COAST GUNNERS HIT TARKETS LIKE OLD HANDS AT PRACTICE

Remarkable Work at Ft. Stevens Attracts Attention of the U. S. Coast Officers.

MARKSMANSHIP UNERRING

Had Objects Struck Been Ships They Would Have Joined McGinty at Bottom of the Sea.

Eighth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Oregon National Guard, last July did some big gun shooting at Fort Stevens, Or., at its annual training camp that has attracted attention of United States Coast Artillery officers. The target was hit three times in succession in such a way that if it had been a ship instead of a piece of canvas every shot would have struck a vulnerable part.

This gives Eighth Company the first rank in the United States for C. A. C. big gun work.

This big gun work means a gun shooting at a target 10,549 yards away, on a zig-zag course, at a speed ranging from eight to 16 miles an hour.

Center 12 Feet Wide.

The center of the target is a canvas triangle 12 feet wide and eight feet high. That is the "bullseye," so to speak. The remainder of the target is netting stretched for 60 feet in length and 30 feet in height.

Eighth Company struck the bullseye, or center triangle, once squarely in the center. Two other shots passed so close to this center as to be counted hits, and the shooting was done in two minutes and 20 seconds. A ship struck would have been sunk, exploded or put out of commission.

Eighth Company was organized five years ago, and Captain Frank W. Wright has been with it from the start. The officers and men work in harmony and with a strong company spirit. For three out of the five years it has won the figure of merit.

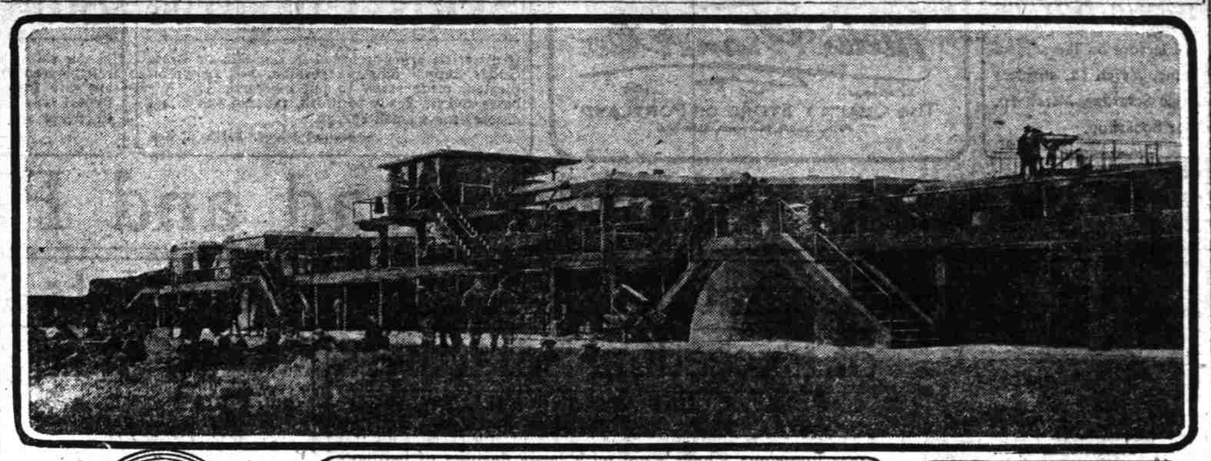
Guard Highly Honored.

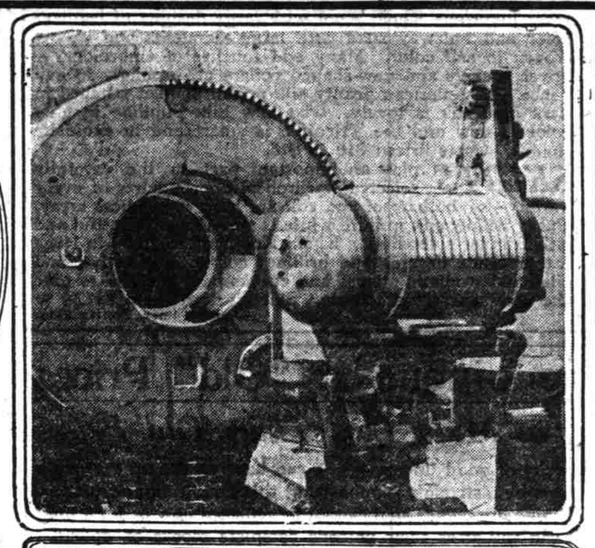
Federal officials have so awarded it after careful comparison and Oregon's National Guard is well to the front in this line as well as branches of the service.

