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REUNION A SUCCESS

13th Annual Reunion of the Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors at Jacksonville One of the Most Successful For Years.

MIFF NEXT YEAR AT GRANTS PASS

The Thirteenth annual reunion of Southern Oregon soldiers and sailors, held in Jacksonville, beginning on Monday last, closed this Friday. It opened with every assurance that it would be one of the largest in attendance and the most successful of any of the reunions yet held in Southern Oregon, but the rains which set in on Wednesday continued in frequency sufficient to render camp life disagreeable and to cut down the attendance of visitors fully one-half. But notwithstanding the cold, disagreeable weather the attendance of old soldiers was quite up to the average, there being about 50 tents on the grounds and besides there were a number of Veterans who boarded about town, and there were visitors enough at the platform exercises to make up good audiences for the various meetings that were held on the grounds and at the Court House.

During last week Quartermaster Frank Kasshafer, John Renault, Alex Thompson, Jas Herds and other local veterans were at work getting Ulrich's and Beekman's grove in order for the encampment. This grove the use of which was donated by Chris Ulrich and Mr. C. C. Beekman made an ideal camping place, being clean, handsome and convenient to town. Kerosine torches lighted up the grounds at night and pure spring water was readily had from Beekman's spring, which had been fitted with a pump, for the campers use. The stifling clouds of dust on Third street leading to the grounds were kept down by Chris Ulrich who did the sprinkling free of charge the water being had from Peter Applegate's tank, he doing the plumping free of charge. The compliment was paid Jacksonville by the old soldiers that the seats at this encampment were the most comfortable of any they had had at their reunions. The tents were supplied by the various G. A. R. Posts taking part in the encampment, though a number were borrowed from individuals. The cost of setting them up and shipping them back was paid for by a fund contributed by the citizens of Jacksonville and they also furnished free of cost the fuel for camp fires, straw for bedding hot coffee and soup with the services of a competent cook to conduct the coffee and soup kitchen, and the powder was furnished for the daily salutes fired from the cannon.

The first to arrive on the grounds was the battery of artillery, which consisted of a 4-inch brass field piece under the command of Chief of Artillery J. P. Easter of Ashland. This gun which is State property and in the custody of the Ashland militia company, was brought by team to Jacksonville Sunday and Capt. Easter fired his sundown gun that evening and each day during the encampment the regular salutes of a military post made the hills about Jacksonville echo. Early Monday the veterans, many with their wives and other members of their families began to arrive and by evening Camp B. F. Pike, as the encampment was called in honor of General B. F. Pike, department commander of Oregon, and who was present at the reunion and did much to make it the great success that it was, was a scene of activity and presented quite a military appearance for the Veterans were in their blue uniforms. A feature of the encampment was a fife and drum corps that played daily all the calls of the army camp service, beginning with the reveille to awaken the camp in the morning and giving during the day the various muster calls and closing with them nights when lights were to go out. This drum corps was made up of J. W. Adams Chas. Z. Bush, fifiers, J. J. Myers, T. E. Hills, snare drummers and E. E. White, bass drummer. All are members of Burnside Post of Ashland, and this Post has the honor of being the only Post in the state that has a drum corps composed of old army musicians. An interesting fact connected with this corps is that two of its members, J. J. Myers and J. W.

Adams were drummer boys from '61 to '65 in the same regiment, the sixth Iowa Infantry and shared the same blanket the night of the day they were mustered out, when each departed for their homes not to meet or know the whereabouts of each other until two years ago when they met in the Post room at Ashland.

Program had been arranged for the afternoon and evening of each day of the encampment, but the inclement weather disarranged the literary features. Monday evening the exercises were conducted by Jacksonville. Mayor Emil Britt extended a welcome to the visitors, Hon. W. M. Colvig making the chief address, which was one of his best and most happy efforts and was quite appropriate to the occasion. A short program of musical and literary selections concluded the evening entertainment. Tuesday afternoon the Gold Hill Girls Cornet Band under the leadership of Dr. Jamison, gave a delightful musical concert and in the evening Rev. J. W. McDougall gave a patriotic address that was well received. Preceding the address a comedy-farce was given by some Grants Pass ladies that was quite laughable. Ashland and Medford had prepared programs, but the rains prevented them being carried out.

The chief feature of the entire encampment was the address of Senator Chas. W. Fulton, of Astoria, given Thursday afternoon in the Court House, the large circuit court room being packed to the standing room. Senator Fulton's theme was "Patriotism" and it was conceded by all that it was one of the most clearcut and forceful addresses ever given in Southern Oregon and during its delivery the Senator was frequently given the heartiest of applause by the old soldiers and the audience. Senator Fulton was introduced by Hon. W. I. Vawter, of Medford.

