

CAN SECURE MILITIA

Klamath Falls In Line for One of Five Companies

WOULD PROVE GREAT BENEFIT

New Army Bill Calls for Organization of Additional Com- panies and This City, By Virtue of Its Location, Should Have One of Them

There is now an excellent opportunity for this city to secure a state militia. The Army bill based by the Senate a short time ago paved the way for the establishment of a number of military companies in Oregon. It is necessary to recruit five additional companies in order to bring the Fourth Oregon regiment up to a regular army basis. These additional companies will be organized in five towns of the state. Klamath Falls, because of its location, is entitled to one of these companies, and if the proper efforts are put forth it can be secured and its organization effected.

Applications from almost every thriving city in the state are being received at Portland by Adjutant General Finzer. The task of picking out the new stations is yet to be taken up by the Oregon Military board.

The desirability and advantage of being the station of a military company of the National Guard service, should appeal to every enterprising community. Remarkable changes have occurred in the past few years in the National Guard service so that it is no longer a strike breaking expediency, but a part of the first line of the nation's defense.

Companies are already located at such places as Eugene, Roseburg, Ashland, Cottage Grove, McMinnville, Woodburn, Oregon City, The Dalles, Baker City and Pendleton, while strong applications for one of the new companies have been tendered by such points as Astoria, Kainer, Seaside, Canby, Silverton, Medford, Grant's Pass, Forest Grove, Newberg and Klamath Falls. Other applications are being received weekly. The purpose of the Military board is to distribute these companies to the best possible advantage among the better types of cities of the state.

The problem that is just now occupying the attention of Oregon National Guardsmen, of whom there are some 100, is that of suitable armories. The national government supplies arms and equipment, ammunition, shooting galleries and ranges, and the war department has suggested that the various states

should at least provide suitable armories for housing the troops and storing the equipments. Portland, of course, has an adequate armory, provided and paid for by Multnomah County. The last Legislature appropriated \$100,000 to be paid out at the rate \$25,000 a year for the construction of armories in the smaller communities of the state. This appropriation is to be voted upon under the Initiative and Referendum at the June election. From a military standpoint the armories are indispensable, from a economic standpoint they are a good investment. The state is at present paying \$5,000 per year rentals for inadequate rookeries. Thus it will be seen that in comparatively a few years the armories would pay for themselves in the saving to the state on rentals. The success of the measure already seems assured, the only obstacle being a possible lack of understanding and appreciation of the measure by the voters of smaller communities who are the ones, by the way, most directly interested.

This city is so situated that it is entitled to a military company and it might be well for the Chamber of Commerce to take some action in the matter and assist in securing such an organization. The application of this city, backed by the indorsement of the commercial organization, would put this place among the list of five cities every one of which will be favored with one of the new companies.

Van Wallace, aged eight years, arrived in the city on the boat a few nights ago from his home in Sacramento. He was on his way to Bonanza to visit with his grandfather. The youngster had made the entire trip alone and did not seem to mind it in the least. He had money to pay his way and knew just when and where to pay.

E. J. Billings and J. G. Fields are in the city from Sacramento. They are here looking over the country and will leave for Bonanza in the morning, chaperoned by Frank Ira White.

DOINGS OF THE POLITICIANS

Notwithstanding the fact that a large percent of the teaching population of the county is comprised of ladies nearly all of the political aspirants attended the teachers meeting at Merrill Saturday. Campaigning among the ladies is rather popular this year and it is hard to say whether this is a new wrinkle in doing politics, or whether it is due to the class of candidates in the field.

The candidate ball at Merrill Friday night was largely attended, and all who were present report a royal good time. This city was represented by a large delegation, most of the candidates being there and also a number of others who went to speak a few good words for their favorites in the race for political honors.

Bonanza was the center of attraction from a political standpoint Saturday night. After doing Merrill the candidates all went to the "oil town," where they spent the night, returning home Sunday. One party who saw the candidate's rigs coming along the road said it resembled a funeral cortege. The political aspirants seem to have grown clannish and for several days have traveled in dozens.

C. K. Brandenburg has returned from a trip through the entire county. He feels quite confident of success at the primaries.

C. R. DeLap is out presenting his case to the voters of the county.

WILL NOT REPEAT PERFORMANCE

Since returning from Merrill and Bonanza, Mr. Mong has decided to postpone the performance of "David Garrick" which was announced for tomorrow night. The company is hard at work on the play of "Oliver Twist," which will be given on Friday evening, and Mr. Mong feels the players should give every moment of their working hours to this very heavy and difficult play in order that they may give an artistic rendition of it. The players are already letter perfect in their parts and the mornings, afternoons and nights from now until the night of the show will be devoted to strong, hard work in the business of the play.

Many of our people are reading the book of "Oliver Twist" and will expect Mr. Mong and his company to give a very good account of themselves in the play, since, in his announcement, he stated that the play would closely follow the story as Dickens has given it to us. Mr. Mong will be seen as Fagin and Bill Sykes and Mrs. Harvey will play her famous part of Nancy, while Miss Lewis will be seen as the boy Oliver.

Abel Ady has returned from San Francisco where he was on business with the Southern Pacific Company in regard to certain road privileges at the point where the railroad crosses the channel. He succeeded in making satisfactory arrangements with the S. P. officials.

DEBT IS DECREASING

County Will Soon Be Free From All Indebtedness

Court House Will Come Next

Semi-Annual Statement of Officials Shows Large Decrease In Amount of Outstanding Warrants--County Will Owe Little Next Year

from certain lands they had rented from the Road Company in the Bly country. This they refused to do and the four men, who had given the orders to move, departed, but that night a crowd returned and a number of shots were fired. No one was hurt, and it is believed that the shooting was done to run a bluff. This happened more than a week ago according to Lakeview papers.

