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PETITION IS OUT

BEING MADE TO OUST COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Attention Taken in Charges of Judge Teal and Two Commissioners.

Attention addressed to County Judge B. Robinson, Jr., and County Commissioners Wells and Teal, are being circulated this petition which has had an average of a recall since it was first presented several months ago. Located in the recall while it is possible that the petition may be secured by the Commissioner of the Valley, it does not seem likely that Judge Teal or Commissioner Wells will feel its effects.

Attention against Commissioner Wells and Judge Teal bear exactly the same under 4 items, as follows: 1. The destruction of road bridges in all and county road bridges where no emergency exists. 2. The shadow of existing bridges. 3. The contracting of bridges at an expense to the county of more than \$20,000; all other deserving bridges in the county where the bridge is not within the corporate limits of the county. 4. The moneys levied on the county at Salem for bridges.

Attention private surveyor for more than lawfully county work, to the legally elected and county surveyor.

Attention extravagance: Obligatory work far in excess of the said districts for Judge Teal bears the added charge of being unable to attend to court house or to matters of business upon that office.

Attention Wells' term of office is 1st, leaving but a few days to serve after the 1st of November and Judge Teal's term throughout the year is doubtful if these two victims to the recall.

ONE-FIFTH LOSS.

Growers Say Saturday and Sunday Bales Were Costly.

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WOOD SELLS GARAGE.

Wells and Paul Hunter New Owners October 1st.

The consummated last week when Bennett and Paul Hunter, two well-known young men, will take over the Thos. Wood garage on Jefferson street on the 1st of October. Mr. Wood conducted the garage in the past five years and has a splendid business. After his affairs he expects to go to his daughter, Edith, for making his headquarters.

MAN FINDS BLIND PIGS.

Shuck Gains Grief in Illicit Deal—Loses Peaches.

N. Shuck of Airlie for that matter the Albany police officers and

district attorney are indebted to him. For the good money he was out and for the loss of a wagon load of peaches which rotted while he was enjoying his revels Shuck doesn't know who to debit. Following Shuck's discovery of a week ago the Albany officers have been working on the information contained in his complaint. Several witnesses were summoned to testify in the justice court regarding the source of the liquor which started Shuck's toboggan. None of the testimony has been made public.

SIGN QUARRY CONTRACT

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECTIVE COUNCILS ARE NEEDED.

Dallas Aldermen Unanimous For Inter-City Working Agreement; Opposition in Falls City.

There is just one possible chance of a slip in the pending negotiations between Dallas and Falls City for the joint working of the Falls City rock quarry. That one chance is the Falls City council. The question will be decided at the council meeting in Falls City September 18.

After several months of negotiations a contract between the cities of Dallas and Falls City for the working of the quarry was signed in Falls City Tuesday evening by Mayor H. J. Griffin and Police Judge and Auditor C. E. McPherson, for Falls City, and by Mayor E. C. Kirkpatrick and Police Judge and Auditor Charles Gregory, for Dallas. Resolutions endorsing the acts of the cities' representatives will have to be passed by the respective councils. Men in a position to know say that the resolution will pass the Dallas council without a dissenting vote. Of the three Falls City councilmen present at the meeting with the Dallas officials Tuesday night, two were enthusiastically in favor of signing the contract with the city of Dallas and one was opposed. Councilman F. K. Hubbard, the opposing member, has become a member of the council since the initial steps were taken and said that he would not oppose any of the action taken before he became a member but left the impression that he would oppose the resolution upholding the mayor and the auditor in their action. However, it is believed that Councilman Hubbard is in the minority.

SOLDIERS VISIT HOMES

TRIO ARE BROWNE, BURNED AND PHYSICALLY FIT.

Demobilization Order Fails to Bother Troops—They Have Learned Indifference.

Browned and burned and physically "pink" three members of Company L, Herman Hawkins, Bill White and Ray Scott, are in Dallas on furlough from the federal guard concentration camp at Camp Withycombe, Clackamas. They return tonight.