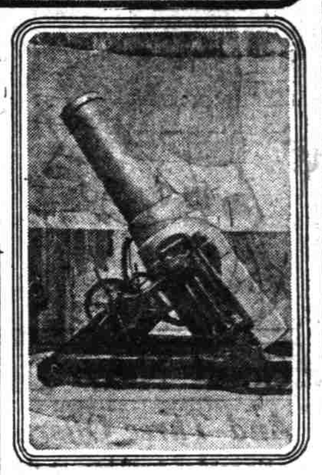
The officers of Eighth Company are Frank W. Wright, captain; Everett W. Strachen, first lieutenant; V. N. Walker, second lieutenant; H. A. Neville, first sergeant; F. H. Reese, supply sergeant; J. S. Hyatt, mess sergeant; W. L. Miller, H. M. Kuempel, J. W. Neville and F. G. Kach, sergeants; F. G. Crow, B. H. Parkison, G. D. Stryker, R. E. Mann, B. W. Newell, C. H. Willson, corporals.

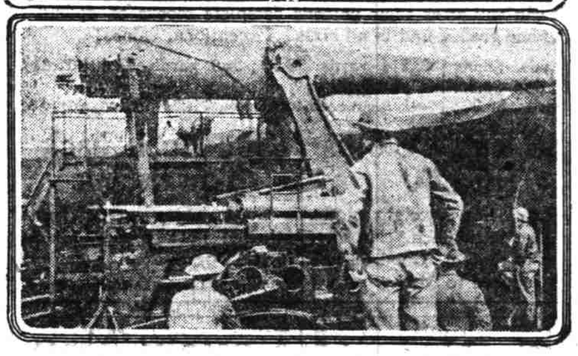
Fifth Company, C. A. C., of Albany, Captain Roy R. Knox, commanding, won the second place at the same time and with the same gun. For one state to win both first and second place in the United States is considered remarkable.

OREGON ARTILLERYMEN PROVE FITNESS FOR WAR









Top—Rear view of gun emplacement. Center—Left, Captain Frank W. Wright; breech of 12-inch mortar; mortar gun. Lower Drop—Side view of big gun.

TAXPAYERS AHEAD $200,000, ASSERTS FORMER INSANE MAN

Strange Letter to Sheriff Hurlburt Makes Big Compromise in Damage Claim.

Taxpayers of Oregon are just $200,000 in pocket, due to the humanitarianism of Pendleton citizens in treating a man like "a decent dog" and the fact that the state "went for Hughes." This generous windfall to the burdened landlord in these surging times of high cost of living, comes in a light-handed sort of a way from D. Holaday, sometime ward of the state at one of its Salem institutions.

From Broadwater, Neb., Holaday has written his intentions to Sheriff Hurlburt. The sheriff is apparently not to be identified as a beneficiary. Then, too, the sweet of the $200,000 has a slightly bitter tinge in the determination of Holaday to mulct the Oregon taxpayers of the remaining $400,000 of the originally contemplated $600,000 damage suit. Holaday's letter is self-explanatory:

Says He Means Business.

"The sheriff.

"I wish you would let me know by return mail who my secret enemy is.

"Say why or stand to be pilloried as a coward. I mean business. The paper wanted me to be blindfolded and stood against the wall. Do you realize such persecution has got to be explained. Why was I lied to in the sheriff's office on May 21, 1915, right there in Portland. Apparently some of the Judases of the moral squad were getting in their fine work. Spies have succeeded in destroying most of my correspondence but you will get this and I shall expect an answer. I want to know who presumes to doom a free-born American citizen to a fate worse than the blackhand or highbinders consign their victims and to use the ermine of justice to cloak their perfidy.

"My claim at first was for $600,000, but I was transferred from the Salem lazar house just as it was $500,000. Had I been held in Salem until August 11, 1916, it would have been $600,000.

"Treated Like Decent Dog."

But at Pendleton I was treated like a decent dog anyway, so I knocked off $100,000 to show the taxpayers of Oregon that I was acting on the square. When Oregon went for Hughes and the party of Lincoln I knocked off another $100,000 as it shows that Oregon is not all Judas, leaving me only $400,000. Of this $80,000 is for me; $80,000 goes to the I. W. W., part of it to be devoted to the memorial to Hillstrom or whose guilt President Wilson was never convinced and $240,000 goes to poor victims of a system that would shock the knout swingers of Russia."

Holaday is remembered here as having been picked up insane and committed to the asylum. Sheriff Hurlburt or members of his force were not aware of his release from Salem until the letter came today. Sheriff Hurlburt has written the Nebraska authorities, sending them Holaday's letter and his record here.

