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OREGON MILITIA BALKS AT ORDERS

OFFICERS OF THREE COMPANIES UP FOR COURT MARTIAL.

Governor Authorizes General Finzer to Convene the Court At Earliest Convenience.

As a result of the mutiny and refusal of three companies of the Oregon national guard to obey orders at the maneuvers held last week, court martial proceedings will be in order.

Adjutant General Finzer of the Oregon national guard has received the authorization of the governor for holding court martial to try Major R. O. Spott, Captains H. E. Williams and Walter L. Toose and Lieutenant Richard Delich and H. C. Drumbach, and he states that he will appoint the officers of the court as soon as the charges are formally placed in his hands.

The court martial will include not less than five officers. Under the articles of war the court must be named within 30 days after the offense charged, and the trial must be within a reasonable time, which is usually fixed at ten days after the charges are formally made.

Officers of the Oregon national guard are now preparing the charges, which probably will be signed by Colonel Poorman. No court of inquiry will be convened. General Finzer explains that this unnecessary in a case where the incident is so open and testimony so abundant as in the present case.

"Never before has such an incident as this taken place among Oregon troops," said General Finzer. "It is much more serious than the officers may have supposed. It tends to bring discredit upon the Oregon military organization, and calls for immediate attention. The articles of war were not framed for fun."

"As soon as the officers engaged in preparing charges submit them to me the court martial will be appointed, and it will probably sit in about ten days. There were many witnesses to the conduct of the officers accused, and there will be no necessity for calling General Maas. The language addressed to him, alleged to be insulting and abusive of discipline, was heard by many."

A representative of General Maas has reported to General Finzer the conduct of the five officers. With this statement the direct connection of General Maas with the affair is said to be closed. He will take no part in the prosecution of the charges.

Homesteaders Get Relief.

A special to the Reg Oregonian gives good news to the people of the Umatilla project. It came in the form of a telegram from Congressman Lafferty to the effect both houses had passed the bill giving relief to the homesteaders on the project. Under the terms of the bill homesteaders may prove up on their homesteads without first making all of the ten annual water payments to the government. The message from Lafferty was received by the secretary of the waterusers' association, and did not state whether or not the bill will also apply to desert land entries. The secretary has wired to find out regarding this point, as many are anxious to have the law include the desert entries, also.

Hot Lake Celebration.

Next Thursday there will be held at Hot Lake, Union county the centenary anniversary of the discovery of the now famous sheet of hot water by white men. Last December Baker City observed the centennial of the coming of the pioneer party of Wilson Price Hunt to the Powder River valley, and the following year the discovery of Hot Lake is noted although the Hunt party passed it going westward in January, 1812, probably without noticing its existence. The discovery is understood to have been made by Peter Sken Ogden party going eastward in a fur buying expedition.

STARTING WORK ON THE PANAMA CANAL

THE NATION'S BIG EXPOSITION

Every Country on Earth to Be Represented at the Greatest World's Fair in History. Eighty Million Dollars to Be Expended on National Celebration.

Composite Fleet of Navies of the World to Pass Through Panama Canal and Enter San Francisco Harbor. What the Great Fair Will Be Like.

Within a few weeks' time thousands of men and teams will be engaged in leveling off the grounds of the Panama-Pacific International exposition site in San Francisco, and it is estimated that within six months 10,000 men will be employed in the construction of the material part of the great exposition at which the United States of America will celebrate the opening of the Panama canal. Responses to invitations to participate and offers of co-operation from every part of the world are flooding the exposition management, and President C. C. Moore and his thirty directors, who represent every important interest on the coast and \$1,000,000,000 in invested capital, are working night and day to keep up with the avalanche of duties that pour in upon them.

Responses of foreign countries surpass all anticipations of the exposition management. Every civilized nation on earth, every land within the sweep of both shores of the Pacific ocean and every state in the Union will be represented by the finest assemblage of displays the world has ever seen.

"San Francisco," says President Moore, "as hostess for the nation will entertain the world in 1915 with the most comprehensive exposition in history, a jubilee of nations, a splendid commemorative celebration, which shall include not only the finest features of all former world's expositions in recording the progress of the world, but yet in magnificence, in diversity, in its distinctive color of the west, of the orient and of all the countries bordering upon the Pacific ocean will stand alone. The nations of the world will see the finest American displays ever shown at the Panama-Pacific International exposition."

"The plans of the people of the west for the Panama-Pacific International exposition are being undertaken upon a scale of world education and interest, and the exposition is the subject of enthusiastic co-operation in every part of the world."

APES OF GIBRALTAR.

Highly Prized and Carefully Protected by Martial Law.

Major is the name of the chief of the highly prized and carefully protected tribe of Barbary apes that inhabit the rock of Gibraltar. There is a saying in the fortress to the effect that it were better to kill the governor than Major.

