

RIFLEMEN SELECTED

Sergeant Petrie of This City Wins Out.

STARTS EAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Match Begins on Monday August 19, at Camp Perry, Port Clinton, Ohio.

Fully determined that Oregon shall be listed among the winners at the National Rifle competition to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, commencing August 19, sharpshooters of the Oregon National Guard, 18 strong, will leave in a special car over the O. B. & N. tomorrow evening destined for the East.

Following the competitive state shoot which was recently held at Roseburg to determine who should represent the Beaver state at the Ohio meet, Adjutant-General Finzer Thursday announced the personnel of the team. Those selected to compete with the crack shots of the United States, England and Canada, are:

Captain F. B. Hamlin, Captain R. O. Scott, Captain W. M. Denny, First Lieutenant G. E. Houck (team coach), Sergeant V. S. Howard, Sergeant A. A. Swartz, Sergeant F. G. Stewart, Sergeant A. Q. Johnson, Sergeant H. H. Petrie, Corporal R. L. Pordew, Corporal H. Dickie, Private B. F. Fields and Private Alexander Ferguson.

In addition three officers and a marksman are yet to be named. General Finzer is to have command of the team and under his direction it is safe to assume that the Oregon boys in blue will come home loaded down with trophies.

Camp Perry where the sharpshooters are to meet is the newest and most complete range in the United States. It lies on the shore of Lake Erie, near Sandusky, Ohio, and is admirably suited for rifle shooting.

If the state guardsmen finish in the list of winners in the national tournament they will have an opportunity of competing with the Canadian and English riflemen for the Palma trophy to be shot for on the Ottawa range at Rockcliffe, Canada.

It is expected that the team will be absent for over a month during which time all expenses of the trip will be met by Uncle Sam.

Coal in Lane County.

George Jennings, vice-president of the Spencer Butte coal mine, is in the city today, coming here from Eugene. The coal mine with which Mr. Jennings is connected is located a few miles southwest of Eugene, and was discovered about a year ago. According to Mr. Jennings, the mine has excellent prospects. The coal which is found there is of a much better quality than that on Coos Bay. It is practically free from sulphur, making it an excellent fuel material. At present a shaft is being sunk and already the workmen have struck three veins of excellent coal. The third vein, which was struck a few days ago, is five feet in width.—Albany Herald.

Express Train Service.

San Francisco, August 6.—General Manager E. E. Calvin issued orders today to put express train service on all lines out of San Francisco and within a week this will be installed to Portland, to El Paso and to Los Angeles. There is a train already in operation between here and Ogden that has brought

such good results that the general manager has decided that the service be extended.

At present it has been decided to have only one train each way a day. They will not stop at every small station along the line; only at all important points. They will carry perhaps a limited amount of mail, but this has not been fully agreed upon. They will also relieve some of the passenger trains of baggage, as many of the overland trains have to carry extra cars for baggage and mail, which makes it difficult for them to maintain schedules.

Portland, August 6.—General Manager O'Brien confirmed the news contained in the above dispatch last night. He said:

"An express train service for the accommodation of express and baggage alone to care for the heavy business now offering between Portland and San Francisco is planned. We have had several conferences on this subject, but I cannot tell yet just when the new service will be started nor give the schedule.

"It is possible that this train may also take some passenger equipment in order to relieve the regular overland trains, which are very heavy. As to this I cannot say yet."

A Cruise in a Canoe

A late September or an early October vacation is often the best kind of all for the woman who works. It is a good ending for a hot summer, and a good beginning for a long winter. It is cool enough for exercise, and not too cool to spend every minute out of doors. The story of a canoe trip taken last autumn, which appears in the September number of the New Idea Woman's Magazine, tells how two women, owning a canoe, who had a week's time before them and fifteen available dollars, covered a course which included a canal, a river, four lakes and a trout stream. A knapsack, a basket of provisions and cooking utensils were arranged so as to make an even ballast; and an ocean voyage could not have been more thrilling in prospect as the two slid quietly from the bank. The account of their adventures, and the satisfactory results of a week spent this way in the open, may help you settle the question of what to do with a week of recreation ahead of you.

Fire at Eugene.

Monday afternoon fire destroyed six buildings at Eugene, between Sixth street and the Midgley building on Willanette street. The losers were Murray & Cherry, Cherry Bros., C. Marx Jr., and R. M. Marks, who owned the Eugene Dye Works.

The losses are estimated by their owners as follows:

Cherry Bros. on buildings from the corner of Sixth street to the Oregon Hotel, value \$3,000. All burned but Lake's marble shop building. No insurance.

Murray & Cherry, paint and wall paper store, \$2,500, total loss. Insurance about \$400.

