

Squirrel Food



By Ahern



COMPANY SEVEN SCORES WELL IN GUARD MOUNT

Ceremonies Pronounced Best Ever Put On by a Militia Company at Fort Stevens—Practice of Firing at a Moving Target in River Follows—Targets Hits Regularly.

FT. STEVENS, Ore., July 20.—(Special)—After three of the most strenuous days of constant drill, beginning at 5:30 a. m. and ending at 5:30 p. m., first on the big guns for a few hours followed by infantry drill on the parade for several more hours, one continuous grind from daylight to dawn, one begins to wonder how the expression "soldiering" ever came to be applied to an individual afflicted with laziness. Certainly whoever originated the expression never put in an enlistment in the army, and probably never saw an army camp, or was ever awakened by a bugle at 5:30 a. m. every morning for three long enlistment years. The perpetrator of such an undeserved appellation applying to the American soldier should be shot at sun rise at the first blast of the reveille bugle heard by him.

Cathartics Begin Day. The work of the day begins promptly on arising in the morning. Every man in the company is required to fall in on the broad cement walk in front of the barracks and answer to roll call, after which fifteen minutes are devoted to cathartics in open order formation, marching at double time, or going through some of the forms of exercise prescribed by the army tactics provided to awaken the men and put them in shape to tackle a breakfast on your Uncle Samuel's barracks army ration, which, by the way, we find is better than most of us have at home. The food put before the men is if anything too great in quantity, and as well cooked and of as much variety as found in any good hotel. The colonel and staff, who are messing with the 7th company, state that the menu furnished is the best ever put before them, as well as better prepared. Of course, as may be expected, some few additional trimmings are furnished on the officer's table, for which they pay personally, but the regular ration of the officers' table is exactly the same as furnished the men. In this connection, it may be of interest to record that officers in the United States army and National Guard pay for their own subsistence, provide their own uniforms and accoutrements, bedding and equipment, while the enlisted man is furnished everything from doughnuts to shoes. Question, "Why be an officer?"

A Red Letter Day. Yesterday was the red letter day of all days for the 7th company, the day when the company occupied the stage alone in the full glare of the footlights of inspection by officers of the guard and army past, and, worse than all, the enlisted men of the guard as well as regulars stationed here for it is from the enlisted men with whom they come in contact that later come the gibes and jokes on a misstep or error in manual. Once during each encampment a company is required to put on the ceremonies of guard mount on the big parade ground. It is on the occasion when you are the whole show prima donna, leading man and supernumerary. You know in advance that every individual is there to pick you to pieces, to criticize or applaud, to hand you a bouquet or a brick bat. To allow any real self to exist in the minds of the folks back home as to the fate of their absent offering, let it be recorded at once that not a brick

bat was hurled at their darlings in the 7th company.

It Turned Adrift. In future explanations of guard mount ceremonies, it should be stated that the company is ruthlessly turned adrift by its officers, left alone to their fate and good sense and judgment of the senior sergeant, and out there on the parade ground is required to execute difficult maneuvers, stand as stiff as the headquarters flag staff before the critical gaze of their own captain and officers of other companies and regulars, from the colonel to battalion sergeants, to sink or swim, survive or perish. The Seventh did not perish, neither did a man even begin to sink. Sergeant Brown gallantly led them down the field behind the band, turned them in perfect shape and order before the colonel and critical throng and stood there at inspection throughout the trying ordeal without as much as a bobble. It might look better to have this come from some other source, but since the occasion unfortunately does not exist for it to reach beyond the official records, it is not out of place to say that the report shows that the 1916 guard mount ceremonies of the 7th company is the best ever put on by any militia company at Fort Stevens. Consequently the captain tonight, as well as every officer and man are feeling fairly good, thank you. The sergeant major, the officer before whom the ceremonies are performed, expressed a wish that he might be permitted to again preside with the 7th company under the spot light.

