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ARMY CAMP FOR OREGON LOCATED AT HERMISTON

Oregon at last seems to have an opportunity to secure an encampment of at least 25,000 soldiers. Major Richard Parks on the staff of the Commander of the Western Division has been ordered to make an examination of a site of some thirty odd thousand acres of ground near Hermiston in Umatilla County. This examination is reported to have revealed a very satisfactory condition of soil and climate as well as topography of country desired for a large training camp for United States forces.

A joint committee of business men from Eastern Oregon and the Portland Chamber of Commerce has prepared exhaustive data on the economic advantage of locating an army camp at Hermiston. This survey includes railway transportation, the cost of foods required by the troops, material used in the construction of the camps and handling of troops generally.

It is also pointed out that climatic conditions are generally exceptionally favorable at the site examined. There is a very light rainfall to interfere in any way with troop maneuvers. Snow never falls to such a depth as to interfere seriously with marching and training and when it does fall remains on for a period of only one to three weeks during the year. Wind velocities have been found very favorable also because of the fact that the average monthly winds are but little more than breezes and there are no high wind velocities which would retard the operations of military forces at any time of the year.

Oregon is fortunate in approaching this problem by having as Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the United States Senate the Honorable George E. Chamberlain. Senator Chamberlain could be more influential in securing the location of a camp in this state than any other man in Congress if economic conditions were right. The committee handling the problem believes that the economic study reveals positive advantages and that there is no reason why the senior Senator from Oregon should not exercise his full influence to have a great encampment placed at Hermiston.

The requirements in deeded ground range from one to two thousand acres only, which amount the committee handling the matter have agreed shall be donated to the government without charge. In addition an acreage of from thirty to thirty-five thousand acres is required for drills and maneuvers. This additional land is available in the public domain adjoining the site proposed to be deeded and under the ownership of the Northern Pacific Railway and the Oregon Land and Water Co. No difficulty whatever will be experienced in getting permission from the private owners for the maneuvering and drilling privilege and in this respect the case seems to be in satisfactory form.

In placing camps where troops might be quartered and trained Oregon has been overlooked. A small development took place at Vancouver, the time-honored department headquarters of the Northwest. The main development for the Northwest has been concentrated at American Lake near Tacoma. Most of the other encampments have been placed in the South. It is declared by military men that the southern locations in the heat of summer and perhaps at certain other periods when the rain is abundant will not nearly be so desirable as the high, dry lands of Umatilla County, where such an admirable climatic condition is found and where the temperatures are favorable both winter and summer.

An appeal has been made by the committee handling the problem for the entire state to rise as a unit in the request to Senator Chamberlain and the War Department to give consideration to this location as a training camp. Senator Chamberlain arrived in Portland October twenty-fourth. The committee feels that if the state expresses its desire for a great army camp of the character under consideration and pours in requests upon the Senator for his utmost support, that it is likely favorable action will result.

Sachter Wins in Suit.

In Justice court last week an ouster case was tried out before Justice Cornett, the parties to the suit being Wm. Soukup and A. D. Sachter. Mr. Sachter has the Soukup place leased, and the latter claiming that Sachter had not lived up to his contract, was trying to get him off the land. A jury trial was had and the verdict returned was in favor of Sachter. J. J. Nys appeared for plaintiff and Sam E. VanVactor for the defendant.

Teaching at Pine City.

Miss Beulah Barker has taken charge of the Pine City school on Butter creek. Miss Ada Thayer was employed at this school the first of the year, but she was married last week to Victor Wigginsworth, and resigned her position.—Echo News.

Roy Glasscock of the Mt. Vernon district was here a few days ago. He is getting out some chrome and has a very good prospect.—Canyon City Eagle.

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