

VOTERS ASKED TO PASS O. N. G. ARMORY BILL

The following letter is being mailed to voters all over the state by members of the Oregon national guard:

Headquarters Portland companies, Third Infantry, O. N. G.—Portland, Or., May 22, 1908.—Dear sir: We are writing you to aid us in the enactment into law of a bill of this year, believing that you are interested in anything and everything which tends toward good citizenship and the development and building up of our great state.

The last legislature passed a law, appropriating \$100,000 to build national guard armories for the various military organizations of this state wherever needed. The money to be expended at the rate of \$2,000 per year. This law has been submitted by the referendum to the people for their approval. We believe this law to be necessary, just and meritorious one and we most earnestly ask you to help us, not only with your own vote, but we would like for you to do a little talking in behalf of this law among your neighbors and friends. Few people realize how near this country came to being a law with Japan last fall over the San Francisco school matter, and it seems as if it were only a question of time when this country will be forced to protect this coast from the hordes of Japanese and Chinese, who seem determined to flock to our shores—a menace to our own laboring classes, our property interests and our civilization. We believe it is only a question of time when this country will be forced into a war with one or both of these nations, and the question naturally arises, shall we prepare for war in time of peace, or shall we court disaster by waiting until the enemy is actually on our shores. The lessons learned in the Spanish-American war should not be forgotten. A very large per cent of our loss in this little war was the result of our unpreparedness.

Necessity of Preparation.
Andrew Jackson once said that the preservation and perpetuity of this country depended upon its citizen soldiers. He believed in a first-class army. The people are expending millions of dollars in maintaining our public schools for the education of the young men of the nation to fight the battles of life in the business world successfully. Is it not just as important to educate and equip them to fight the battles of the country for the preservation of our institutions, our civilization, our property, our homes and our flag? Our boys are just as patriotic now as they were in the past and are willing to risk their lives in their country's cause. Are you willing to help educate and equip them so that they may successfully defend your property and your home, with the least possible risk to themselves? We believe you would not hesitatingly sacrifice the life of one good American boy for a few paltry dollars. Yet, this is what you might do, at any time, in case of war, if you fail by your vote to help educate the young men of our land to protect themselves, as well as their country in time of need.

Good Business Proposition.
Commodious and comfortable armories, well equipped for the purposes absolutely necessary for the proper training of the men in the art of self defense in time of war. At the present time the state is paying out in rent for armories between \$7,000 and \$8,000 per year and in most of the towns, the armories are mere rookeries, unsuited for the purposes and without proper facilities for the storing of the property the government has entrusted to the company commanders, and for which he is required to give

bond for the safe keeping thereof and for which he must pay if there be any loss by damage or stealing. As a business proposition, is it not better for the state to have its own armories than to continue as a renter to say nothing about the many other advantages incident to state ownership? The state will in 10 or 15 years have saved in rentals some sufficient to pay for these armories. Again, the property will greatly increase in value as the years go by so that this appropriation will be more in the nature of a good investment on the part of the state than of a gift to the national guard. Again, every dollar of the state's money under this law will go into the actual building and construction of the armories as most of the towns where armories will be built have signified through their public bodies a willingness to give the ground upon which they are to be constructed to the state.

Protection for Boys.
To the mothers, we would say that these armories will furnish good gymnastics, books, papers and periodicals of an instructive nature and will be an all important factor in keeping your boys off the streets and away from immoral loafing places. Every attraction possible will be furnished for the entertainment of the boys to interest them in the work to the end that they may be thoroughly educated in good citizenship. These armories will greatly aid in developing the physical, moral and many qualities of your boy. They will teach him a manly carriage and bearing, obedience, order, neatness, cleanliness and discipline—these qualities so essential in the formative period of a boy's life. They will teach him to care for his country and his flag, and such lessons as may be the means of saving his life if he should ever be called upon to protect this coast from the foreign foe. No parent is anxious for his boy to face the dangers incident to war, but if he must go to protect his country and his flag, he does not want him to go unprepared—an easy mark for disease or the enemy's bullet in the field. Many a poor fellow has lost his life in this way when a little previous education along military lines and discipline would have saved him for his life usefulness to his family and his country. You know not the hour when your boy will receive his country's call. Give the boys a chance, help them by casting your vote and doing all in your power to aid in the passage of what is known as the armory bill on June 1. OREGON NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION.

