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BENEFICIAL MILITARY CAMP FOR BOYS

Two records have been broken in connection with the Citizens' military training camp at Vancouver barracks, June 20 to July 19. One is that this is the largest camp in the nine years' history of C. M. T. C. training at Vancouver barracks. The other is that for the first time, every county in Oregon is represented by at least one boy. Malheur is represented by five, three from the Vale section.

Major General J. L. Hines of San Francisco, commanding general of the 9th corps area, inspected the C. M. T. C. activities last week, and expressed his surprise and satisfaction at the quality of work, the high type of the young men enrolled and at the progress shown in the few days the boys had been trained.

The boys have their own band, drum and bugle corps, and athletic groups, and keen competition is shown in various sports, which occupy much of the afternoons and evenings.

Drill, discipline and citizenship training fills the morning, starting off with 40 minutes of brisk physical exercise. Reveille is sounded at 5:45 a. m., and breakfast is at 6:30. From this time until retreat at 5:30 p. m., and later taps at 10 o'clock, the boys are busy with training and recreation, leaving little opportunity for homesickness or ennui.

At the end of camp, less than a week off, the 700 boys will leave camp for homes, sturdier, more manly and more conscious of responsibility as citizens. Incidentally, past records show that the boys gain in weight, an average of eight pounds each.

California continues to furnish by far the largest number of families in the list of the states from which new residents come to Oregon, according to the monthly report just issued by W. G. Ide, state chamber of commerce. Five California families were reported as having arrived and bought farms the last week in June.

SEA SCOUT SIPLE

One of the most attractive personalities in the Byrd expedition, which recently received a royal welcome upon its return from the Antarctic, is Sea Scout Paul A. Siple of Erie, Pa., who was selected from all the Boy Scouts in the country to accompany the explorer to the far south.

From reports on Siple's conduct during the long absence from civilization it appears that his selection for this honor was well merited. Shortly before the expedition set sail for home, Admiral Byrd gave a radio talk in which the young Scout's activities were featured. The admiral said:

"Sea Scout Paul A. Siple took up his work in the expedition as a man among men. He stood regular deck watches on shipboard and turned himself into an able seaman on a full-rigged sailing vessel. At the base he was given a dog team to drive and soon learned to handle the dogs like a sourdough. Paul was given the young pups to train and turned out a most useful team. As zoologist he got many specimens of Antarctic bird life. He also did good work in taking depth soundings in the Bay of Whales. Along with the rest, he has taken his turn at menial tasks, such as shoveling snow, house duties, kitchen police and standing night watches."

Every Boy Scout should be proud of the accomplishments of their representative in this greatest adventure in which an American boy has ever participated.

LUPER ON PUBLIC LANDS

Here's a new slant on the public land proposal of interest to Oregon and Malheur county. It is a statement by State Engineer Rhea Luper.

"Everything should be done by Oregon to induce the federal government to transfer to the state all unreserved public lands within its borders.

"These lands if transferred to the state, could be so administered that the revenue derived would assist materially in defraying the cost of government. Under federal control these lands return no taxes to the state and can only be sold with the consent of government officials.

"A few months ago President Hoover issued a call for a meeting at Salt Lake City, Utah, to discuss the proposal to transfer these unreserved public lands to the 11 western states in which they are located. All of the 11 states were represented, and the question was discussed at some length. The principal objection to President Hoover's plan was that the mineral and oil rights were reserved by the government. This reservation would result in making some of the lands virtually worthless and a liability to the states.

"During the recent conference held in Washington at which state and federal officials were questioned as to the advisability of transferring administration of the lands from the department of the interior to another federal department or deeding the lands to the 11 western states, subject to settlement of claims of squatters and completion of survey work already undertaken.

"Reports were current that in transferring the public lands to the states, the reclamation program in Oregon would be menaced. This is not true, and the government would continue to assist in reclamation activities.

"Oregon officials here who have given considerable attention to the question of transferring the public lands

to the states declared that such a move would tend to curb the expansion of government control and would place this state in a position to realize a large amount of money from grazing fees and from the sale of the lands. At the present time nearly a third of Oregon's territory is under control of the federal government. It was said several other western states are in a similar position.

"Word received recently indicated that the Hoover commission was of the opinion that there would be little difference in the income of the revolving reclamation fund even if the surface rights to public domain lands were transferred to the states.

"At the time Dr. Elwood Mead, federal reclamation commissioner, visited Oregon more than a year ago he said he favored completion of projects already undertaken before any new districts were created. He also expressed himself as favoring federal aid to the states in financing and developing private irrigation projects.