Eugene Dye Works, loss \$2,500; no insurance. Most of the clothes being cleaned were gotten out.

Oregon Hotel, furnishings and business, bought a little over a week ago by Mrs. T. E. Linn, value \$1,000; no insurance. Lodgers effects lost, \$250. Oregon cigar store in connection with the hotel, loss in stock, \$250.

Chambers & Santor, barber shop, \$400; total loss.

James Sanford owned the Oregon Hotel, and said this afternoon that his loss would amount to about \$1,900 with no insurance.

Herbert Leigh probably did not suffer a loss of over \$250, while the marble works may have been damaged to the extent of \$100. Total loss according to these figures, \$10,750.

The buildings were owned by Mr. Sanford who says he will rebuild at once with brick.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Attorney General Crawford's Ruling on Same

SCHOOLS STATE INSTITUTIONS

And Will Continue as Such But With Local Support—Colonel Hofer's Views.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 6.—Attorney General Crawford gave his opinion this afternoon on the question of the legality of the action of the Board of Normal School Regents in recognizing the Monmouth and Drain school, holding that, since the Legislature had made appropriation for the schools, even though the bill was vetoed, it is fair to presume that the next Legislature will provide for any deficiency in the expense of operation. He believes that the schools are legal state institutions, and that it is proper for the board to provide for their continuance within the limit of the funds available, but that it is not authorized to incur indebtedness on their account.

The question of the status of the Monmouth and Drain normal schools was raised during a meeting of the executive committee of the State Board of Normal School Regents yesterday afternoon by W. B. Ayer, of Portland, a member of the finance committee, and created no little commotion among the members present.

Mr. Ayer's contention that the board had no legal right to show any recognition whatever is based upon the provisions of Section 2 of the act, which creates the board and prescribes its powers and duties and virtually limits its recognition of normal schools to those which have received an appropriation for maintenance from the legislature. He says the action of the board in granting the schools permission to continue operation, even upon their own resources, and in the knowledge that the subscribers to the maintenance funds will depend upon the next legislature for reimbursements, is practically the lending of its sanction to incurring indebtedness, which the law forbids it to do and subjects the members to danger of prosecution for malfeasance and summary removal by the Governor. The members of the State Board of Education, however, are exempted from this last punishment.

His argument, though he explained that his sympathies are with the two schools whose existence is in jeopardy and that his stand was actuated purely from moral and legal principles, carried great weight with the members present. As an ultimate result it was decided to submit the question of the authority of the board either to recognize and encourage these two schools or to order them closed to the Attorney General and to call a regent's meeting and discuss conditions under which it is made possible for Monmouth and Drain normals to continue and receive recognition at the hands of the board, provided they raise their own funds. The meeting will probably be called for some day next week.

Col. Hofer, one of the Board of Regents says in a recent issue of his paper, the Salem Journal:—

Suitable repairs and renovations of equipment have been ordered to put the institution in first-class working order.

The state has between two and three thousand dollars' worth of property on its hands, in the shape of normal schools and equipments.

Each of the schools has a faculty and officers elected by the outgoing

local boards of regents, with salaries fixed.

The new board, which entered upon its duties early in July has no power to abrogate any of these contracts, except for cause shown.

The new board, which has centralized power of control over the schools has no power to abolish any of these schools.

There was an effort to amend the law to require this new board to discontinue two of the schools, but the amendment was defeated.

The new State Board of Regents has no authority to dispose of any property of the Normal schools.

It has no power to create any indebtedness or pile up any bills against the state for the conduct of such schools.

If the friends of the two schools without appropriations, because they were vetoed by the governor, put up the money to run them, the board has no option but to keep the schools open.

The laws creating these State Normal schools were not repealed, and it is not good public policy to let the equipment of these schools stand idle.

The board is working hard to increase the quality and the quantity of the work turned out by these State Normal schools. The number of students attending for professional work will be nearly doubled.

STATE FAIR AT SALEM

Oregon State Board of Agriculture Publishes all Information for Guidance of Exhibitors.

This office is in receipt of catalogues from the Oregon State Board of Agriculture for the forty-sixth annual fair to be held at Salem September 16 to 21, inclusive. The booklet is neatly gotten up and contains all the necessary information for the guidance of every class of prospective exhibitor.

Cash prizes are listed in the sum of \$10,000, which will be awarded in the livestock, agricultural and manufactured products and in addition there are special premiums and trophies valued at \$3,000 for award in these departments.

In the foreword occurs the following announcement:

"Those who have not visited the state fair grounds recently will find many changes. A complete and substantial livestock section has been erected, which will safely and comfortably house the many herds and flocks that are annually exhibited here.