FLEET TOURISTS IN VERY GRAVE PERIL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., May 22.—A party consisting of H. W. Howard, J. Gantry and S. S. J. D. and A. V. Snell left on their motor boat "Tourist" to cross the bar to the battleship fleet. All went well until the bar was reached, when the engine suddenly quit running and left them in a very perilous situation. Two fish boats went to their assistance and attempted to tow the disabled craft, but could not do so, and the aid of the Cape Disappointment life saving crew was called for. Boat and occupants were towed to the lee of Fort Canby. The tourists saved the fleet from the heights at North Head.

Coal Under Astoria's Streets.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., May 22.—While working on the grade on Fourteenth street and Irving avenue yesterday Contractor Gerding's men, who were operating a steam scraper, dug up a quantity of apparently excellent coal, in all about fifty pounds.

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Olympia, Wash., May 22.—The findings of the railroad commission, which is completing a two-years' investigation of the value of railroad property in this state, will put a valuation of about \$100,000,000 on the property used for strictly railroad purposes by the big roads, the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern. The valuations on the minor roads will bring the total close to \$200,000,000. Some of the figures are not yet complete, but the full result of the investigation will be announced next week. The valuation, thereafter, will be segregated into values for state and interstate purposes and upon the former will be based the inquiry as to whether the rates charged give the railroads a fair return.

A finding likely to be bitterly fought by the Northern Pacific is that the railroad requires only 100 feet for its right of way. The road was granted 400 feet by the government in the original right of way grant. Other railroads get along with 100. The result will be to decrease the value of the property for rate-making purposes, which the road does not desire, and to increase its taxable value. The extra 300 feet heretofore has been assessed as right of way, and all right of ways were assessed at the same value regardless of width. The original 400-foot right of way runs through the heart of Spokane and a number of smaller cities. The railroad under the terms of its grant cannot sell the strip but may lease it. Much commercial property is now located on the strip and is not used for railroad purposes, although taxed as right of way. The railroad commission's figures will be used by the tax commission in assessing the railroads and the result promises to be an increase several times over in the amount of taxes paid by the railroads.

GRAFT CASES IN OLYMPIA REVIVED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Olympia, Wash., May 22.—The return to this city of H. C. Heermans, superintendent of the city waterworks, has enabled the grand jury to make preparations for investigating graft charges involving local politicians. Previously the prosecuting attorney swore to four informants, one of which charged J. T. Thacker, politician, with attempting to extort \$500 from Heermans in consideration of the friendship of the city administration. At the time of the preliminary examination of Thacker, Heermans was in the east and after several continuances the case was dismissed. The other charges dealt with alleged levying of tribute from gamblers for police protection. The latter cases are now pending in the superior court and will not be considered by the grand jury, which, however, will investigate the Heermans charges.

Conference on Timber Lands.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Olympia, Wash., May 22.—E. W. Rose, state land commissioner, who attended the president's conference, while in Washington conferred with the legal department of the secretary of the interior's office concerning the lands claimed by the state and reached an agreement that all such matters should be submitted in writing. A conference with Forester Gifford Pinchot resulted in a more amicable understanding.

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\$1.00 Pair for a nice assortment of Ladies' \$2 and \$2.50 Kid Juliets, Strap Slippers and Oxfords, spring styles.

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All \$1.25 and \$1.50 grades, pair.. **75c**
All \$1.00 and 75c grades, pair.. **45c**
All 50c and 60c grades, pair.. **29c**

\$1.00 Pair for a big lot of Boys' \$2 solid calfskin School Shoes, Blucher cut in all sizes; bring the boys, choice, per pair.....

\$1.45 Pair for 500 pairs of the famous "Excelsior" line of Boys' \$2.50 and \$3.00 fine Dress Shoes and Oxfords, in patents, vicis and gunmetal, in all sizes at, **\$1.45** per pair.....

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50c Neckwear, Four-in-Hands and Strings, blacks included.....	25c	\$1.75 Pajamas at.....	95c	\$25.00 Men's Suits.....	\$10.65
50c Suspenders at.....	20c	\$1.50 Dress Shirts, all sizes; Cluett's, Stars and Clairmont's; pleated, soft or stiff bosoms.....	85c	\$30.00 Men's Suits.....	\$12.45
50c Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs.....	25c	\$4.00 Pongee Silk Neglige Shirts.....	\$1.85	\$25.00 Men's Topcoats.....	\$11.85
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