Sub-Caliber Practice. The drill today was at sub-caliber practice, firing at a moving target towed by a tug out in the river. For the information of those not up on coast artillery practice, it might be well to explain this interesting work. The big guns mounted at Ft. Stevens on which the artillery corps hold their practice are provided with 3-pounder sub-caliber tubes which are inserted inside the 10-inch bores of the regular cannon, and with this miniature make, believe weapon each company is permitted to fire one hundred rounds of ammunition. All conditions of actual full service firing are the same except the decreased range, size of the projectile and the noise. The 7th company have fired sixty of the one hundred shots assigned them and are now consistently hitting the target with the sub-caliber ammunition at the minimum range of 4000 yards. All men are working in their respective positions like veterans. The months of armory drill at home is now beginning to show up at its full value. This range section, the men who determine the range and deflection, are considered as efficient, if not better, than any section in the camp. The regular instructors assigned to the militia companies have not been near the 7th company plotting room, which is an indication of the good work the men are doing.

It has been necessary for the instructors to practically build up range sections for some of the companies before they could proceed with the work at hand. This has largely been brought about by scarcity of men through transfers to the infantry companies now on the Mexican border.

Amusing Incident. An amusing incident emanating from a member of the 7th company, which has gone the rounds of the camp, is considered the best yet. This daily grind beginning at 5:30 a. m. is the subject of continuous comment by the men in the corps. Not a minute can be found for anything but strict attention to drill routine from early morning to late in the evening, sometimes at infantry drill and sometimes work on the big guns. On the day the Medford company put on the guard mount ceremonies and the men were walking sentry duty around the camp, one of the regular army instructors who was making the rounds of the sentries approached a 7th company man and was promptly halted with the regulation, "Halt! Who goes there?" Upon being asked by the instructor what action the sentry would take if asked for his gun by the party halted, he promptly

responded, "I'd hand it to him—quick, it would be the first time it has been off my shoulder today." Preparation is now being made for firing with full ammunition next Tuesday when all companies enter into competition at target practice. This year the range has been lengthened to 10,000 yards, a distance about the same as from Medford to Jacksonville, and at that range it is expected that full hits will be made on a pyramidal target thirty feet long and ten feet high moving at a speed of fifteen miles an hour. The 7th company has never failed to do the expected one or more times out of three each year, and they feel as equally confident now.

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

C. W. Root, city councilman and chairman president-elect, now visiting old home scenes in Ohio by the auto route, reports the much-talked-of Lincoln highway a fraud in several respects. Gasoline when he left Ashland was quoted here at 25 cents. In Ashland, O., upon his arrival there, it was 26 cents. On a sliding scale, the price was at its lowest in Osnab, at 18 1/2 cents, and the highest throughout Nevada at from 40 to 60 cents.

The city has reduced the current rate on electric ranges from 6 cents to 3 cents, as per ordinance recently passed. The private car "Sunset" has been in local yards considerably of late, subject to the orders of E. O. McCormick of San Francisco, vice-president of the Southern Pacific system, who has been passing a portion of his vacation in southern Oregon, during which time he has climbed Mt. Ashland, visited the marble caves of Josephine county, taken a glimpse of Crater Lake, inspected the Pacific highway and fished for trout in the streams of Klamath.

Schuyler Gunter left for San Francisco last Saturday to enter the employment of the Western Union in its general offices. He has been a resident of Ashland seven years, three years on a fruit ranch and four years in the Western Union local headquarters. His family remain here for the present. Mr. Gunter came to southern Oregon from the east and for years was employed as telegrapher by the Pennsylvania railroad.

A tri-weekly mixed train service has been installed on the Southern Pacific between Klamath Falls and Kirk, leaving the former town at 9 a. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Rogue River orchard tract has secured another permanent settler in the person of J. Farmer, who has come directly from the British Isles with the intent of occupying a property which he purchased several years ago. His family is also here and they will be housed in a fine new bungalow, supplemented with other farm conveniences.

Mrs. Jesse Applegate of Hillsboro, who was formerly Miss Lola Payne, and a well-known Ashland girl, had the misfortune to fall down stairs at her home recently, sustaining injuries which have compelled her to use crutches. The families of J. R. Casey, P. H. Graves and Charley Hargadine joined in a reunion picnic at the auto camp grounds last Thursday evening with Mrs. Ida Veggie of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Nicholas, who motored from Los Angeles recently, as invited guests. Covers were laid on the picnic tables for an even dozen, including Miss Mary Virginia Hargadine, 7 years old, whose birthday was the occasion of the event. The repast served went beyond the range of the ordinary "red table" lunch, it having been a substantial dinner served in courses, as provided by an array of skillful cooks.