Banquet Tendered David N. Mosessohn

Members of the B'nai B'rith and Other Friends Will Honor Him at Multnomah Hotel Tonight.

David N. Mosessohn, grand president of district No. 4 of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, will be tendered a banquet tonight at Hotel Multnomah at 6 o'clock.

Mosessohn, with his wife and family, arrived in Portland from San Francisco Saturday morning, where he attended the convention of the order.

Speakers to be introduced by Toastmaster Otto J. Kraemer, will be: Dr. A. Tilzer, on "Our Grand President," Charles W. Robinson on "Our Boys," D. Solis Cohen on "The B'nai B'rith," and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise on "Brotherhood In and Out of the Synagogue."

As the guest of honor, David N. Mosessohn will then respond, and will no doubt touch upon the social service which the members of the order are promulgating, as well as the big brother movement being undertaken.

Vocal and instrumental solos will be rendered by Miss Sylvia Weinstein, Mrs. Herman Politz, N. S. Reingold and Morris Kreider.

FRATERNAL NOTES

Successful Ball Given by Social Fraternity of the Masons.

Round-Up a Success. — Webfoot camp, W. O. W., held a large round-up social Friday night at W. O. W. temple. Judge R. G. Morrow delivered the opening address, and also distributed the prizes given out to the lucky ones attending. Honorable George L. Baker made one of the happy fraternal talks. A. L. Barbur, the veteran clerk of Webfoot camp, expressed some pertinent ideas about the work being done and to do to build up the camp. A musical and literary program was followed by dancing in both halls. The committee in charge was C. E. S. Kimball, G. W. Mohr and D. C. Daniels.

Prophets Held Informal Ball.—The Grotto of the Veiled Prophets and Betsy Ross council, its auxiliary, did themselves proud Friday night at Cotillion hall, when nearly 600 people thronged its spacious floor at the annual ball. George L. Baker, who was in charge of arrangements, was congratulated on all sides by members and guests because of the successful outcome of the affair. The Grotto band and the guard were present in their striking eastern costumes, and acted as floor committeemen. The fezes of the Betsy Ross council members became them wonderfully, and the manipulation of the lights to harmonize with the music produced an artistic effect that pleased all.

The Grotto of the Gul Reazee (Rose City council) of the Veiled Prophets and Betsy Ross council have made a specialty of social events, both being composed of young people to a very large extent, bent on having a good social time as opportunity affords. The membership is made up of Masons and their wives and daughters.

Multnomah Circle Party.—Multnomah circle, Women of Woodcraft, will give a social and card party on the night of Friday, March 9. The committee in charge is Mrs. L. Wise, Mrs. A. Worth and Mrs. J. Bloomingthal. Members and friends are invited. The W. O. W. temple, 128 Eleventh street, lower hall, is selected because of its good lights and large dancing space.

Linnton Maccabees Meet.—On the night of February 27 Linnton tent of the Maccabees was the guest of the Women's Benefit association hive immediately after its charter was given the ladies by State Commander Mrs. L. T. Herrin. Dr. C. E. Brous, commander of the tent, congratulated the hive on its formation. Social features and music occupied the rest of the evening.

Royal Arcanum Stag Party.—Willamette council will be the host to Royal Arcanum members of the city and their friends at a smoker and card party in the K. of P. hall, Eleventh and Alder streets, on Monday evening. B. S. Josselyn, director general of the membership campaign, Dr. Millard C. Holbrook, past regent of Willamette council, and George Rossman, regent of Oregon Electric council, will be the speakers of the evening. C. B. Wintler will be the presiding officer. Prizes will be awarded those making the highest scores. Musical numbers will also enliven the evening.

Grotto Band Practicing Regularly.—The Grotto band, under the leadership of J. F. Shreves and the management of Frank G. Rogers, is meeting regularly for practice. It is an attractive feature at different Masonic gatherings when its services can be secured.

Large Class of Odd Fellows.—Samaritan lodge, I. O. O. F., will have a class of 20 to introduce next Wednesday night at the temple, First and Alder streets. The Odd Fellows rarely take in large classes of candidates, and this is one of the largest in some years taken into any lodge in this city. A large number of members and visitors will be present.

Rosebud's Monthly Party.—Rosebud council, Knights and Ladies of Security, will give its monthly dance and card party on the night of Saturday, March 10, at the club rooms and hall of the East Side Business Men's club, 114 Grand avenue. A cordial invitation to particpate is extended to all.

Door Prizes Offered.—Oregon circle No. 171 will give a social with door prizes and other attractive features Wednesday night at W. O. W. hall, Russell near Rodney avenue. Members and friends are invited.

