

PREPAREDNESS FOR DEFENSE IS KEYNOTE AT CAVALRY DINNER

Troop A and National Guard Officers Gather at Second Reunion.

COLONEL JACKSON WARNS

Attitude of National Administration Held to Be Significant of "Trouble in the Air."

Troop A, cavalry, O. N. G. gathered last night around the decorated tables in the Portland hotel for second annual reunion and banquet. Nearly all the members were in dress uniform. Several ex-members were present, including a number of invited guests. Captain Frank P. Tebbetts, now commanding the machine gun company of the Third Infantry, and first commander of the Troop, was the guest of honor. Adjutant-General White explained the provisions of the "militia pay bill," now before congress. He said it would give the privates \$15 a year each if 45 drills were attended. The costmaster officers would receive about \$160 a year, if of the line. The proposed measure would give a national defense force of 150,000 men.

Judge Gantenbein Speaks. Judge C. U. Gantenbein, formerly adjutant-general, said that the change of attitude on the part of the national administration on the question of preparedness indicated that there was some good reason for it. He spoke of the efforts being made to eliminate strike duty from the National Guard, and pointed out that if this could be done it would attract a better class of workmen to the National Guard. He considered that universal military service would be impracticable, although in theory he endorsed it. "There undoubtedly will be established a military organization under federal control," was his conclusion.

Jackson Issues Warning. Other speakers were Captain A. W. Orton, commanding the troop; Colonel James Jackson, U. S. A., who was greeted with cheers as the grand old man of the Oregon National Guard. Private Paul Dickenson, Lieutenant J. W. McCollum, Lieutenant R. M. Vaughn, Lieutenant C. F. Logan, Lieutenant J. C. Wacker. Colonel Jackson warned that "There is trouble in the air. It may come before many of you young men have passed the age limit for military service. It may come at any time." He then told of how a battalion of the Eight New York cavalry at the battle of Chancellorsville saved the Union

army from rout by being hurled in a charge against the Confederate forces that had surprised and were pushing into a wild panic in the first line. Captain Orton congratulated the troop on its work in the past and especially in being a "training school" for National Guard officers of the O. N. G.

GARRISON SAYS HALF MILLION MEN REQUIRED

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Concerning the idea of invoking the Swiss or Australian system of universal training, the secretary commented:

Swiss System Impracticable. "Neither is believed to be practicable at this time. The national government has no jurisdiction over the public school systems of the states, and hence a constitutional amendment would be required to introduce such a program. Furthermore, it is not believed that the people have decided that compulsory military service will be necessary. "Our present military force is totally inadequate to our responsibilities. The chaos which a crisis always produces makes it certain that several months would intervene after the outbreak of a war, before any considerable number of volunteers would be ready.

Half a Million Men Needed. "There is a disposition among some persons to feel that we are now facing a crisis. This is not the proper view, but there is a common agreement that we should have half a million men subject to instant call."

He pointed out that it would be both impossible and enormously expensive to maintain a standing army of that number, particularly inasmuch as present accommodations could only care for 30,000 additional men. A 500,000 standing army, he declared, would cost the nation \$400,000,000 annually.

Citizens Army Preferable. "It is also impossible under present conditions," he said, "to enlist over 100,000 men each year. Furthermore, in a democracy, the defense of the nation should rest upon its citizens and not upon a professional paid force."

As for the militia, he suggested that federalizing it is impossible because the government lacks such authority. He disapproved the federal militia pay bill and recommended that the militia be given the right to enter the continental army, "grade for grade."

Militia Not Injured. "These," he continued, "are discretion and choice would be given the militiamen to stay in the militia which will be conserved and built up on an even more liberal scale than at present, or to enter the continental army without a lower rank than they now have."

The secretary denied that the continental army plan would injure the militia. He said the continental plan calls for recruiting men from private military schools and high schools as well as from the rank and file of the

nation. All American military experts, he declared, endorse the idea. "There is absolutely nothing new in this suggestion," he said. "It is merely a system of federal volunteers, raised, organized, equipped and trained in times of peace. The occasion calls for wise, sensible adequate military policy on permanent lines, for definite ends. "If compulsory service is now desired, then a short provision in the act will accomplish it. But a small, highly trained, effective regular army, expandable in character, with federal volunteers raised and officers trained in time of peace, plus a state militia is the best solution."

