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THE OLD VETERANS.

The Tribune editor enjoyed a visit with Civil war veterans in Portland last week hailing from every state in the Union. From the North, South, East and West the boys who wore the blue in Civil war days journeyed to Portland for the fifty-second annual reunion. The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was of course the central feature of the meet, but the main and most interesting object of the meet was the getting together of the old boys and the fighting over of the battles on the Potomac, at Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spotsylvania, Fort Donaldson, Vicksburg and on Sherman's march to the sea. Incidents of these battles were called to mind, of charges made, batteries captured etc. Also comrades told where they were captured and in what prisons they were confined. While the few delegates gave their attention to encampment duties, the great mass of veterans who came just to meet up with their old comrades, enjoyed every minute in recalling their past war activities.

It is not probable that there will ever be held on the Pacific Coast another national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, now rapidly passing away. While many, if not a majority of the boys who wore the blue, many of whom were paying their first visit to the coast, were astonishingly vigorous, even the youngest had reached or passed the biblical allotted age of man and can expect but a few years more of life at most. Future encampments will be held at more central locations in order that the long tiresome journey for the great majority will not be required.

Portland deserves great credit for the care and respect given the old boys. Not an accident of any character was reported and the respectful and courteous treatment of the old veterans by the soldiers of today who were present, was especially noticeable. Nor should we overlook mentioning the soldiers of the future, the Boy Scouts, who were ever ready with canteens of cold water to quench the thirst of the veterans while on the line of march.

Portland was never before honored with so many of the men who fought to preserve the union of states and right nobly did she respond to the honor conferred. Mayor Baker practically turned over the keys of the city to the Civil war veterans.

SHOULD AVOID MISTAKE.

When the extravagance of legislative appropriations became so oppressive as to become a source of

alarm to taxpayers, the people amended the constitution with a six per cent increase of taxation limitation law. The board of taxation now finds that a six per cent increase over the tax moneys of last year will be insufficient to meet the ever increasing demand for money for public purposes. Consequently the board will ask the people to vote an increase of nearly one million dollars over and above what can be legally assessed against the taxpayers.

It is unnecessary to state that this so called increase for war emergency purposes is but the entering wedge to break down the six per cent limitation law. Governor Withycombe has said that this law should be repealed and we may therefore expect that he will favor a measure each biennium election to vote an emergency sum.

The people will make a serious mistake if they through appeals to their patriotism vote to tax themselves this extra million.

It will be noticed that every state institution in its budget asks for very large increases over the sum given two years ago. Many are asking for new buildings, improvements, etc. In fact it almost forces one to conclude that it is the purpose of the state government and institutions to force the people to repeal the six per cent law.

Quite a good share of this extra million which the commission expects the people to vote will be used to pay for the governor's state police. This is an expense for which there was nor is no demand. The authority for creating this extra expense is not quite well defined and the state police is doing no more than what the law requires deputy sheriffs to do. Another \$100,000 of the fund will be used to erect a stone or brick structure in which to house the University of Oregon domestic science department. This is a wholly unnecessary expense. Girls wishing domestic science training can get it at O. A. C. at Corvallis and it is nonsense for the state to duplicate its departments of instruction in this manner.

A few years ago, when our state colleges asked for a millage tax to provide for their maintenance it was understood that no other appropriations would be asked by them. Now the millage tax provides but a small part of their requirements.

The state tax commission greatly modified the sums demanded by the various institutions but it will not go far enough. The only increase justified at this time should be because of the increase in the cost of food products.

The state should not undertake new buildings of any kind at the present time because of the greatly increased value of material and labor. Anyway, when the people are being asked every few weeks to buy liberty bonds, subscribe funds for the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., etc., tax levying bodies should make the smallest possible demands upon the people for tax monies. The people are forced to economize and tax levying bodies should do likewise.

If Governor Withycombe persists in increasing the cost of the state government it might be wisdom to give Walter Pierce a try at it.

When the final peace conference assembles no man in the world will have more influence in dictating the terms than President Wilson. He is, without doubt, the liberty spokesman of the world.

Now that the Huns have commenced their retreat to Berlin, let us hope Generalissimo Foch keeps his lines so stiff that the Allies will not again be driven back. The Huns are licked right now but they do not seem to know it.

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Red Cross Activities.

The Scio branch of the Red Cross is now meeting four afternoons in the week and attendance is growing rapidly. The allotment of work has again been changed and will soon be ready for the work room; so all workers are urged to be present next week.

Very good reports are being received from the several local auxiliaries which are doing excellent work.

The following shipment of finished garments to Chapter last week shows that both branch and auxiliaries have not been idle but have turned out large numbers of garments in spite of the warm weather.