Relief Card Party.—The Portland Rebekah Relief association will give a card party on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the I. O. O. F. temple, First and Alder streets. The organization has a large work of relief to do, and its membership is loyally struggling with the problems before it. Members and friends welcome.

At Home Social by Eureka.—Eureka council, Knights and Ladies of Security, will hold its monthly "at home" social on Monday night at the W. O. W. temple. A large number of members are expected to engage in the festivities.

Residence Social Given.—The officers and degree team of Portland tent of the Maccabees were guests of A. O. Waud Friday night at his residence, 369 North Twentieth street. Music, dancing and refreshments occupied the time.

Walla Walla High Wins From Jefferson

Walla Walla, Wash., March 3.—Walla Walla high school tonight defeated Jefferson high of Portland for the second time in a two-game series, 29 to 14.

The game was fast and was marked by desperate playing on both sides, 29 fouls being called. Jefferson made only one goal from field, that by Williams, who also made all points from foul line, 12 out of 15 tries. He was the star of the game.

Walla Walla high now claims the northwest inter-scholastic title and is ready to defend it against all claimants.

Lineup and summary:

Walla Walla	Pos.	Jefferson
H. Rich	F	Williams
Richmond	F	Conradt
Zaring	C	Henrikson
Jones	G	Alexander
C. Rich	G	Hastings

Field goals: H. Rich 1, Zaring 4, Richmond 1, C. Rich 2, Drumheller 1, Williams 1. Fouls: H. Rich (9 our of 11), Andre (2 out of 3), Williams (12 out of 15). Substitutions: Walla Walla—Drumheller for C. Rich, Andre for H. Rich, Elliott for Zaring. Jefferson—Cameron for Conradt. Referee—Victor Anderson, W. S. C.

Tom Gibbons Beats Kenny.

New York, March 3.—(U. P.)—Tom Gibbons, St. Paul light heavyweight, was an easy victor tonight over Wild Burt Kenny, in a 10 round bout at the Fairmont Athletic club. Gibbons won every round and gave Kenny a hard beating.

Albany Beats Newport.

Newport, Or., March 3.—Albany High school basketball quintet defeated Newport High school five here last night by a score of 19 to 8.

Berlin's Milk Supply Reduced.

Berlin, March 3.—(I. N. S.) — The milk supply of the German capital has been further reduced and now amounts to about 33 per cent of the quantity used in peace time.

CONFESSION OF YOUTH UNCOVERS WHOLESALE STEALING OF AUTOS

Operations Over Several Months Have Resulted in Loss of About 30 Cars.

CLEVER SUBTERFUGE USED

Numbers, Licenses, Wheels and Equipment Exchanged, Bodies Repainted. One Prisoner Denies Guilt.

Apprehension of one automobile thief suspect and the detention of another who has turned state's evidence, marked the activities of the Portland authorities Saturday in one of the most sensational auto larceny exposes which has ever been undertaken in this city.

From the evidence which has already been obtained facts will likely be laid before the grand jury this week designed to unmask a wholesale plot, the unraveling of which will explain the disappearance of some 30 Ford machines.

The operations, conducted for a period of several months, have been clouded with a maze of subterfuges which have kept the investigators at wits end. Clever substitution of licenses and motor numbers, repainting of car bodies and exchange of wheels, fenders and other parts have been carried out with elaborate detail.

Two Are in Custody.

Ray D. Gould of 593 Karl street and L. E. Lawrence of College Place, Wash., are the suspects in custody. Gould has been taken into custody on two charges of larceny. He was taken to the county jail last evening on the second charge, which was preferred by L. E. Craswell of Gresham. His bonds were placed at $2000 or $1500 cash bail. He had previously been released on bonds of $2000. Lawrence, who is only 22 years of age, has made a clean breast of his connections with the affair and through his confessions five of the alleged stolen cars have been recovered. The search for other machines is being continued and it is expected that some 15 other cars will have been recovered by the officers. Gould stoutly denies his guilt.

The arrests were made by Detective Frank Beatty, working under the direction of a local branch of an insurance company represented by McCargar, Bates & Lively. This insurance company and others, it is said, have been victimized to the tune of several hundred dollars as result of the thefts. Constable Mark Peterson aided materially in rounding up the suspects on evidence which Beatty had cleverly assembled as result of investigations reaching from Portland to Bremerton, Wash.

Hot Trail Is Found.

