

### FIREBOAT STILL IN CONTROVERSY

Executive Board Committee Will Wait to Hear Statement from Moran Bros. & Co. of Seattle Tomorrow.

Yesterday's Session Adjourned Nothing but a General Discussion of the Subject of Pumps and Hulls.

The middle over the fireboat contract has not been settled, and further action is delayed until the committee of the Executive Board hears statement of H. Wittenberg, who will arrive this evening from Seattle. He wired to Mayor Williams yesterday for the board to withhold the awarding of the contract until he could lay certain facts before the committee. This conference will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Wittenberg, who is a prominent resident of this city, has evidently held a conference with Moran Bros. & Co. of Seattle, and is in possession of facts which may put a new light on the matter. He was not there in the interest of the committee, but if he can offer any aid in adjudicating the differences between the Sound firm, and the local officials the committee members will be greatly pleased.

This special committee held a lengthy session yesterday, but adjourned without having taken any definite action. They simply discussed the question of pumps and hulls, and then closed the session, to continue the arguments informally in the corridors.

**Pumps Finally Selected.**  
The session developed one feature, and that was that the committee will consider no proposition not embodying the use of pumps made by the American Fire Engine Company. Committee-man Curtis said today:

"These pumps at the present time are the acme of perfection in such fire-fighting apparatus. We would not be justified in our elective duties by taking any chances with experiments. I do not for a moment doubt that Moran Bros. & Co. can build good pumps, but at the same time we want to deal with something that we know is all right in every particular.

"Also I am more than ever impressed with the idea that we want a steel vessel. I do not think that a wooden vessel will answer the purpose. All first-class cities are installing fire-fighting craft of steel construction, and we desire the best we can secure for the appropriation."

#### Plan for Home Industry.

George H. Howell was present as representative of the Federated Trades, and entered a plea for home industry. The members of the committee naturally wanted to see a Portland firm get the contract, but doubted if they could compete with other well-known corporations on the class of vessel demanded. However, if by any chance the provision for a steel boat is eliminated, there is no doubt but that the contract for constructing a wooden vessel would be awarded a local company.

An explanation of the features of the pump under controversy was forthcoming from A. G. Long, who spoke for the American Fire Engine Company. He explained that the company owned the patents of all the companies and combined all their best points in the proposed pumps. He denied that the merger had combined to increase the price of the apparatus, but said that it had rather a tendency to decrease the expenses of construction.

The question of whether Moran Bros. & Co. could legally enter a supplementary bid was answered in the negative by City Auditor T. C. Devlin, who thought that new bids should be called for in order to give all of the competing companies a fair chance.

### PORTLAND G. A. R. MEN NOT AFTER NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, THEY SAY

"The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will never come to the Pacific Coast again," said H. Sutcliffe, when asked if the Oregon delegation would work to bring the next encampment to Portland. "It has been 17 years since the G. A. R. visited the Pacific Coast. There may be such a thing that Denver will secure the encampment in a year or two, but I think the chances are doubtful."

Mr. Sutcliffe, assistant quartermaster general for the Oregon Division of the Grand Army of the Republic, is a resident of Portland and a member of Post No. 3. He will attend the national encampment at San Francisco. Accompanied by his staff, D. H. Turner, commanding the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, will depart this evening over the Southern Pacific Railroad for San Francisco.

see," said Capt. H. S. Allen, clerk of the Board of Education, this morning. "The numbers of the veterans are thinning, and before the Grand Army thinks of having another encampment on the shores of the Pacific most of us will have seen our last day. The encampment will be a great thing for Oregon, for out of the 15,000 delegates and the thousands of others who will be present many settlers will come to the state."

As delegates to the annual reunion of the Spanish-American War veterans, which will be held in San Francisco August 17-22, Camp Gilbert of this city has named Commander L. D. Ewing and Post Commander L. E. Athey. Both delegates will leave on the Overland on Saturday in order to attend the opening



JUDGE JOHN E. MAYO Of the Oregon Delegation of the G. A. R.

to attend the thirty-seventh annual national encampment of the order. Department headquarters will be established at the Occidental Hotel, San Francisco. The encampment will be held during the week commencing August 17.

**A Full Delegation.**  
The alternates, as well as the delegates, will go from this state, so that the substitutes can be in readiness, if called upon. The delegates are: H. Sutcliffe, Post No. 3, Portland. L. W. Ingram, Post No. 2, Oregon City. R. F. Pike, Post No. 4, Moro. The alternates are: H. S. Allen, Post No. 1, Portland. Thomas Dealey, Post No. 14, Astoria. Jacob Deckenbach, Post No. 12, Portland.

In the neighborhood of 50 Portland people are expected to leave within the next two days to attend the encampment. Oregon City will be represented by 15 and the Eugene veterans have chartered a car.

Those who will leave this evening are Department Commander D. H. Turner, Assistant Adj. Gen. J. E. Mayo and As-

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session, Gilbert Camp, of which both the delegates are officers, is in a thriving condition and its regular meetings are well attended by the soldiers who so creditably represented Oregon in the Philippines and in Cuba.