WASTE SHOWN IN HANDLING OF SCHOOL STORES

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The window glass, Spady says, he bought the glass in two lots, paying a total of \$21 for it. Spady says he paid \$3.90 for the hinges, but the school clerk's records show that \$2.50 was turned in for that sale.

Another practice of Purchasing Agent Doane's was to give Spady orders on various firms, from which the school district purchases large supplies. These orders would be for materials Spady wanted for his private use, and Doane explains that he gave him the orders so Spady could get the advantage of the discount allowed the school district.

Last September some of the boys of Jefferson High school, wanted to spread sawdust over their athletic field. They were buying the sawdust for \$1 a load. One of the school directors happened along and told the boys that the school district would buy the sawdust for them. E. Nyden, foreman of the ground department, then placed an order with the Holman Fuel company for 10 loads of sawdust at \$3.75 a load. This order was approved by Purchasing Agent Doane and School Clerk Thomas. The district paid a total of \$37.50 for sawdust that the boys were buying for \$10.

Property Jumps \$1000. Why? That is the query that has been put by persons who are interested in school affairs.

The school district paid the Holman Fuel company \$4 for a load of sawdust sent to the Hudson school. When the annual school budget was being made up a few weeks ago, a piece of property which cuts into the grounds of the Brooklyn school, and which the school board has desired for some time, was listed by School Clerk Thomas at \$500. A year or two before this Thomas had secured from O. M. Rankin, manager of the Independent Coal & Ice Co., and owner of the property, an option on the property for \$600. E. J. Rankin, who is no relation to the owner of the property, and is salesman for Mail & Von Borstell, realty dealers, went to owner Rankin asked for a price on the property, saying he had a good chance to sell it to

the school district. Owner Rankin gave agent Rankin a price of \$600. So owner Rankin naturally wondered why his property was listed by the school clerk at \$500.

Thomas Depled Statement. When queried about the matter, School Clerk Thomas said he had never received any price on the property from Agent Rankin, nor had he communicated with Owner Rankin, but he had gained the impression, from remarks made by persons living in the vicinity of the Brooklyn school, that the property could be bought for \$500.

When the budget was trimmed, this item was eliminated, but the question is asked why property desired by the school district should be listed by the school clerk in such a manner.

Principals of some of the schools are also wondering why it is that athletic goods, such as medicine balls, volleyball, indoor baseball, masts etc., have been purchased for the Shattuck Couch and Vernon schools and they are refused to other schools.

Purchasing Agent Doane says, through an error in fabrication, he has on hand 50 sacks of potatoes more than the domestic science departments of the schools will use this year. He has sold some of the potatoes to himself and assistants at \$1 a sack, when the wholesale price for potatoes on Front street was \$1.10 per 100 pounds, and a sack of potatoes usually weighs 110 to 115 pounds.

School Truck on School Time. The potatoes were delivered to the home of the school purchasing agent and the others by a school employe using a school truck and working on school district time.

Nick Spady asserts that he has delivered other supplies from the school storeroom to the homes of school officials, but the officials deny the allegations and no substantiation of the accusation has been obtained.

Rope Ordered Removed. Owing to objections made by Dr. E. F. Tucker to a rope being stretched across Hoyt street near the Couch school to close the street to traffic during school recesses, the council has ordered the rope removed.

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GREAT BIG MAIL BOX WILL BE FEATURE OF LETTER WRITING WEEK

Great Public Programs by Booster Organizations Will Be Daily Events.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Enthusiastic Talks Made at Meeting Held Last Night at Chamber of Commerce.

Great public programs led by local booster organizations in which the people of Portland are invited to take part will be daily features of letter writing week, January 17-22.

This was decided last night at an enthusiastic meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce for final discussion of plans for the campaign that is to spread Oregon's glories over the entire country.

