

WORK OF IDLE DREAMER

SO SAYS STAFRIN CONCERNING REPORT OF DISCONTENT.

Company L of Dallas Repudiates Statement Made by Correspondent of Metropolitan Press.

A mean and untruthful report, without a leg to stand on in fact, and emanating from the Dallas correspondent to the Portland Journal, tells of alleged discontent in the ranks of Company L, Oregon National Guard, located in this city, and misstates the conditions that exist here. Wherever the gentleman, who added twenty cents to his bank account by writing the story, got his information is a mystery. It certainly did not come from the officers or non-commissioned officers of the local company. In the first place the correspondent is in error in giving the enlisted strength of the company at 73 men, when it really is only 69, and has been at that figure for some time. That barely a dozen members attend the weekly drills would not be surprising if it were true, but there are many more than a dozen to answer every roll call, according to no less an authority than the commanding officer, Captain Staffrin. "At this season of the year every militia company in the state suffers slightly from a light attendance," he says. "The fall season is the season of upbuilding, of constructive work in the ranks and it is customary that the full attendance does not report to drill. The companies prepare for a period of strenuous work in the winter months and at this time the attendance is as good each week in Company L as it has ever been in the local organization at this time of year. Men have taken advantage of the fine fall weather to stay in the field and camps longer than usual, and to further account for the usual small attendance the armory here was rented to an evangelist for several weeks, so that drills could not be held. There is nothing unusual in the light attendance," says the captain and the non-commissioned officers of the company.

That a spirit of quiet discontent prevades the company atmosphere, as stated by the Journal correspondent, is new to the officers and men with whom The Observer has conferred. "I have had not the slightest knowledge of discontent within the company," said Captain Staffrin yesterday, "and I do not believe that it exists." If the quiet spirit of discontent prevades the company it must be unusually quiet, for officers and men would have heard of it. Because a militiaman is not in sympathy with certain phases of state or national government does not mean that his allegiance to a cause or to his company or local officers would in any way be affected. It is not evident that discontent of one kind or another exists. It is true that there are some few in the national guard who denote their dissatisfied natures by heckling, but this spirit is notably absent in the local organization. Some few men have expressed their personal opinions, perhaps, of the adjutant general and of some of his staff, but these same men are loyal to the cause

official, connected with the guard. The efficiency of the company is higher today than it has ever been. This is not said to detract from anyone's work because it is a natural law that improvement comes with age, and since the very day it started the Dallas company has enjoyed a steady improvement, which I am confident will continue. We have in the company some of the best young men in the city, and to think that they could cherish any discontent is hardly possible. They are loyal and are hard workers, always interested in the company's welfare. There is nothing to these reports."

Roy Finseth, first sergeant of Company L, and one of the capable and popular members of the company, laughed at a suggestion of discontent. "There is no such thing in Company L," Roy said, "at least not among those who are interested in the work, and I can say that there are very few who are not working hard for the company. The quiet condition is characteristic of the season, and is not as serious by any means this year as it has been in the past. Why should we care who presides over the desks at Portland? We are interested in and working for Company L, and its welfare is all that concerns the members of Company L."

THAT MISPELLED WORD

By carefully examining and reading The Observer's weekly bargain page, which appeared for the second time in the Tuesday issue of the paper, many people found the misspelled word, which was more secretly hidden from the casual gaze than in the first issue. A number, as in the case of the first issue, found imaginary misspellings, but those who found that accommodation had two m's surmised Price Brothers by their numbers. "Accommodation," misspelled in Price Brothers' advertisement was the word for which this paper paid some careful reader one dollar in cash. Just to prove to the advertiser that the advertising pages of this paper are widely read we referred the inquirers to the merchant in whose advertisement the mistake appeared and you will note that the advertising of the particular merchant is again found in this issue. The appreciation the business men have for a good thing keeps them advertising in The Observer and thereby keeps a spirit of life in their business even during the very dullest times. Professor H. H. Dunkelberger was the first to present the correct spelling of accommodation to the Price Brothers' store, and received the dollar for his time.

LAND GRANT PROBLEM.

State and Railroad Company Discussing Disposal Question. The Oregon & California Railroad land grant committee, named at the conference at Salem last September, met at Salem yesterday with a repre-

sentative from the state. The committee discussed the disposal of the land grant, and the railroad company's position. The state representative expressed his interest in the matter, and the railroad company representative explained the company's position. The meeting was held in a private room at the Hotel Gail, and lasted until about 10 o'clock. The committee will meet again at a later date.

SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSED.

Tentative Tax Budget Would be Arranged by County Court. Although the next regular meeting of the Polk county court is not to be held until early in December, Judge or Teal is considering the advisability of calling a special session to discuss the tax budget for the next year. This meeting, if it is held, will take place in the court house sometime next week, according to present plans. All the meeting will be devoted to a discussion of ways and means by which it will be possible, if it finally becomes necessary, to include in the budget an appropriation for the cost of Polk county's share in the inter-county bridge. The entire budget will be tentatively arranged, however, if time permits, and it is thought that this plan will alleviate the labors of the judge and commissioners at the regular meeting when the budget will be finally arranged.

Guardsmen Are Puzzled.

Members of Company L, O. N. G., are at a loss as to how to classify a consignment of dangerous looking tools of war that were received at the armory on Wednesday. The equipment consists of a long and unusually shaped knife, very sharp on one edge

THE CHURCHES

The services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday, morning and evening will be Pro-Thanksgiving services, and the subjects of the sermons as well as the special music by the choir will be selected with that end in view. At the morning service, the pastor, Rev. D. A. MacKenzie, will speak on the theme, "The Three Pillars of American Civilization—a Free School, a Free Church, and a Free State—Plus God." Daniel Webster, in his oration on the first settlement of New England said: "Our ancestors founded their government on morality and religious sentiment. They were brought hither by their high veneration of the Christian religion. They journeyed by its light, and labored in its hope. They sought to incorporate it with the elements of their society, and to diffuse its influences through all their institutions, civil, political, social and educational." The subject at the evening service, 7:30 p. m., will be: "Thanksgiving Day—Its History, Purposes and Possibilities"—A plea for the revival of national religion in this republic. The Bible school will be addressed by Colonel J. S. Hamilton of Portland next Sunday, at 10 a. m. The Christian Endeavor will meet for the completion of its organization at 6:30 p. m.

The third quarterly communion for Dallas charge will be observed on next Sunday by the Dallas and Bridgeport congregations of the United Evangelical church, Rev. S. S. Mumey, presiding elder of Salem district, will be at Dallas at 11 a. m., and at Bridgeport at 3 p. m. to preach and conduct the communion services. Quarterly conference at Dallas on Saturday evening, November 20, at 7:30 p. m.

The subject for the lesson-sermon at Christian Science church next Sunday will be "Soul and Body." Meetings are held in the Dallas City bank building at the regular morning hour.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church will hold a New England dinner at the church on Friday evening. The fame of these dinners has spread widely and the announcement of a repetition of the event will be welcomed. The dinner will start about five o'clock and the charge will be 40 cents a plate.

The Rev. M. Tapscott's subject for the morning service at the Baptist church is "Living Tasks for Living Men." In the evening "A Good Samaritan" will be the subject.

At the Christian church Sunday Minister Howard McConnell will take for his morning subject, "Fellowship With Christ in Service," and for his evening sermon, "Judas—Betrayed." The annual members' social and roll call was held at the Baptist church on Tuesday evening with a large attendance present. Reports on various phases of the church work were so good as to be very encouraging and the splendid spirit displayed by those who attended was probably enhanced as much by the good reports as by the fine supper that was served at the conclusion of the program and business meeting.

AGED CITIZEN PASSES.

Notable Pioneer Breathes Last at Daughter's Home. On Sunday, November 14, there passed out a life that was notable among the remaining few Oregon pioneers, when John C. Kruezt died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Anderson, at Buena Vista. Mr. Kruezt and his family crossed the plains to Oregon in 1864, and in 1866 moved to Buena Vista, where he lived until his death at the ripe old age of nearly 93 years. Mr. Kruezt was born in Prussia in 1823 and at the age of twenty-two undertook the 27-day voyage across the Atlantic to America. He spent several of his early years in this country in the eastern states, where he learned the shoemaker and soapmaker trades. The funeral services over the old gentleman were held on Tuesday afternoon from the home of N. C. Anderson, a grandson, and interment was in the L. O. O. F. cemetery. The Rev. M. J. Ballantyne of this city had charge of the last rites.

Amity Elects Officers.