All day yesterday and this morning little groups have gathered about the boys, eager to hear the stories of the border camps. Questions were poured into them: "How's—?", "When do you think you'll be home?", "How are all the boys?", "Why didn't you write?", and similar queries. Yesterday the oft-repeated question was about the mustering out and the return to Dallas. The boys knew nothing about the return of the men to national guard status, and showed little concern.

It was proof they had learned the first lesson of military life, that of obedience without question. The boys would like to come home tomorrow, though they have enjoyed their stay on the border, but with a surprising nonchalance they are leaving the mustering out question to their superior officers. If they are ordered home immediately, alright; if they are sent back to the border, that is agreeable with them; if they are held in Camp Withycombe, there is no complaint. But the three in the city prove they wanted to get home, just as soon as they could. Dallas looks good to them and their reserve is not natural but acquired.

When one of the boys grabbed a hand it was a vice grip. "On the ball of their toes" from their ten weeks out of doors the troops, if all are as the three Dallas is entertaining, must be near the superman stage. No fat, no "pot-iness," no stooped shoulders are seen. Skin is browned and tanned and peeling. Eyes are bright and hearts are light. There are wrinkles in the face, such wrinkles as are found in the face of the athlete who is trained to the minute. And they all came back.

The relatives and friends who bid them goodbye and God speed in June weren't at all certain that all would again come home but all are accounted for. Two are in the government military hospital at the Presidio, San Francisco: Chester Minty, suffering from a shortened left leg caused by lumbago and rheumatism and Stewart, the Monmouth boy, having his eyes treated. These two boys are expected here within a short time. Billy Miller, the cook (and one of the most important boys in the company) fell Wednesday at Clackamas and hurt his arm, perhaps broke it. Billy is almost idolized by the boys, not alone because he is one of the best cooks, so good that the officers messed with Company L, but because he has cared for the boys as a father would. Miller could have left the boys for more money soon after he arrived at San Ysidro, but he stayed. From what the soldiers say he hasn't lost anything either for he has gained the sound friendship of an appreciative company.

SHERIDAN MILL CLOSED AND OTHERS MAY FOLLOW.

Local Mill Doesn't Seek Orders Because They Can't Be Filled. Permanent Damage Feared.

Some one once, long, long ago, would trade a kingdom for a horse but right now Willamette valley lumbermen, dependent on the Southern Pacific company for CARS are offering lumber business, Oregon's industrial life blood, for CARS—and there are no CARS.

The car shortage along the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon fluctuates day by day between 1000 and 1500. The Public Service commission, Chamber of Commerce organizations throughout the valley, lumbermen, city officials and citizens have taken up the shortage situation with Southern Pacific officials in California. They pray for CARS. The Oregon officials of the railroad company are doing all in their power to get equipment but all they can do is to ask the higher officials in San Francisco.

Not for the purpose of punishing the railroad company but because they wish to teach a needed lesson steps are being taken by Counsel J. N. Teal for the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association to institute suit against the Southern Pacific for damages. Whatever the damages gained the intrinsic loss of diverted business can not be repaid, lumbermen say.

The Sheridan Lumber mill has closed because of loss of cars and its 100 employees are in enforced idleness. Lumber is piled around the mill yard awaiting CARS. It is just a question of days before other mills will have to follow the Sheridan mill's lead, manufacturers say, unless relief is given. Three thousand new cars are under contract from eastern manufacturers for delivery within 30 days to the Southern Pacific company but 30 days is a long time for mills to wait.

It would appear that the Willamette Valley Lumber company's mill here is suffering less than many other mills from the car shortage. Willamette Valley officials say this is because the company has adopted a policy of not seeking orders when the orders can not be filled promptly. It is better to have no customers than to have dissatisfied customers waiting for lumber, say the local mill men and, consistent with this policy, nearly all new business the past few days has been refused. During August the lumber production at the local mill has been 575,000 feet below production, or about 28 cars short.

The Oregon mills are unfortunately situated on the tail end of a large railroad system and the state's industries are relatively unimportant to the railroad company as compared with the great state of California. To reach Oregon cars have to filter through California—and the filtering process is slow. A shortage of about 1800 in California is mentioned by the Southern Pacific officials as indicating that Oregon is not the only territory suffering from a car shortage but approximately the same number of cars in both states means nothing when the contrast in the size of

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TO MUSTER OUT MILITIA

OREGON TROOPS TO RETURN TO STATE CONTROL.