"Mead pointed out at that time that there were large numbers of irrigation projects in the west which were not completed and many of the settlers were stranded and unable to make their payments. The government has been requested to take over some of these districts in order that they may be completely colonized."

SIDELIGHTS

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, wife of Speaker Longworth, is known as one of the keenest political observers in Washington. She recently upheld her reputation for astuteness by winning \$20 from Senator Allen of Kansas. She bet that Senator Reed of Pennsylvania would vote for the tariff bill—and he did.

Several days before the birth of a son to Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh there were greeting cards bearing a stork towing a baby in a glider, and the words "Congratulations to the Happy Lindberghs."

Thomas A. Edison and Mrs. Edison, staunch Republicans both, split the family vote in the recent New Jersey primary. Mr. Edison cast his ballot for dry Mr. Fort; Mrs. Edison not only voted for wet Mr. Morrow but was also a member of the women's committee which backed his candidacy.

Wedding rehearsals are common; funeral rehearsals unusual. But Joseph Sandlin of Lebanon, Ind., had precise ideas of how he wanted to be put away, and had his lodge brethren gather for practice, he occupied a coffin. That was 24 years ago. A few days ago the ritual was carried out as he had directed, with Mr. Sandlin in the role of a real corpse, he having died at the age of 90.

Justice Morschauer of Middletown, N. Y., believes in giving erring youth a second chance. To Milton Young, 16, who confessed to taking a neighbor's automobile, the Justice said: "I won't make a thief of you. Promise to return to high school and graduate in two years. If tempted again, think of a fat-faced man on the bench who has a reformatory sentence waiting for you."

Heaven must be a place where the fish bite 365 days a year.

Well political issues change along with the times. Back in 1900 the issue was the full dinner pail. Now a lot of ultra-modern politicians are trying to make it the full demijohn.

Our idea of a real vacation is an electric refrigerator, a couple of electric fans, the latest mystery novel and a comfortable seat on the shady front porch at home.

Jackie Coogan's record of being a retired movie star at the age of 11 has been slightly bettered by little Michael of Roumania, who is an ex-king at eight.

NATURE IS A SKILLFUL DOCTOR

According to statistics nine out of every ten people who are sick would get well anyway, if they never had a doctor.

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Charles P. Powers, 50, of Caldwell, a Spanish war veteran and Idaho Power company employe for many years, died in a hospital Sunday night, after being injured about the head and shoulders when an automobile in which he was riding, left the highway west of Bliss and over turned. The accident occurred last Thursday.

Powers, with Elbert Carlson, fellow employe were on their way to Pocatella. The car failed to negotiate a curve. Powers was thrown out. Carlson was still in the machine when it came to rest, after turning over several times. He was slightly bruised. Both men were well known here, having worked in the vicinity of Nyssa last winter.



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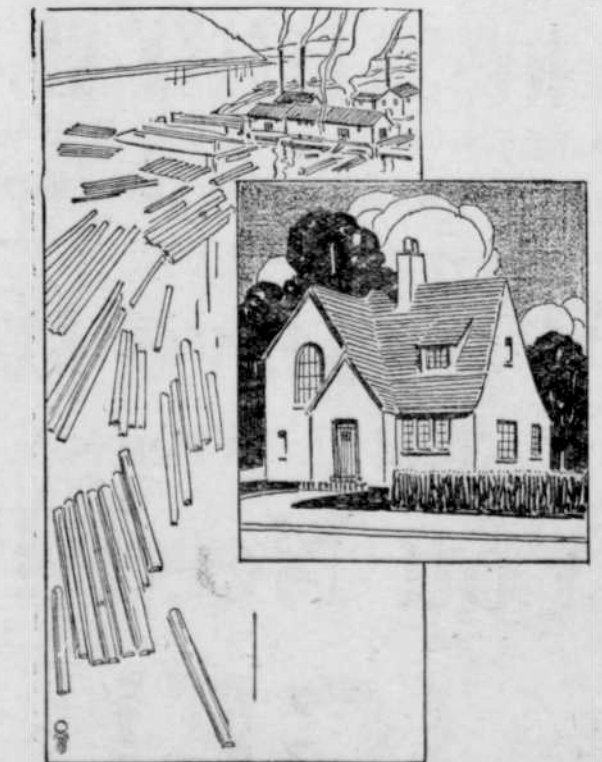
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