There are only about twenty left of this band of monkeys, which in some mysterious manner came over from Africa many years ago and claimed citizenship in Europe. They are protected by martial law, and any addition by birth to their number is carefully chronicled and announced in the local paper. The apes change their place of residence from the highest peaks of the rock to lower and more sheltered portions and back again, according to the state of the weather. They show their sense of humor by throwing stones at the soldiers, but they are often not seen for weeks at a time save in the early morning.

A few years ago, on account of the diminishing numbers of these animals, some apes were procured from Barbary and turned loose upon the rock. But resident monkeys killed them all. Although so fierce to intruders of their own kind, they never attack human beings and are greatly beloved and esteemed.—New York Press.

THE DEATH DICE.

A Murder Case in Which They Returned a Just Verdict.

The German emperor some time ago presented to the Hohenzollern museum the "death dice" with which one of his ancestors decided a difficult case in the seventeenth century. The history of these dice is generally given as follows:

A young girl had been murdered. Suspicion fell upon two young soldiers, Ralph and Alfred, who were suitors for her hand. They both denied their guilt, and even torture failed to extract a confession from either.

Then Elector Frederick William decided to cut the knot by means of the dice box. The two soldiers should throw for their lives and the loser should be executed as the murderer.

The event was celebrated with great solemnity. Ralph had the first chance and threw sixes, the highest possible number. The dice box was then given to Alfred. He fell on his knees and prayed. Then he rose to his feet and threw the dice with such force that one of them was broken. The whole one showed six, the broken one also gave six on the larger portion, and the fragment split off showed one. This was a total of thirteen, one beyond Ralph's throw. The audience held its breath in amazement.

"God has spoken!" cried the prince.

Ralph, appalled by what he regarded as a sign from heaven, confessed his guilt and was sentenced to death.

BRASS WORKERS.

Theirs is a Dangerous Trade, and They Usually Die Young.

The present rate of mortality of the brass foundryman is two and a half times that of the farmer. Respiratory diseases, particularly consumption, account for the difference. Comparative tables based on sickness and invalidism, if obtainable, would show even greater differences.

The age statistics in the trade are startling. Of 1,751 brass foundrymen but seventeen over fifty years of age were found and a bare 200 over forty years of age. When asked the cause of this officials invariably stated: "They got too old. They can't turn out the work they should every day." But what sort of an industry is this in which nearly six-sevenths of its followers are too old at the age of forty? It is not thus among ironmolders, most of whom are hale and hearty even at sixty years and still able to turn out their full quota of work daily. Workmen claim they "are knocked out by the brass fumes."

These age statistics for Chicago workmen are no different from those Sir Thomas Oliver gives in his book on "Dangerous Trades." "Only ten brass workers of 1,200 casters in Birmingham, England, were found living beyond sixty years. A superannuation insurance for brass founders, to begin at fifty-five years of age, had only three applicants in a period of some ten years."

There is no cure for brass chills. But they can be prevented by striking at the cause. For such an important industry not to do so is like tolerating smallpox in a modern community. The workmen must be protected from the breathing in of brass fumes and foundry smoke. In large foundries with good ventilation, either natural or artificial, brass chills practically never occur.—Emery R. Hayhurst in Survey.

HUNTING THE WOLF.

Trained Eagles Are Used by the Tartar Tribes of Asia.

There are many ways of hunting the wolf in Russia, some very curious and exciting and others as tame as target practice. The most sportsmanlike way is by means of hounds, and all over Russia today there are well to do sportsmen who hunt the animal in this fashion. Wolves are also taken in pit-falls and shot, while still another way is to drive in a sleigh through the forest in time of hard frost, when the wolves are bold with hunger. At the back of the sleigh one or more sportsmen lie snugly under their fur rugs with their rifles ready. A young pig is carried in the sleigh, and its cries soon reach the ears of the lurking wolves, who cannot resist following the sleigh and are speedily shot.

One of the most picturesque ways of hunting the wolf, perhaps, is that which one may see in the west of Asia on the bleak Kirghiz steppes. The Tartar tribes are wonderful horsemen, and they ride after the wolf in very large parties. Not only are dogs used to overtake the quarry, but because a fleet wolf may get away from them, eagles are used, being trained to help the hunter in very much the same manner as falcons in olden times. The great bird sits on the hunter's wrist until it is loose. Then it soars into the air, sails after the quarry and swoops down upon it. Its duty is not to kill, but to "bother" the wolf by flapping its wings in its face and driving its sharp claws into the animal's back. Such hunting makes capital sport for the riders; but, apart from this, wolf hunting is a real necessity in those parts, the brutes being far too partial to the lambs and kids of the Tartars' flocks.—Wide World Magazine.

Hard to Get Into Jail.

There was a queer old specimen of humanity brought to the Cuyahoga county jail. He had been convicted of the crime of cruelty to animals, and there was no doubt in anybody's mind that he richly deserved the penalty inflicted. It is the custom to examine prisoners, however, before they are assigned to their cells. When this old reprobate was brought up the interrogator went thus:

"What is your name?"