Friday a dinner was given in the Odd Fellows banquet room for the old soldiers and their ladies and it was fully up to Jacksonville standard for dinners as was proven by the hearty commendation given by the visitors. The management of the dinner was by Miss Emma Ulrich and Miss Anna Keegan and they proved themselves fine hustlers for they did the soliciting and collecting of the material for the dinner and had every thing in on time ready for the table committee to arrange. The table were handsomely

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OWNERS VISIT MINE

Eastern Officers and Stockholders Visit the Oregon Belle Mine And Are Pleased With the Outlook of the Same.

MAY PUT IN A TEN STAMP MILL

Superintendent H. E. Foster came in from the Oregon Belle mine Wednesday having with him Mr. and Mrs. F. Troutwine and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Roberts, who had spent the previous three days at the mine. The Oregon Belle is owned by the New York & Western Mining Company, a New York corporation of which Mr. Roberts is president and Mr. Troutwine is a member of the board of directors, and these gentlemen were on an inspection trip to their mining property. They were well pleased with the showing that the mine makes and have confidence that it will develop into a profitable property. They stated to a representative of the Sentinel that their Company would expend money sufficient to thoroughly prospect the mine and if it continues to carry the values now to be had that in the near future they would put in a 10 stamp mill. There is ample capital back of the Oregon Belle to insure its operation on an extensive scale for all the stockholders are wealthy New York business men. President Roberts is manager of the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Albany, New York and Director Troutwine is the owner of one of the largest leather manufactures in the United States, his factory being at Gloversville, New York, a city of tanneries.

This was the first visit of Messrs. Roberts and Troutwine and their ladies to the Pacific Coast and they were very expressive in their compliments of the country, they being especially pleased with the beauty, the climate and the possibilities of Rogue River Valley. The profusion of roses and other flowers at this season of the year was a revelation to the ladies, at whose homes flowers are a thing of the past the last of September. Superintendent Foster stated the new

compressor plant would be ready to run within a few days. The two Burleigh drills, recently ordered by him from San Francisco, had arrived and were now at the mine and that by next week, day and night shifts of men would be put to work extending the two tunnels now opened, which are each in about 100 feet. While the company has some 300 cords of wood on hand a contract has been made for cutting 400 cords for immediate delivery at the mine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Willits, of Joes Bar in Jacksonville Wednesday, Mrs. Willits being on her way to Alameda, California, where she will spend the winter, hoping to get relief from rheumatism which has been troubling her for the past year, though not seriously as yet. Mr. Willits will spend the winter at his Joes Bar home and in Jacksonville, he having a number of many promising copper claims that he is holding in the Blue Ledge district. Their hotel and stage barn at Joes Bar he will lease for the winter as he does not care to run it himself as he would have to hire help. Mr. Willits is a miner of year's experience in Montana, Colorado and other states and he has every confidence that the Blue Ledge district will become one of the largest copper mining districts in the world.

Mrs. H. K. Hanna will leave this Sunday for San Francisco accompanied by her son Lean, whom she will place in an academy in that city. Lean graduated last spring from the Jacksonville High School and he is a studious boy of exemplary habits and he will be as attentive to his work in the academy as he was in the public school. The boy, having excellent musical talent and being a violinist of ability far beyond one of his years Judge and Mrs. Hanna intend to give him an advanced course in music and it is for this purpose largely that they place him in a San Francisco school that he may have the advantage of the musical training to be had in that city. Mrs. Hanna will remain about a month in San Francisco to visit with relatives and friends.

Sergeant R. S. Dunlap came up from the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg, where he has been since last spring, to spend a week with his many old Jacksonville friends and to take part in the Soldier's encampment, he being a veteran of the Mexican war. Sergeant Dunlap is in the best of health and looked quite young and soldier-like in his new blue uniform. He reports that he is contented and likes the life at the Home, where every comfort that the veterans wish is theirs. There are now about 135 soldiers at the Home. Sergeant Dunlap returned to the Home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Robinson and infant son arrived Monday and have decided to again take up their residence in Jacksonville. For the present they are at the Taylor House, with Mrs. Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left Jacksonville in August last year for Junction City, Oregon, where they have resided on the farm belonging to Mr. Robinson's father, Mr. Robinson assisting in carrying on the farm work, but he has decided to again take up some vocation in town.

Charles Basye left for Portland Friday, to accompany his daughter Zephia home Sunday from the North Pacific Sanatorium where she has been for the past month, having had a surgical operation performed. Mrs. Mamie Dox, who has also been at the sanatorium for like treatment, and her mother Mrs. S. J. Day, will also return home Sunday.

Postmaster J. F. Miller and wife, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Amada Bilger and Harry Miller, made up a carriage party that drove to Ashland last Saturday, where Mr. Miller took the train for his home in San Jose California, after a three weeks visit in his old home town.

Hon. George Colvig, a leading attorney of Grants Pass, was in Jacksonville Friday on legal business and remained over night a guest of his brother, W. M. Colvig.

Mrs. Gus Newbury and Miss Pauline Reuter spent last Saturday at Phoenix guests at the home of Mrs. L. A. Rose, mother of Mrs. Newbury.

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