Harvey Huntzinger and family have motored up from Pasadena for a visit with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edwards, who were to have met them on Siskiyou summit with their car and conveyed their guests down the valley into Ashland, but the visitors anticipated the plans.

Mrs. Emil Peil drove her car to Klamath Falls the last of the week, having for passengers a number of friends who visited here during the celebration and chauntanna periods. Miss Minnie Beaver has gone to Springfield, Ore., for a visit with her brother, Alfred, and sister, Mrs. Walter Herndon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Butler are in Medford for a brief sojourn at the seaside.

Karl Rose is the temporary engineer of the switch engine in local yards, during a layoff taken by the regular locomotive driver.

The Nat was the scene of a lively dance Saturday night, the social event being one in a series during midsummer months. What added to the gaiety of the occasion was that the plunge was also open during the evening hours.

William A. Long of Portland, son-in-law of A. C. Spencer of this city, has returned to Ashland for the third time, in this instance to locate permanently. His family accompanied him. Ashland Lodge No. 45 of Odd Fellows recently installed officers, District Deputy Grand Master Storey conducting the exercises. Noble grand is Leo Trolan; vice-grand, Ed Hedfield; recording secretary, B. R. Stevens; financial secretary, George Ogg; treasurer, William Meyer; chaplain, E. E. Phipps; warden, J. L. Taylor; conductor, Charles Hargadine; inside guard, J. J. Murphy; outside guard, A. S. Payne. W. G. Moore becomes a past grade by virtue of succession to that office. The ceremonies concluded with a banquet ranked as being extra fine.

Dr. F. J. McArthur of San Francisco, Cal., health officer, located at Hornbrook temporarily, was in Ashland on Saturday. It is his particular duty to inspect interstate passenger traffic, on the lookout for parties coming from distant points where infantile paralysis is prevailing as an epidemic.

On August 1, D. C. Adler, veteran S. P. conductor running on the Shasta limited, will be transferred for two months to the Wood-Klamath Falls branch, with headquarters in the latter town. This temporary change is in the nature of a vacation from the present strenuous to a lighter assignment.

Miss Margaret Hodgson has joined the Frank Russell family in a fortnight's camp outing at Long's Lodge, Ashland canyon, where quite a number of local residents, are already located.

Mayer Johnson having sold himself out of house and home, is moving this week into the Milton Van Leer residence, 308 North Main street. Mr. Van Leer is going to Alaska for an indefinite stay.

The three deer which have been browsing about the edge of town are still lingering within city limits, and on Friday were noticed near the residence of Jim McNeil on the high drive, where the three were again photographed while feeding in an orchard. Arthur Pennington, native of Ashland, and for some time past resident of Tillamook, has been receiving acquaintances hereabouts. Yreka has deposited its city hall bond issue of \$12,500 at par and a premium of \$157. Among extra visitors to Crater

Lake from this vicinity were Mrs. Alice McDaniel, Mrs. F. G. McWilliams and the Misses Etta and Kathryn Miller, who started last Friday. Boyd's jitney took the party, which went via Klamath Falls in order that Mrs. McWilliams might visit her son Charley there. They will return by the Rogue river route.

Seven ears of fat cattle went north the last of the week, consigned from Central California to Portland.

Quite a number of Elk went over to Yreka on Saturday and report being royally entertained by members of the order there, many of whom belong to the organization here.

Rev. H. A. Carnahan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was elected a trustee of Albany college at the recent Oregon synod held in Eugene.

FATTY ARBUCKLE AT PAGE TONIGHT Fatty Arbuckle will contest feature honors at the Page with the Triangle-face play, "Watts," in which two well known stars, William Desmond and Jane Grey play the leading parts. "The Watts" is the medium through which Jane Grey returns to Triangle audiences. She appears in the powerful role of a woman of the slums who aids in the redemption of a young clergyman who has not practiced what he preached, William Desmond, the Scotch minister, who won Billie Burke in "Pepey," heads the supporting company of Ince players. The story of the pathetic little heroine is a gripping film narrative that achieves the same result obtained by the Fabian's picture. By radically different methods it shows that good is still predominant in what has been called the best of all possible worlds. "Can a bad woman make a man good?" That question has been asked many thousands of times, and there

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