

NAT TO BE USED FOR BOYS CLUB BY NATIONAL GUARD

A most enthusiastic meeting was held by the 7th company, C. A. C. last Wednesday evening when the newly elected captain, A. J. Vance, announced to the company the plans that had already been made for the benefit and enlargement of the scope of its activities.

Captain Vance stated that he had concluded negotiations with the management of the Natorium building for occupancy of the entire lower floor of the building, which includes the rooms already occupied by the company, and in addition the bowling alleys and all paraphernalia belonging thereto, the athletic room, including the lockers, shower baths, etc., the basket ball floor, target range and the privilege of drilling in the large hall and holding military drills, inspections, etc. Much satisfaction was expressed by the members of the company in the liberal attitude of the Natorium management in their dealings with the organization.

Captain Vance outlined to the members of the company tentative plans that he had made for furnishing the club room with billiard tables, a player piano, reading facilities, and other attractions that will make a membership in the 7th Company something to be desired and coveted. All the club privileges, including the bowling alleys, athletic room, target gallery with unlimited supply of ammunition, basket ball floor and the other features which it is expected to at once incorporate in the company quarters will be open for the free and unrestricted use of all members if the 7th Company.

Club Privileges for Boys

The plan as outlined contemplates extending the club privileges to the public generally on a membership basis, a small monthly dues being charged to assist in meeting the expenses incident to maintenance of the club. However the final details are to be left to the members of the company. Nothing definite in that direction was decided upon other than it was not the intention of the artillery company to deprive the community of the use of the bowling alleys and other athletic features which will now be controlled by them. On the other hand, Captain Vance urged upon the company the desirability of particularly co-operating with the school board in the organization of athletic classes to be formed in the various grades of the schools and the employment of an athletic trainer to be in charge at all times.

The tentative plan outlined contemplates a full athletic training course in connection with the club, and the opinion was expressed that the school board would be inclined to join with the management of the artillery company to that end. The committee in charge will meet with the members of the school board in the near future with a view of getting together on some sort of an arrangement that will be satisfactory to all concerned.

Drastic Discipline

Remarks from the newly elected captain also indicated that there were to be some drastic rules laid down in the enforcement of military discipline in the future. Absence from drill will be excused only upon a physician's certificate that the absent member was unable to attend. Any one not reporting at roll call would be sent for by a corporal's guard and a fine imposed in accordance with the law governing the militia organization of the state.

At the close of the meeting a surprise was sprung on the captain-elect by the announcement of Corporal Gore that a banquet was to be given by the company on next Wednesday evening in appreciation of his acceptance of the captaincy of the organization. The provisions have been donated by the business men of the city and the company chef at the last two encampments. Thos. Gifford, is to preside in the kitchen. The dinner, which every member of the company is expected to attend, will be given at 6:30 o'clock in the dining room of the Presbyterian church, after which the company will retire to the armory for the regular weekly drill.

The committee appointed to purchase the billiard tables and other equipment for the clubroom will report at the dinner and it is expected that by the next meeting the company will be in shape to hold open house in celebration of the opening of their own club rooms.

WHITMAN TAKES OATH AS NEW YORK GOVERNOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—District Attorney Charles S. Whitman today took the oath of office as governor of New York, before Presiding Justice Ingraham of the appellate division in the supreme court.

TO RUSH WORK ON POWER PLANT AT GOLD HILL

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 26.—Immediately after the holidays the Rogue River Public Service corporation will increase its construction force of employees at this point to three crews, that the work of installing its first power unit at the plant near this city may be speeded up to completion. The local company has contracted to furnish the major part of the increased load to new patrons, and it is understood that demand has been made by the Beaver Portland Cement company for service beginning February 1. The cement plant will be completed and in operation early in the new year.

The Public Service company shipped two cars of water turbines Monday from the supply yard at the Sanders plant, near Grants Pass, to the Gold Hill plant. This new equipment, which will be the muscle of the increased power capacity, consists of three Dowling turbines, with a capacity of upward of 400 horsepower each. They will be used in the new installation for the purpose of caring for electrical power already contracted.

Harness and gears for the new machines have been shipped from the Plamondon works at Chicago. Together with the governors and the turbines, this comprises the new generating equipment.

With this installation completed, the company will have 1500 electrical horsepower developed at the local plant, and it is understood that should the city of Medford award the public service corporation the contract for furnishing electrical current in wholesale quantities for the lighting of Medford, an additional unit of 2000 horsepower will be installed at once.

CZAR OFF FOR BATTLE FRONT

MOSCOW, via Petrograd, Dec. 25.—The members of the Russian imperial family who have been here for several days, departing this evening, the emperor setting out for the battle front and the empress Alexandra leaving for Tsarkoe Selo with their son and two daughters.

Today the imperial guests visited several hospitals and the emperor inspected the military school. At the Kremlin palace the emperor received several delegations. Among these were various religious associations belonging to the Orthodox faith and delegates from Jewish congregations who paid their homage and presented 15,000 roubles (\$7500) to be used for army needs.