Each noon of the week there will be celebrations in front of the post-office where letter writers will post their letters in an immense mail box. At high noon whistles will blow and bells ring and with members of different organizations in the lead parades will pass through the downtown streets to the postoffice. The public generally will be asked to follow the leaders to the great mail box where the posting of letters will have all the form of a great jubilee. Thousands are expected to take part.

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enthusiasm to the highest pitch. Monday, January 17, officials and employes of the O-W. R. & N. company, S. P. & S., Oregon Electric, P. R. L. & P., Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific and other roads will have charge of the program.

Tuesday, the Rotary club, W. C. T. U. and East Side Business Men's club will lead.

Wednesday, the Ad club, Rosarians and other civic bodies not otherwise provided for, will head the van.

Thursday will be given over to the Progressive Business Men's club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Friday the Realty board and state societies will hold sway.

Saturday, Reed college and high school students and school pupils will be in charge.

Special women's meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon for representatives of women's clubs, parent-teacher associations and women members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Enthusiastic Talks Made. Enthusiastic talks were made last night by George M. Hyland, Thomas McCusker, S. B. Huston, Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp and others.

Announcement was made of the winners in the Chamber of Commerce letter writing contest as follows: Horace Stevens, box 664, Portland; J. K. Darling, Maplewood, Ore.; Clement Ausaman, Portland Automobile club; Edward R. Tracey, 1064 Yamhill street, Portland; and Mrs. F. C. Albee, Bend. The awards carried with them a prize of \$10 each.

Committees were named as follows: To get telephone companies to aid in calling every subscriber to remind them to write letters—Fred Spooner, O. C. Leiter, C. D. Chilson, Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp and W. A. Robb. To visit different colleges and schools—Phil S. Bates, George M. Hyland, Frank Hilton, Fred Lockley, J. A. Lee, H. Daniels, Henry Hayek, O. L. Ferris and G. L. Koehn. To secure public stenographic accommodations—Bessie M. Colwell and Stanley M. Clements. Out-of-Town Delegates Here. To urge cooperation of clubs—George L. Baker, C. L. Weaver, A. C.

Callen, J. P. Jaeger, C. F. Wright, John M. Scott and Frank E. Smith. To solicit people on the streets, urging them to write letters—C. W. Stinger, E. W. Mosher, J. A. Desendorf, W. J. Hofmann, S. B. Huston and W. H. Crawford.

To urge advertisers to mention letter writing week in their ads—Ira P. Powers, W. S. Settle, William Gadsby, William McMurray, C. W. Stinger and E. C. Robbins.

C. L. Horn heads a committee to secure erection of the big mail box opposite the postoffice on Sixth street.

A number of delegates from out of town were present last night. Among them were John Eckman, McMinnville; C. C. Carpenter, Hood River; J. H. Hamilton, Salem; R. D. Brady, Carlton; W. H. Adams and Mr. Zimmerman, Beaverton, and representatives from Astoria and Woodburn.

BLUE LAW MAY BE INVOLVED IN LEGAL TANGLE

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Demurrers to the temporary injunction in the Kellaher suit were made on the ground that sufficient facts were not stated to constitute a suit, and that the circuit court is without jurisdiction on in the litigation.

George Mawry, who handled the case for the district attorney's office, said that the whole question involved is whether the Oregon "blue law" is valid. The district attorney is privileged to take the case to the supreme court of the state, whether Judge Gantenbein makes permanent, extends or dissolves his injunction.

Unless the old law is declared unconstitutional before the next election an initiative measure will be instituted in an effort to wipe it from the statute books. Initiative petitions already are in circulation. They were started by Van Kellaher, Ben A. Bellamy, C. E. Munroe and L. R. Merrick, members of the Independent Retailers' association.

Street Repairs Urged. Officials of the fire bureau urge repairs made to North Front street and to portions of Nicolai street, contending that the streets are dangerous for use of the fire apparatus. Letters calling attention to the conditions have been forwarded to the department of public works by the fire bureau.

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