. Mr. Frank has made many friends in this city during his stay and is quite popular with him and he has concluded to give it up and seek new pastures. He will have the best wishes of many.

Funeral Notice.

The funeral of the late James H. Phillips, who died in Portland Thursday and member of the local orders of Redmen and Eagles lodges in this city, will be held on Monday, November 25, at 2 o'clock p. m. at Portland. Service will be held at Finlay's undertaking parlors. All Redmen, Eagles and friends are invited to attend.

Successful Heating—

A final test of the heating apparatus in the Taylor school, was made on Friday and it proved an unqualified success. The plant was tried about a month ago, and found to be working in fine shape. It has been in operation since, and yesterday's test was but a formal matter. The members of the school board, who were present, expressed themselves as being well satisfied, and there is no qustion as to its acceptance, at the next meeting of the board. The system is of the very latest and has been installed by one of the best heating firms on the Pacific Coast. It will probably be adopted in the other schools its efficiency having been amply demonstrated. In this system, in the winter time, the warm air is forced into the rooms by a fan, run by power, in proportions necessary for properly heating and ventilating the several rooms, according to the number of pupils and the severity of the weather. In the summer cool fresh air is furnished in a like manner. Mr. W. S. Mather, of the firm of W. G. McPherson & Co., of Portland, the contracting engineers, was present at the test and there was nothing for him to do but look on.

Has Ancient Violin—

Dr. Knowles, the celebrated chiropodist and manicurist, has been making a host of friends since locating in Astoria. The doctor has in his possession a violin handed down to him by his father and which is fully a hundred years old. No makers name is engraved upon it, but the workmanship is of the olden style.

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