DIED

MUIR—Mrs. David Muir died at her home on West Main street, Saturday morning, December 26, at 4 a. m., aged 50 years. She was confined to her bed five months, bore all her suffering with wonderful fortitude, put explicit trust in her Savior, told her loved ones and friends she was ready to go and asked them to meet her where there is no illness, no sorrow and no partings.

Mr. and Mrs. Muir were unusually devoted to each other and during all her illness he has been constantly at her bedside and has administered to her every need and desire. While she will be greatly missed, there is comfort in the fact that she is at rest in her heavenly home.

Viola T. Temple was born near Seattle, Wash., February 20, 1864. Her parents moved to Linn county, Oregon, when she was 2 years old, where she was raised. In 1894 she went to Portland to reside with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Bishop. She was married to David Muir in January, 1894.

They came to Medford in July 1910 for Mrs. Muir's health, which was greatly improved until the past year. Mrs. Muir has been an active member of the Methodist church for a number of years and not only believed in Christianity but lived it every day.

The deceased leaves besides her husband three sisters and three brothers, Mrs. J. A. Bishop of Salem, Mrs. J. C. Booth of Lebanon, and Mrs. D. H. Sturdevant of Central Point, John, Otto, Hayes Temple of Linn county. All the sisters have visited here at different times, and were with her often during the recent illness, Mrs. Sturdevant having spent Christmas day with her.

The funeral services will be held from the Methodist church Sunday at 3 p. m. conducted by Rev. J. K. Hawkins and the remains will be taken to near Lebanon, Linn county for interment beside her parents, grand parents and other relatives.

BETTER FEELING TOWARD GRINGOS IN OLD MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The provisional government in Mexico City has issued a decree extending to March 31 the time for revalidation of mining titles, according to a Mexico City dispatch today to the state department.

A message dated December 24, from Eagle Pass, says the situation remains unchanged at Piedras Negras.

A mail report from the American vice-consul at Ensenada, Lower California, states that "while there has been some political disturbances of late, conditions in general are improving and the district is quiet." He adds that the bitter feeling against Americans, which was noticeable last spring, apparently has disappeared and that 175 or 200 Americans now are in the district.

In that connection, however, the state department announced that "it does not advise Americans to return to Mexico, and those who do so go there on their own responsibility."

NEUNER NAMED AS DOUGLAS PROSECUTOR

SALEM, Or., Dec. 26.—Governor West has appointed George Neuner of Roseburg district attorney of Douglas county, to succeed George Brown, who will become attorney-general on January 1. Mr. Neuner was a representative in the legislature at the last session, and the suggestion has been offered that, inasmuch as he participated in making the county attorney bill a law, he cannot serve as a district attorney. The supreme court has held that a member of a legislature which creates an office cannot be appointed to the office.

Governor West, however, says the last legislature did not create the office to which he has appointed Mr. Neuner. Mr. Brown was the district attorney before the law providing for district attorneys in each county was passed, and therefore Mr. Neuner is appointed to fill an unexpired term.

ANOTHER CONCERT AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The public library will entertain Sunday afternoon between 5 and 6 at the library building with a Victrola concert as follows:

Pilgrim's Chorus—Victrola Chorus
O! Lord Most Holy—Trinity Choir
Angels' Whisper, cello solo—Hubert
Duet of the Flowers—"Madame Butterfly"—Farrar and Homer
Sextet from "Lucia"—Woodland Sketches (McDowell)—V. Hubert's orchestra
Elijah Record, "Lift Thine Eyes"—Ladies' trio
"Tiebraum" (Liszt)—Hubert's Orchestra
"For an Eternity"—Caruso
Star-Spangled Banner—Band

A Good Resolution.
Resolve to smoke home-made cigarettes this year and call for Mt. Pitt or Governor Johnson.

ACCUSE SILLIMAN OF TAKING BRIBE TO FREE ITURBIDE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—American Consul Silliman at Mexico City reported today that General Palafox, minister of agriculture in the cabinet of Provisional President Gutierrez, had issued a statement charging that he (Silliman), Special Agent Leon Canova and others had accepted a bribe of 500,000 pesos to effect the release of former governor Iturbide.

Palafox, an adherent of Zapata, is said to have been eager to see Iturbide held. The latter was commander of the federal district during the brief administration of Provisional President Carbajal, but remained after his colleagues had fled and took an active part in keeping order after the Carranza forces withdrew and the Zapata forces entered.

Secretary Bryan, admiring Iturbide's personal courage, in preferring to maintain order in the city rather than make his own escape, took a personal interest in the case and identical representations were made to both Gutierrez and Villa to obtain his release. Iturbide now is on his way to the United States, but reports from Mexico City say Palafox announced his intention of arresting him if he were caught en route to El Paso.

Mr. Silliman in his report dismissed the story of the bribe as absurd.

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LID OFF FRISCO ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26.—Cafe revellers will be allowed music and dancing all night. New Year's eve, Police Chief White has announced, but there will be no relaxation of the 2 o'clock liquor law. Ordinary music in cafes is stopped by ordinance at 1 o'clock.

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