Order For Discharge of 15,000 Soldiers Issued Yesterday—Company L Home Within Month.

Orders were issued yesterday by the war department for the discharge of 12 National Guard regiments, including the third Oregon, and a number of smaller organizations of some 1500 college and university students. In all about 16,500 soldiers will be released as soon as the mustering out can be accomplished. According to the number of soldiers in the concentration camps, this will take from two weeks to a month, military men believe.

Mustering out will mean that the troops will be returned by the federal government to state control and then the governors of the states may release soldiers at once or hold them at the concentration camps.

Before going out of service Colonel Cleonard McLaughlin, commanding the Third Oregon, wants a final dress parade. The Oregon soldiers are now real military men, arms and accoutrements are in the best shape and the men are fit. Colonel McLaughlin wants Oregonians to see their troops under the best circumstances. Arrangements are now being made, if possible, to hold the parade with Governor Withycombe reviewing, next Sunday at Clackamas.

The following are the regiments which will be mustered out under the new orders: Second and Seventh, First New York; First and Fourth, New Jersey; Fourth Maryland; First and Second Illinois; First and Third Missouri; Fifth California; Third Oregon; Second Washington; First Louisiana. These are all infantry regiments. The order involves about 15,000 men.

The order releasing the college men requires them to go to their home mobilization camps for mustering out and resuming their studies in the state guards.

BIRTHS WIN, EIGHT TO SIX.

August Babies Just Nose Out Reapers' Victims By Two.

There were eight births and six deaths reported to Health Officer McCallon during August. The girls outnumbered the boys, five to three. Miss Letha Bernice Harrington arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvil Harrington on August 4. The next day Enos Harold, a girl, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gwinn. On August 6 Will Emery came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Hobbs, Salem, R. F. D. Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer have been the parents of a girl since August 10. The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dornhecker was gladdened August 16 when Clifford L. smiled for the first time. Then two girls came, one to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Price just before midnight on August 17 and four hours later the nurse told Lot D. Brown it was a girl. The boys finished strong when Ivan Le Roy took up his residence at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Webster on August 21.

WANTS PHEASANTS PROTECTED

Polk Sportsmen Ask Commission to Close 1916 Season on Chinas.

Because of the scarcity of China pheasants in Polk county this year, Fred Toner has been engaged this week in circulating a petition among business men, farmers and sportsmen of the county, requesting the state game commission to make a closed season on these game birds in this county for the present year. The season ordinarily opens on the first of October, and the pheasant has afforded local sportsmen a great deal of sport during the open season of past fall months. The petition is being quite generally signed and will be forwarded to the state game commission in Portland within a few days. According to law the commission has authority to declare closed seasons in counties of the state or within prescribed districts, and it is believed that it will give favorable attention to Mr. Toner's petition.

Pioneer Couple Married.

Lloyd H. Schneider and Miss Bessie M. Keller of Pioneer were married in this city last Friday by Rev. George H. Bennett.

Leave Money With Company L.

In answering The Observer's question as to the disposition of the "Extras" fund Mayor E. C. Kirkpatrick has suggested that any surplus be left with the company for the better furnishing of the company's club rooms at the armory or for any other purpose the boys decide it should be used. The mayor believes that the money could best be used to make the life of the soldier boys in the armory more pleasant. "I gave my share for the boys and would like to see them have it all, for their own use and in their own way," said Mayor Kirkpatrick.

Sunday is E. L. Rally Day.

Sunday, Rally day of the Epworth league, will be led by Miss Kleine Oxford at the Methodist church. The scripture references for the day are: Isa. 2:2-5; Zech. 8:20, 21; Psa. 20:5.

Buys Thoroughbred Angora.

W. D. Gilliam on Wednesday purchased a thoroughbred Angora buck from U. S. Grant and will place the animal with his flock on the Gilliam place near Gilliam station.

Season Begins November 1.

The open season for fur bearing animals, otter, mink, fisher, marten and muskrat, begins November 1 and ends February 28, 1917.



—Carter in New York Evening Sun.

THINGS TO FORGET.