Detective Beatty, on February 17, "struck a hot trail" when he discovered that Ray Gould had sold to L. E. Craswell a 1917 Ford model car for $415. One hour and a half after the car was sold the machine disappeared and the police were notified. Beatty ascertained that a bill of sale had been given for the machine and that new motor numbers and license numbers had been substituted. Investigations led to the arrest of Gould, who, it was divulged, had formerly been in the employ of the Portland branch of the Ford assembling plant. He had also been dealing in cars on his own account, and is said to have kept machines in various city garages and in the garage at his own place of residence.

Detective Beatty said: "Investigations at Bremerton disclosed the fact that Gould had obtained there Washington motor numbers for eight different cars. I also discovered that these numbers were placed on machines which I believe were stolen in this city. I also found where Gould had applied for and received eight licenses. The discovery was subsequently made that Gould had sold to H. L. Schultz, a druggist of Sellwood, a car which was owned by G. Goodhue of this city. Schultz has brought suit against Gould in the circuit court for the recovery of the $400 he said he paid for the machine."

Both Well Connected.

Gould's father is said to hold a responsible position in the navy yard at Bremerton. Young Lawrence comes of well-to-do and respectable parents living near Walla Walla. He said he was "induced to enter into the auto theft campaign, but blames Gould for 'double crossing' him in the splitting up of the profits." Lawrence admits stealing at least four Fords. In one case the stolen car was insured, then stolen again and the insurance money collected.

Four Auto Thieves Held to Grand Jury

Young Fellows' Account of Stealing Two Cars. Allegations of Police, in Main, Are Admitted.

The four automobile thieves rounded up last week by Detectives Craddock and Smith were bound over to the grand jury after hearings before Municipal Judge Langguth yesterday. The defendants were Winter Willis, 21 years old; Harry Fricker, aged 18; George Hickle and Ernest McLoughlin.

They were accused of stealing machines owned by Albert E. DeFrancq, 811 Kerby street, and the Menefee Lumber company, 120 Willamette boulevard. Willis and Hickle were traced to Hillsboro and arrested there Friday, while McLoughlin, who admitted being with the crowd when the DeFrancq car was taken, was captured yesterday. In the main, all the allegations of the police in connection with the case, were admitted by the defendants.

Forty-Five Club on A Business Basis

An Efficiency Committee Has Been Named and Club Will Maintain Offices With Secretary in Charge.

The Forty Five Efficiency club is going to be something besides a social organization.

Plans for putting that organization on a business basis have been perfected by an efficiency committee appointed by John D. Mann president. It comprises: D. C. Zink, chairman; C. J. Bernard, secretary; W. C. Lynch, Fred Spoeri and W. P. Adams.

The club is to maintain a permanent office with a secretary in charge, who will devote his time to seeing that all men of 45 or over, able to work, have work. Dues of $1 a year for members who are working will be assessed.

The club has temporary offices in room 514 Swetland building. It will meet again Friday, March 23, and on the second and fourth Fridays thereafter.

'PEACE AT ANY PRICE,' PACIFISTS' POLICY, WOULD BRING RUIN

This Dogmatically Was Set Forth by Dan J. Malarkey to Girls' Honor Guard.

SICKENING, NAUSEATING

Such Were Some of the Terms Applied by Mr. Malarkey to Arguments of Peace People.

"If the sophistries of the 'peace at any price' pacifists were carried out, a weak, spineless policy would result, that would bring ruin and devastation to our country," declared Dan J. Malarkey Saturday afternoon in a scatching arraignment of the listless indifference of some people, concerning preparedness, at the meeting of the Girls' Honor Guard in the Central library hall.

"Sickening and nauseating" were terms applied to the arguments of pacifists, that preparing for disaster, invites disaster. "Do we make robberies sure to occur by the use of padlocks, or rain by the use of umbrellas, or immediate accident and death by life insurance?" the speaker asked, to illustrate his point by homely illustrations.

"In back of President Wilson, but so far back as to appear backed out entirely," declared Malarkey to be the status of pacifists who sponsored William Trufgant Foster's telegram to Washington, "which should have sustained Wilson, instead of apprehensively suggesting a mode of conduct."

"The utter apathy with which the few people who turned out to see the parade of the returned boys from the border, refrained from cheering or applauding, showed that patriotism is very nearly dead," Malarkey said.

The duty of the girls to impress upon the boys the obligations to flag and country were emphasized by Captain Cicero Hogan of Troop A. Adjutant General George A. White and Major W. W. Wilson were other speakers introduced by the president of the honor guard, Miss Lucille Danforth.

The vigorous assertions of the speakers were lustily applauded by some 250 girls, almost all of high school age and winsomeness.

A heightened color in their cheeks and a brightness in their eyes attested to their genuine patriotism. "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," was sung in conclusion.