At the general city election of Amity the following officers were elected: A. B. Watt, mayor; E. E. Robbins, Richard Marvin and Charles Schaeffer, councilmen; Soren Sorensen, recorder, and E. W. Rea, treasurer. There was no contest for any office except that of recorder, which was contested at a late hour in the election by W. L. Harpole, whose name had to be written in on the ballot. He was defeated by seven votes.

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and on part of the other. They are long and stout enough to be brush knives, but for the want of proper information the weapons will remain more or less of mystery until instructions for their use arrive. Among the consignment of equipment that was received was a stretcher for hospital work, and it is probable that Captain Staffrin will detail a detachment to conduct ambulance drills when the men get down to serious work during the winter months.

WOULD KEEP MONEY AT HOME.

Airlie Business Interests Seek Improvement of Highway. In order to keep at home trade that is now going to Benton county towns the business interests of Airlie, at a meeting the other evening, appointed a committee to wait upon the county court at its December session and ask a special appropriation for the improvement of about three and one half miles of highway south from that place. The committee is composed of Messrs. C. V. Johnson, G. A. Conn and M. K. Crowley. The Benton county road to the Polk county line is in excellent condition throughout the year, and for this reason many rural residents of that section of Polk county spend their money elsewhere, preferring to travel a longer distance over good roads than to take chances with being mired during the winter months. The merchants of Airlie have frequently contributed to maintain this highway, but are unable to put it in the condition that it should be, and are now about to seek the aid of the county court in making a permanent improvement. The supervisor of that district has fifty-two miles of road in his district, and with the money available from year to year finds it a physical impossibility to more than keep the highways in fairly good repair. It is said that there is a good ledge of rock in close proximity to the proposed improvement, and that if the county court would place one of its several rock crushers there for a short time during the summer sufficient material might be secured at a reasonable charge to make the improvement asked for.

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FOR SALE—Span, mare and horse, Belgian and Percheron, coming 4 and 5 years old. Worth \$300, will sell for \$100 each. J. G. Brown, North Dallas. 74-4t-x

FOR SALE—Buildings suitable for private garages. Will trade for wood. R. L. Chapman. 73-tf.

FOR SALE—Choice building lots, or trade. Bollman and Staats. 73-tf.

WANTED—Machine, cast and stove plate iron, brass and copper, zinc and rubber, and rags of all kinds; in fact, junk of all kinds. A. N. Halleck, Monmouth, Oregon. 8t.

MONEY TO LOAN—On good improved real estate. Walter Williams, First National Bank. 62-tf.

FOR SALE—Sixty-acre dairy farm in Coos county; bottom land; half-mile from postoffice; mile from school; on milk route; good winter road; good improvements. Will give terms. B. Folsom, Gail Hotel, Dallas. 73-62-tf.

FOR SALE—Potato sacks cheap. Ewing Bros., Dallas; phone 19x15.

FOR SALE—Fine pigs, six weeks old. J. D. Anderson, Dallas, Ore. 66-tf

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, S. S. Duncan, has been by an order of the County Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, duly appointed as the administrator of the estate of Irvin Dunn, deceased, and he has duly qualified as such administrator.

Therefore all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same properly verified, to the undersigned administrator at his office in the Court house at McMinnville, in Yamhill County, State of Oregon, or to said administrator at the residence of H. L. Fenton, at Dallas, in Polk County, State of Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1915. S. S. DUNCAN, Administrator of said estate.

FRANK W. FENTON, Attorney for said estate.

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ONE CENT A WORD, PHONE 19.

FOR SALE—Fine fresh Jersey cow, seven years old. Price reasonable. Cass Riggs, South Red 15. 75-tf.

L has re-enlisted willingly. We do not ask, nor do we accept re-enlistments from the very few who are not in harmony with the majority of the men in the company, or who are not desirable soldiers. Every man whose enlistment has expired recently has renewed his allegiance, and that those whose time will soon be out will do likewise is practically certain. The members of the company are working for Dallas and Company L, and for the entire national guard; not for an individual, or of-

Turkey snappers from across using the present week to Portland will bring raisers of the birds something like \$500. C. V. Johnson & Company, who conduct a general merchandising establishment at that place, have been devoting much of the week in making purchases for the metropolitan market, paying 15 cents per pound for all they could secure. Some of the farmers of that section are holding for the Christmas holidays, believing that prices will be higher at that time.