"Budd Dobbs."

"What is your age?"

"Sixty-eight."

"What is your religion?"

"Great snakes! Does a man batter gift religion before they'll let him inter jail in this county?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Gentle Reminder.

Neighbor—Hello, Jenkins! How are you? Haven't seen you in the garden for quite a time, and you never come and see the wife and me now. Why Rome? Jenkins—Well, the fact is, old chap, that it's not through ill will or bad feeling or anything like that, you know; only you and Mrs. Possum have borrowed so many things from me that when I see your place it makes me feel quite homesick.—London Answers.

Art and Science.

"What a beautiful picture of an angel!" said the lady who was visiting the art gallery.

"Yes," replied the aviation enthusiast, "but between you and me those wings aren't practical."—Washington Star.

Never Despair.

He who despairs wants love, wants faith, for faith, hope and love are three torches which blend their light together, nor does the one shine without the other.—Metastasio.

He is a brave man who refuses to be disheartened by the fact that he was beaten yesterday.

FAVORS BILLIARDS IN HIS SERMON

PENDELTON PASTOR WANTS A TABLE IN EVERY HOME.

Attitude of Rev Milne Defended By Younger Members of His Congregation.

Declaring that if he had his way there would be a billiard table in every home in the United States Rev. Frank J. Milnes in his farwell sermon to the congregation of the Presbyterian church in Pendleton Sunday afternoon defied the popular parlor game in the course of his plea for what he termed "Progressive Religion," says the East Oregonian. His advocacy of billiards was his reply to criticisms which members of his flock have directed his way because of his frequent manipulation of the cue in the rooms of the Pendleton Commercial association.

Rev. Milnes declared his preference for billiards over all other games because, he said, it contains less of the elements of chance and stimulates the imagination and the desire for accuracy in the player. "In it, as in all other innocent games," he said, "the growing boy can find a proper expression for his unexpressible energy and it is a function of the church to encourage in him such expression. If the church fails to get abreast of the growing tide of progression it will not be long before the recording angel of time will dip her pen in the dyes of the rainbow and inscribe upon its tomtomstone the single word 'obscure.'"

"You say the little ivory balls belong to the devil," he went on, "and I answer that so also did the violin and the organ not long ago and yet today they are used by almost every church. Henry Ward Beecher, America's greatest preacher, had a billiard table in his home. Lord Tennyson, England's poet laureate, once said, 'My respect for a man is not complete until I learn that he can play at least a fair game of billiards.'"

Rev. Milnes also took occasion to denounce prudence which prevents parents from instructing their offspring in the mysteries of self-reproduction and forces them to learn of such things from vulgar associates in back alleys. He strongly urged the introduction of courses in embryology in the course of study outlined for a child, declaring it would do more than any one thing to offset the influences of degradation and to conserve the purity of the nation's youth.

The retiring pastor took for his text subject, "Expression vs. Suppression," and his dissertations on billiards and prudence were but small part of an eloquent sermon illustrating his fundamental contention that "all sin, all vice and all crime are but some sort of form of suppression."

Rev. Milnes was forced to resign under a storm of criticism which his sermons and actions aroused within his congregation, accusations of unorthodoxy in the pulpit and indiscretion outside the church being heaped upon him. Many of the young members of his flock supported him and it is said will fight for his retention at the meeting which will be held soon to consider his retention.

Governors Greet.

Clad in a flannel shirt, riding boots and wearing a deep coat of tan, Governor Oswald West of Oregon, accompanied by Governor Hawley arrived at Boise at ten o'clock Tuesday night and ended his 600-mile horseback trip from Salem to Boise, to attend the meeting of the Western governors which will be in session this week.

Governors West and Hawley met at six o'clock Tuesday night at the center of the bridge at Nysa. Governor West, riding his horse, and accompanied by the mayor of Nysa and other prominent citizens of that city, left the Oregon side of Snake river, while at the same time Governor Hawley and his son James Hawley, Jr., in an automobile, left the soil of Idaho. When they met in the middle of the bridge above the stream which divides the two states, Governor West dismounted. Governor Hawley left the automobile, and the two chief executives greeted each other amid the cheers of many spectators.

Bourne Heard From.

Senator Bourne, replying to letters urging him to reconsider his decision not to be a candidate for reelection, many of which have been received by him, so he says in a published interview, writes that he appreciates the evidences of good will and confidence, but would consider it a reflection on the primary system of Oregon to be considered a candidate for the senate unless Ben Seiling's nomination should be declared fraudulent. Initiative in determining this, as well as in placing his name before the people would have to come he says, from others than himself. After the senate adjourns Mr. Bourne may decide to visit this state.

A team hitched to a water tank, took a spin down Main street Wednesday forenoon and brought up in the West part of town without further damage than the breaking of the lines.