No attempt will be made to bring the next National G. A. R. encampment to Portland. Judge John E. Mayo, assistant adjutant general of the department, declared, as did Mr. Sutcliffe, that never again would the old soldiers assemble on the Pacific Coast.

"They are getting too old to travel so far," said Mr. Mayo, "and the East offers better inducements than the West. The support of the Portland business men, sometimes essential in the securing of an encampment, we have never been able to get."

Mr. Mayo declared that the coming encampment would be a splendid opportunity to advertise the Lewis and Clark fair.

"We desired the commission," continued Mr. Mayo, "to assist in fitting up the department headquarters at San Francisco, and to send a representative of the fair, if possible, but when this



HAMER SUTCLIFFE Assistant Quartermaster of the G. A. R., Department of Oregon.

stant Quartermaster Gen. H. Sutcliffe. They go early in order to establish headquarters. Special rates have been made over the Southern Pacific and by boat to San Francisco from Portland.

**To Aid the 1905 Fair.**  
Probably 100 members of the Portland and Willamette Valley posts of the Grand Army will attend the annual encampment of the veterans. Headquarters for the entire delegation have already been arranged for at the Occidental Hotel, and there the veterans will go, armed with 25,000 pieces of literature descriptive of Portland and the 1905 Fair. These they will distribute among the 15,000 delegates who are expected to be in attendance, and especially among the Pennsylvanians, whose representatives require seven full trains for their accommodation.

The encampment is of practical interest to Oregon in that it will be the second that has ever been held on the Pacific Coast. The first was held in San Francisco in 1886, and nearly all the delegates at that time passed through Portland either on their way to or returning from the gathering. A large and substantial immigration followed.

**The Last for This Coast.**  
This will be the last national encampment that this Coast will ever

was mentioned no one seemed to have authority."

The Adjutant General said that he did not know who the Oregon delegates would support for commander. "We will not know until we reach San Francisco, just what will be done," he said, "or just what our plans will be." When asked if the choice of Oregon would be either General Miles or General John C. Black, he replied: "I do not know."

#### SALEM VETERANS GOING

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—Salem will contribute its quota of visitors in San Francisco to the National Encampment. Among those who will attend are Capt. and Mrs. Joshua H. Smith, Capt. and Mrs. Mrs. Joshua H. Smith, Capt. and Mrs. S. B. Ormsby, J. F. Goode, the Misses Goode, C. Clark, Samuel Kieftman and Henry E. Drake. Among those accompanying the veterans will be Hon. P. H. D'Arcy and his sisters, the Misses D'Arcy, who will make their annual visit to California during this month. Capt. J. Q. Barnes, one of the leading members of the G. A. R. of Salem, had planned to attend the encampment, but owing to the dangerous illness of his son-in-law, J. A. Mills, he is unable to leave at this time.

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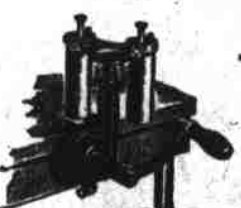
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### CONGREGATIONALISTS MEET IN SEPTEMBER

The general association of the Congregational Churches of Oregon has prepared its program for the fifth annual meeting, which will be held in Oregon City September 29 and 30 and October 1. Arrangements have been made for the gathering to assemble in the First Congregational Church of Oregon City at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, September 29. Afternoon and evening sessions will be held at which reports of standing and special committees will be read, and special addresses given by the ministers of the association.

Rev. E. S. Bollinger of Oregon City has charge of all arrangements relative to the welfare of the various delegates. Each church in the state is entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for each 30 members, provided the membership does not exceed 100. When the membership reaches the latter figure the delegation is apportioned upon the basis of one delegate for each 100 members.

On Thursday afternoon, October 1, communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed. The annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Union will be held Wednesday afternoon, September 20 at 2 o'clock. Upon adjournment the annual session of the Oregon branch of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held. Inasmuch as these two meetings are to occur during the sessions of the association, they will necessarily have to be held in some other building. The selection of the place of meeting will be announced later.

### ELOPES WITH A VERY YOUNG GIRL

(Journal Special Service.)  
CHICO, Cal., Aug. 13.—Thomas Gardnhire, a young man of Chico, in all he has charged with a heinous crime. He induced 13-year-old Estella Dewey, the daughter of a prominent rancher of Oakdale to elope with him. The young girl crawled out of a window of her home and got into a buggy with the two drove down to Stockton and from there here and registered under the name of J. E. Brown and wife. A constable recognized Gardnhire who is a married man and took the pair from a lodging-house when Gardnhire acknowledged his guilt. The man was jailed and the girl sent home.

### KANSAS WHEAT WILL BREAK ALL RECORDS

TOWNEA, Aug. 13.—The report to the State Board of Agriculture today is that the wheat yield will be 90,270,000 bushels, the largest in the history of the state by 125,000 bushels.