

GEN. G. F. ELLIOTT ON RETIRED LIST

Washington, Nov. 30.—The official life of a gallant warrior expired today, when, by reason of the fact that he had reached his sixty-fourth birthday anniversary, Major General George F. Elliott, commander of the United States marine corps, was retired from active service. The retirement of General Elliott is understood to be the prelude to a complete reorganization of the marine corps, according to plans which have been under consideration for some time by Secretary of the Navy Meyer. Until these plans are thoroughly worked out and the necessary sanction of congress obtained, it is probable that the corps will be placed in charge of an acting commandant.

It is a gallant and highly creditable record that General Elliott leaves upon the pages of the oldest branch of the fighting service of the country of which he has been in command for more than seven years. A native of Alabama, he was appointed a second lieutenant in the marine corps from New York in 1870. After serving on various ships and at the navy yards in Portsmouth, Brooklyn and Norfolk, he reached the grade of first lieutenant in 1885. He was with the battalion of engineers which rendered such efficient service on the Isthmus of Panama, when the American naval forces commanded by Rear Admiral Joutet were landed there for the protection of American interests.

At the outbreak of the war with Spain General (then Colonel) Elliott was assigned to duty with the marine battalion of the North Atlantic squadron and served with special distinction in the engagement at Guantanamo, Cuba. In 1899 he was sent to the Philippines in command of the Second battalion of marines and behaved with conspicuous gallantry in the engagement at Novaleta in October of that year. For his behavior on that occasion he was specially recommended for promotion by Major General Otis, commanding the United States troops in the Philippines.

Colonel Elliott was broken down by his services in the Philippines and was sent to the naval hospital at Mare Island in March, 1900. When his health had been restored he was placed in command of the marine barracks at Norfolk, being subsequently transferred to the marine barracks in Washington. He succeeded to the command of the marine corps in 1903 and was appointed a major general in 1908.

EXPERIMENT STATION FOR ROGUE VALLEY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Medford, Or., Nov. 30.—The announcement by President Kery of the Oregon Agricultural college that he has secured promise of assistance from the federal government in establishing a sub-experiment station in the Rogue River valley was hailed with delight by local fruitmen. With 30,000 acres of trees already planted and with 20,000 more to be planted this season, orchardists are giving a great deal of attention to the scientific growing of fruit. They realize that an experiment station located in the valley would prove of great benefit.

Bill Crouse Stabs Hotel Clerk.

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Chehalis, Wash., Nov. 30.—There was a serious stabbing affray Monday night at the Chehalis depot. While waiting for the evening train, C. F. Schultz, night clerk at the Hotel St. Helena, was attacked by Bill Crouse of Littell. The latter was drunk and when Schultz insisted that he go away Crouse attacked him with a knife, inflicting three wounds, one of which came near being very serious. One slash across Schultz's back necessitated twenty stitches. Crouse was arrested. He was before the courts about a year and a half ago for shooting at some Japanese near Astoria.

Immigrants Must Have \$50.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 30.—According to new Dominion regulations which went into effect today, the order permitting the dispensation with the money qualification of \$25 in the case of immigrants from the British Isles who have been assured employment in Canada is rescinded, and the money qualification for these is raised to \$50, the same as has been put into effect against immigrants from other countries.



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PRESIDENT TAFT TO VISIT ASTORIA

Efforts Will Be Made to Have
President Unveil Monument;
Astor Family Invited.

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Astoria, Nov. 30.—President Taft will be invited to attend Astoria's Centennial celebration in 1911 and to take a leading part in the program which promises to eclipse anything yet attempted by the oldest city in the northwest. The president has signified his intentions of visiting the Pacific coast next year and it is hoped that he will be able to attend.

Invitations will also be sent to the members of the John Jacob Astor family and they will no doubt be directly represented at the celebration.

One of the wisest suggestions put forward and carried with a shout was that proposing that the pioneers who had made Astoria what it was today be invited to form a special committee to work any scheme they might think fit.

During the celebrations a specially and appropriately designed monument will be unveiled and this, it will be proposed by the executive council. President Taft will be asked to do the unveiling.

A large sum of money was subscribed by many present and this with the appropriation to be asked from the legislature will go far toward making a gigantic success.

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Circuit Court at Hillsboro.

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Hillsboro, Or., Nov. 30.—Judge J. U. Campbell Monday opened the regular November term of circuit court for this county. The civil cases to be tried are but few in number. Several parties are in jail for the action of the grand jury, and a few indictments will probably be returned within the next few days.

W. J. Gregg, S. J. Paisley, Tall Soule, L. L. Crawford, W. K. Curtis, Otto H. Parsons, and Fred G. Angker were drawn and sworn as grand jurors. The degree of divorce was granted here by Judge Rice to W. F. West, landlord of the Hotel St. Helena, from his wife, Ella B. West. The latter is a resident of Portland. There was no public contest of the case, the property rights being settled out of court.

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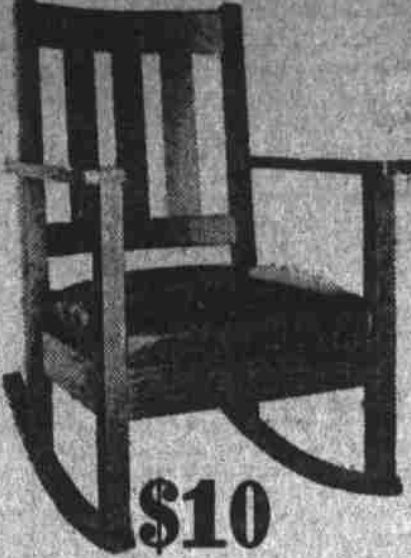
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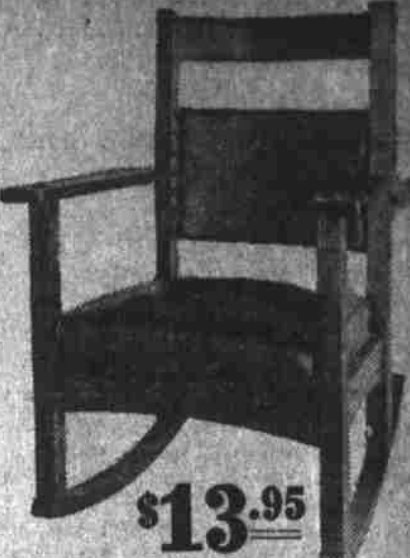
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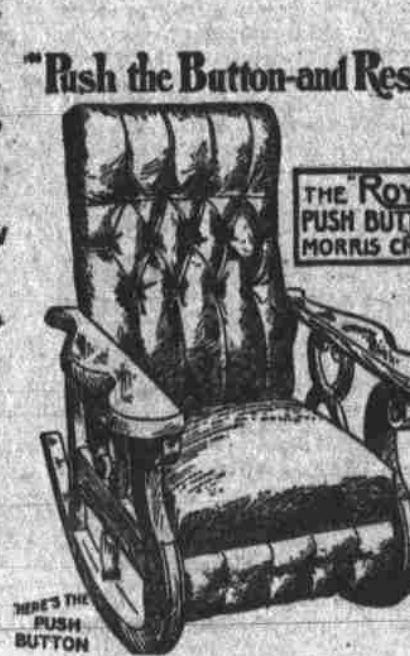


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