The improvement was brought about by a request from the livestock breeders of the northwest at a meeting held on the state fair grounds during the 1903 exhibition. The result was an appropriation of \$20,000 by the legislature. Twelve commodious and substantial buildings from 36 to 64 feet wide by 200 feet long which are far in advance of the buildings found in many other and wealthier states were erected.

The officers of the association are:

W. H. Downing, president; W. F. Matlock, vice-president; F. A. Welch, secretary; A. Busb, treasurer.

For Whom he Prayed.

A very nice and gentle minister accepted a call to a new church in a town where many of the members bred horses and sometimes raced them. A few weeks later he was asked to invite the prayers of the congregation for Lucy Grey.

Willingly and gladly he did so for three Sundays. On the fourth one of the deacons told the minister he need not do it any more. "Why?" asked the good man, with an anxious look; "is she dead?" "Oh, no," said the deacon. "She's wou the steeplechase."

STATE AND COUNTY

Items of Interest In a Condensed Form.

AS TAKEN FROM OUR EXCHANGES

A Resume of the Week's Local Happenings of the State and County Briefly Told.

The Umpqua Valley News published at Roseburg says: "The members of the Oregon National Guard, who have been encamped near this city for the past ten days, broke up camp Tuesday morning and during the day most of the members departed for their respective homes. This year's meeting was one of the very best ever held by this body and they are much gratified over the grand success. No trouble of any kind was experienced during the entire time, either on the grounds or about the city."

No wheat near Athena will yield less than 50 bushels an acre.

A Washington county woman has picked 260 pounds of blackberries and sold them for \$18.40 besides putting up enough for liberal family use.

Hazel Dell correspondence of Springfield News: Jim Law has lost his two hound pups. Finder will please leave them at the bottom of the river and oblige the neighborhood.

Philomath Review: It is decidedly lucrative and pleasurable to get out and stir up business. We don't exactly get ovated, but by George, we get the trade and remarks of good-will without stint.

There is a fine large brood of apple tingies on some of the trees in Forest Grove, says the Times, which are now too old to kill with any kind of bug destroyer that will not kill the trees at the same time.

A Washington county youth went up into the top of a tall tree after honey and the bees attacked him. He had secured himself to the tree by a rope about his waist and only for this would have fallen to the ground, a distance of some 40 feet, he was so badly stung.

While walking on the beach near Yaquina Bay, Colonel F. J. Parker lost his purse containing \$70 in greenbacks. While hunting for it he found another purse with \$15 in gold and several diamond rings, and he soon met the owner, a woman, who had in the meantime found his purse.

Irrigation: Railroad Commissioner Aitchison will make good. He is a close student, a deep thinker and a hard worker, and if any man can get to the bottom of this railway muddle he can. And if his

word "goes" both sides will get exactly what is coming to them, and no more and no less.

Eugene Guard: The county commissioners met today and passed upon a number of bills. Road viewers were also appointed for the selection of four new highways in various parts of the county.

Twelve hunters' licenses were issued Wednesday in the county clerk's office. Two of the applicants were six feet five inches, one six feet two, one six feet and two five feet ten, and one five feet ten and a half.

Henry Blackman, who has just returned to Portland from Heppner, Oregon, where he is largely interested, says that Morrow county will sell this year over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat, barley, rye and oats, which will bring not less than \$1,500,000.

Clatsop Beach resorts afford a variety of amusements for the pleasure seekers. In addition to surf bathing, clam digging and crab fishing, these resorts have all the attractions of the mountains, situated as they are in close proximity to the Coast Range, where the best of trout fishing and hunting for big game are within easy walking distance from the hotels. Low round trip rates are in effect via the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad.

The Thin-Skinned People.

There are people—yes, many people—always looking out for slights. They cannot carry on the daily intercourse of the family without finding that some offense is designed. They are as touchy as hair triggers. If they meet an acquaintance who happens to be preoccupied with business, they attribute his distraction in some mode personal to themselves, and take umbrage accordingly. They lay on others the fruit of their irritability. Indigestion makes them see impertinence in every one they come in contact with. Innocent persons, who never dreamed of giving offense, are astonished to find some unfortunate word or momentary taciturnity mistaken for an insult. To say the least, the habit is unfortunate. It is far wiser to take the more charitable view of our fellow beings, and not suppose that a slight is intended unless the neglect is open and direct. After all, too, life takes its hues in a great degree from the color of our own mind. If we are frank and generous, the world will treat us kindly; if on the contrary, we are suspicious men learn to be cold and cautious to us. Let a person get the reputation of being "touchy," and everybody is under restraint, and in this way the chance of an imaginary offense are vastly improved.

The grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition occupy 250 acres of the campus of the University of Washington, a state institution.

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