Scio	29	Bed Shirts
East Scio	10	Socks
Shelburn	15	Slippers, pr
Jordan	35	Gowns
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	19	Wash cloths
	47	Masks
	12	Napkins
	8	Sheets
	19	Gun Wipes
	3	Scrap book
	30	
	2200	

The Stars and Stripes.

By the courtesy of our friend Tom Smail, we were handed a copy of "Stars and Stripes." This is not a reproduction of "Old Glory," but is a veritable newspaper published in Paris by our boys over there. It is an 8-page, 6-column paper of interesting reading and advertisements, made up principally with cablegrams from the U. S. and news pertaining to the A. E. F. The news from the battle front is meager and not nearly as extensive as that given in our small daily papers. But various news stories are full of pluck and vim, just what one would expect would be written by our boys over there.

By courtesy of a friend The Tribune has received two copies of the Los Angeles Sunday Times. It is sure some newspaper; 116 pages, colored pictures, etc. The only trouble with such mammoth publications is they are too big. No one will take the trouble nor the time to digest a whole library in one Sunday. But as a specimen of expanded newspaper enterprise the Times is simply "it."

Serious Row.

At the dance Saturday night Robert Kelly and Ivan Balseweid became involved in a dispute in the ball room over attentions given by one of them to a girl. The dispute culminated in an invitation to go to the street and settle matters and a fight resulted. Balseweid, not being willing to leave the result to fisticuffs, used a knife, giving Kelly a long though not deep slash at the upper end of the thigh.

The Tribune suggests, boys, that if you want to fight go to France.

Later information makes it doubtful who used the knife.

At The Peoples Theatre

This week, Saturday and Sunday evenings, Manager Wesely will present that favorite artist Bill Hart in one of his exciting pictures, "The Silent Man."

Dr. Prill Writes from Newport.

Newport, Ore., Aug. 15.
Thos. L. Dugger, Scio.

As weather conditions are such today that one does not care to be out, thought I could give you a few lines in regard to life near the ocean.

The past few days have been very cold, much fog, and yesterday and today raining hard. Am wondering if you are getting this in the valley.

Newport with its cosmopolitan population seems to be at the height of its season now. You meet here people from all over the Willamette Valley, Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Hundreds of cottages which are vacant the most of the year are now well filled and hard to get at any price, which usually is from \$7 to \$15 per week.

These cottages are furnished for housekeeping except bedding, which you are obliged to supply.

After stopping at a hotel for a few days finally located rooms in a private residence overlooking the ocean, which certainly is a wonderful sight, and one never tires of watching the tides ebb and flow and the breakers dash against the sand cliffs along the beach.

My experience in the hotel seems to be that their chief object is the conservation of food with a good stiff price for what you ought to have but don't get. The home residents are making their harvest this season. They tell me that the last few seasons have not been very flourishing but now seems to be the opportune moment.

From Toledo on to Yaquina, Newport and up the coast for ten miles or more are numerous camps of soldiers employed mostly in building railroads to tap the spruce timber in this region. They are building both north and south from Newport and a large force is employed.

With 400 soldiers augmenting the usual summer tourists you can imagine it very lively here now.

Newport has made some remarkable improvements. The principal streets are planked 20 feet wide. Generally speaking good sidewalks are found on the important streets. These are important items to any city: Good walks, well-kept streets, good water supply and electric light service. Newport seems to have these and maintains them well.

The amusements seem to be dancing, skating, movies, surf bathing, deep sea fishing and on Sundays the soldiers usually put on an athletic program of swimming matches, ball games and field sports.

A few days ago I made a trip up the coast to Otter Rock and the Punch Bowl, some 10 miles north of Newport, and I was reminded of a similar trip to the same place years ago with Dr. Hill of Albany, when we engaged the services of Sealion Charlie and George Birch, experienced seamen, who took us out to Sea Gull island, a mile from shore and opposite the Punch Bowl.

This island is solid rock, rising 150 feet above the sea and is the home and breeding place of thousands of sea gulls, cormorants, sea parrots and many other sea birds. And as I watched them again a few days ago the air seemed fairly alive with birds and I also wondered how Dr. Hill and I ever had the grit to make such a trip. For I recall that in landing on the rock two men had to literally drag the doctor up over a rock six feet high to a safe footing.

As a rule very fair sport may be had here fishing from the docks, the jetty or some rocky part of shore. Sea perch, bass, flounders and crabs are quite abundant and weigh from one-half to 10 pounds. The sport is tame compared with trout fishing for when you hook one of these fish it comes out without a struggle.

Yours, A. G. P.

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