

### GUARDSMEN END THEIR SESSION

Review, Inspection and a Christmas Tree Close the Military Convention.

The third annual convention of the National Guard association of the state of Oregon closed last night with a Christmas tree celebration at the Armory. The hosts were the officers of the Third Infantry. Nearly all the officers who had been in attendance at the convention remained for the closing event, and the convention ended in a general good time.

At the afternoon session proposed legislation affecting the national guard was fully discussed and three delegates to the Interstate National Guard association at Los Angeles next May were chosen. The delegates are Colonel McDonnell of the Third Infantry, Colonel Voren of the Fourth Infantry and Captain Welch of battery A, with Major Baker of the Third Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel Williams of the Fourth Infantry and Captain Carl, assistant surgeon, as alternates.

Although it was finally decided to leave all legislative matters to the legislative committee, a number of suggestions as to desirable bills were made. One of these suggested measures is a bill to prohibit employers from restraining their employees from performing their services in the national guard; another is to make it illegal for labor unions to interfere with their members belonging to the national guard. One instance was cited of a labor union man who was a member of the guard having been expelled from the union and forced to leave the city in which he was working on account of his membership in the guard.

Last night there was a review and inspection of the Third Infantry by Adjutant General Finzer and two staff officers. A large crowd was on hand to watch this and the regiment received the highest praise, both from reviewing officers and spectators, on account of the way they went about their business and the good showing they made.

**North Star Mine's Dividend.**  
Nevada City, Cal., Dec. 30.—The North Star Mines company of Grass Valley has paid a December dividend of \$17,500, equal to 7 1/2 per cent of the capital stock of \$2,500,000.

### NEW YORK BUYS PORTLAND BONDS

Metropolitan Firm Offers a High Premium for Park Securities.

The ways and means committee of the city council, yesterday afternoon awarded the \$500,000 park bond issue to O'Connor & Kahler of New York. This firm offered a premium of 2 per cent, the highest ever received for similar securities by the city. The eastern company telegraphed the committee that its bid was conditional on the legality of the issue and that the company's lawyers would have to pass upon this feature before any agreement is entered into by it.

There is no question as to the legality of the bond issue, but it is doubtful if the deal can be completed before the first of the year, as the park board has desired. Councilman Kellaher says that arrangements will be made, however, satisfactory to the city and the company by wire before the first of January so that the sum of \$1,000,000 will be available for the needs of the park board next year. The charter only allows \$500,000 worth of bonds to be issued in a single year, so that unless O'Connor & Kahler pay for the bonds this year the board would only have \$500,000 to work with in 1909.

### FLOOR YIELDS; FIFTY INJURED

(United Press Lesson Wire.)  
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30.—Over 50 persons were injured, some of them seriously, by the collapse of a floor in the building at Elliott City during the trial of William H. Atwood, a negro, on the charge of having assaulted C. R. Hill. The prisoner, Hill and the judge are among those most seriously hurt. The case had caused high feeling in the community and the crowd that gathered to hear the testimony overtaxed the capacity of the structure.

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### CHARTER BOARD IS FOR HEALTH

Councilmen Will Appoint Health Officers for Four Years—Pure Milk, Too.

The charter board adopted the report of the public libraries and health committee at its session last night. The report provides for a board of health to be appointed by the councilman having charge of the health department and the term of office for members is four years, subject to removal at any time without cause. A thorough milk inspection system is provided for also in the report.

A special committee report recommending that steam engineers be required to pass an examination and take out a city license, was adopted.

### F. ELMO ROBINSON EXPLAINS HIS ACTION

Portland, Dec. 29.—To the Editor of The Journal—I wish to correct the inaccuracies in the Sunday Journal's report of my reasons for laying down the work of the ministry. First, I have never said nor thought that the church "ignored Christ's real teachings." I love and appreciate the great work of the church as never before.

While I have no use whatever for mere human doctrines and creeds, I believe more firmly than ever that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and my Savior. I cannot, however, be satisfied that mere intellectual assent to even the doctrines of the Bible is sufficient. The great need of this age is a fuller reproduction of the Christ life.

Secondly, I am one among the large number of Christians who change. It has been said, to live is to change and to grow is to have changed often. My change has been, however, a change of interpretation rather than of fact. I believe in a fuller, more spiritual and hence more practical interpretation of the doctrines of the Bible. I have come to firmly believe that the healing prac-

tical by the apostolic church must be restored before the church will be fully fulfilling her mission. I believe, however, that healing is one of the lesser works and ministries of the church. During the three years I have labored with the Rodney Avenue Christian church there has been a most gratifying growth in all departments of the work. The relationship between people and pastor has been thoroughly harmonious and pleasant and it is with deep regret that we close our labors with this splendid congregation to engage in other lines of work.

I am at present undecided as to what I shall do in the future.

F. ELMO ROBINSON.

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### CITY MAY BE LEFT IN DARK

The city executive board yesterday afternoon referred the lighting contract to the lighting committee, which is Thomas G. Greene. As Mr. Greene is in Albany and expects to be out of the city until after January 1, there is no likelihood that he will sign the contract with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. The present contract with the company expires at midnight tomorrow.

The board of directors of the light company, it is said, has voted to cut off the service unless the city lets a five year contract as drafted. Will the company do this? Mayor Lane says not. "We will buy our lights hereafter by the month," said he yesterday, "and I don't think the company will let us go home in the dark."

President Josselyn of the light company made a veiled threat when he said yesterday that the city of St. Louis was plunged into darkness once because no contract was awarded to the one light company, whereupon the thugs and crooks of two continents collected in the dark city and established a reign of terror. The citizens went to the city hall, says Mr. Josselyn, and threatened to hang the mayor.

"Such a thing," he continued, "might be repeated in Portland. The mayor seems to be the whole thing here and I

have heard some say it might be an excellent thing to have a commission appointed to inquire as to his sanity."

**Promises Lewis River Aid.**  
Senator Fulton has promised to do everything in his power for the improvement of Lewis river, Washington. In a letter received today by the chamber of commerce, Fulton states that he will look after the matter of securing an appropriation for the improvement of Lewis river and will support any such measure heartily.

**Football! Football!**  
Multnomah vs. Whitworth college. Multnomah field, New Year's day, 7:30 p. m. Admission \$1, including grand stand. Tickets for sale at Schillers, Cadwell's and St. Rich's cigar stores.

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