A Popular Place

The fact that hundreds of people visited the Hot Springs yesterday only goes to show that in years to come, when a sanatorium is established and a beautiful park surrounds the same it will be the most frequented spot in the city of Klamath Falls.

BRIEF MENTION

J. P. Bonham spent several days at Fort Klamath selling Singer sewing machines and Edison phonographs.

There is rejoicing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stahlman over the arrival of an heir. He took possession of the house last Saturday afternoon.

Jas. H. Driscoll is in the city from Bonanza. He says it keeps him on the go dodging the politicians. It is generally understood that he means dodging into them.

A program has been prepared for a meeting at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday, April 14, at 3 o'clock. Every woman interested in the temperance movement is urged to attend.

A large sawmill is being built at Pokegama. About twenty-five men are now employed on the building and it is stated that the mill will be in operation by the first day of July.

S. K. Noel arrived in the city Saturday night to look after his property interests. He expects to remain a few weeks. He says his daughter has been quite ill for some time and could not stand the climate at Woodburn. They will try California for her health.

Klamath county has long been looking forward to the time when it should be in a position where a new court house can be built without any infringement of the law governing the indebtedness of the county. This time is now near at hand and it is safe to say that before County Judge Griffith's term expires work will have commenced on the erection of the most beautiful and substantial court house in Southern Oregon. The county has long needed a court house, and had it not been for the unconstitutionality of a certain measure put before the Legislature the structure would now be completed.

The indebtedness of the county has prevented the erection of a new building for county purposes, but now that the debt is being reduced the possibility for a court house becomes encouraging. In another year the county should be practically free from debt. The semi-annual statement of the county officials for the term ending March 31st shows the total liabilities of the county to be \$83,831.70, while the resources aggregate \$31,005.45, leaving an indebtedness of \$52,825.95. This itself amounts to practically nothing, but in one more year the amount will be less than \$30,000, and if the county of Klamath cannot then begin the erection of a \$100,000 court house without having the legality of the warrants questioned by some disgruntled taxpayer it will be high time to change the law governing the limit of indebtedness of a county.

During the past year the indebtedness of the county has been reduced approximately \$40,000, and should this work continue for one more year the county can then pay for the court house as the work proceeds and by the time the building is completed it will also be paid for.

There are ten passengers on the stage coming in from Pokegama tonight. Most of them are said to be parties who are coming to look over the country.

Mike Dober has returned from a visit to the timber in the Bly vicinity. He says few of the homesteaders in that section have returned for the summer.

LARGELY ATTENDED

Merrill Institute Is Grand Success--Exceptionally Strong Program--Teaching Corps of County Well Represented --Enthusiastic Session Is Held

The teachers' institute at Merrill last Saturday was one of the most successful ever held in the county. The attendance of teachers was very good, about thirty being present. The Merrill people turned out and helped make the session the grand success that it was.

The meeting was called at 9:15 a. m. by Superintendent Wight and after singing the song America the teachers were welcomed to Merrill by Prof. G. R. Carlock, principal of the Merrill schools. Supt. Wight responded to Prof. Carlock's welcome.

Miss Anna Applegate read a most interesting paper on the "Historical Points of Interest about Merrill." This was followed by a "Chalk Talk" by W. A. Delsell which was very instructive. "Future Outlook of Schools" was the subject upon which Prof. J. G. Swan gave a talk that was beneficial to all teachers. A general discussion on text books used up the rest of the morning session.

The opening number of the afternoon session was a song by some of the Merrill school children which showed that they had thorough training in the musical line. Prof. Hobbs next presented a very able discourse on "Attention in Class Recitation." Prof. R. H. Dunbar gave the teachers one of his practical and forceful talks on "Arithmetic." Mr. Dunbar always says something of exceptional value to teachers and his talk on this important study was replete with good suggestions. Miss Stella Campbell, speaking on the subject of "Nagging," showed that she is thoroughly familiar with the school room. Interesting papers were also read by Miss Riches on "English in the Grades," Miss Anna Conn on "Primary Geography," and by Miss Callahan on "Primary Reading." The papers were all more or less discussed by the teachers and when the meeting adjourned all felt that it had been a day profitably spent.

Short Wins Contest

The General Land Office has handed down a decision in the T. F. Short vs. Joseph V. Hessig contest case. The latter is a homesteader who, it appears, did not live up to the letter of the law governing homestead entries. The contest was decided in favor of the plaintiff. The land in question is in the pine belt north of Bly.

Saves Free

The First Trust & Savings Bank has received 100 metal safes which they will loan to anyone opening an account with a deposit of \$1 or more. These safes can be kept at your home to put your change in. When full they can be brought to the bank and the money will be placed to your credit. The bank pays 3 per cent on these deposits. Interest paid semi-annually. Safes on exhibit at the bank and at the Republican office.

Chastain Buys Business

County Clerk George Chastain has purchased an interest in the Shive Co. store and upon the expiration of his term of office he will enter upon his new duties in the mercantile business. George is well acquainted with the business, having been in the employ of L. F. Willits when he conducted the store.

Building to Bonanza

Moore Bros. have a force of men at work on the line to Bonanza. The Pole gang is now working near the Horton ranch. There has been some delay in getting the work on the plant started, but a force will be employed shortly. The machinery of the plant is at Bray and will be brought in at once.

Trouble on Range

The Newell boys, Lake County sheepmen were ordered to remove their sheep



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