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THE KILLING OF NELSON.

After long taking of testimony that Portland coroner's jury came to the conclusion that everybody came to long before, and that any school boy could come to, to-wit:

That the killing was purely accidental, for which it was impossible to hold any participant in the sham battle responsible, and second that General Compton was alone responsible for ordering the sham battle.

The attempt of the regimental officers to fix upon General Compton the sole responsibility for Nelson's death is puerile and ridiculous, so far as it goes in that direction, and that seems to be the conclusion some of the Portland papers draw from their testimony.

It was highly improper and insubordination of the roughest kind for regimental officers to volunteer their opinions in a civil court, in an officious, "I-told-you-so" manner.

A simple reference to the fact that they were under orders, and that the orders were a matter of record easily accessible to the coroner's jury, would have been all that any self-respecting officer of the Oregon National Guard, who had any knowledge whatever of military usage or law, would have been required to state.

In a matter wherein General Compton alone had to be responsible as the officer in command, even if he had asked any of the Portland regimental officers to share his responsibility, is the height of imbecille supererogation.

It is a notorious fact that several of the 1st Regiment officers were not anxious to take part in a sham battle for lack of experience and ignorance of tactics. It was a job they wanted to get out of for reasons best known to themselves. In the trial by court martial of a regimental officer for neglect of duty or insubordination these facts might come out but to air them in a civil court is nonsense.

To try to charge the public mind with the idea that General Compton is guilty of causing Nelson's death is as monstrously unjust as to go a step farther and charge Governor Penney, who is Compton's superior officer, or the legislature itself, that created the Oregon National Guard with the crime.

General Compton comes from a fighting regiment of New York volunteers and won his military experience and reputation on real fields of battle. His record as an officer is untarnished. He may deserve criticisms for other reasons but the attempt to fasten upon his good name the responsibility for Nelson's death is unfair and dastardly.

Sham battles have been events of common occurrence, and usually attended by no fatal results. But, of course, after an accident happens some one must be burned at the stake to mollify public clamor and gratify the ambition of those who seek profit or promotion by the mishap.

SUGGESTED COMMENT.

The Mid-Winter fair has broke loora. No one is safe against the lawless inuendo of a reckless newspaper.

It is not surprising that Mr. Wilkins, Oregon's world's fair commissioner, was opposed to holding a state fair. He is opposed to anything but a fat job for Wilkins.

The Oregonian needs a scape goat for its enmity to General Compton and it is very natural it should turn upon that gentleman himself when a good opportunity affords.

It is surprising that no more has been done to recover the State Agricultural College money that was deposited in the rotten Corvallis bank a few days before it quit receiving the peoples money for private speculations.

If it can be proven that Jim Hill of the Great Northern has stolen anywhere near \$3,000,000, his career as a railroad man will be at an end. His services in the United States senate could hardly be dispensed with.

The willingness of the bandbox official at Portland to swear the killing of Nelson upon a Salem militiaman, even to producing an alleged photograph of the event, shows what metal they are made of. It was a snap shot.

THIS JOURNAL has at all times treated its contemporaries courteously, unless they have wantonly made personal attacks upon the character or business integrity of its managers. Such attacks it can only ignore unless they come from a responsible source.

It is difficult to see how the officers of the First Regiment who aired their grievances against General Compton at the coroner's inquest over the remains

THE WHITE HOUSE.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE HAS COST.

Appropriations Made by Congress Year by Year Have Reached a Total of \$2,332,000—How the Annual Sum For Its Maintenance Has Grown.

Seventy-five years ago the White House grounds presented a most unattractive appearance, without grass or shrubbery. They extended over the greater part of the area now occupied by the treasury and the state, war and navy departments. The land on which the treasury now stands was then used as the White House vegetable garden, while the orchard was on the site now occupied by the state, war and navy departments.

The lot back of the mansion was used for a pasture, as in those days there were usually four or five cows attached to the White House. Under the front portico was a dairy supplied with water brought by an inch pipe from a spring in Franklin park, several squares distant, and this dairy was the pride of more than one mistress of the White House. In the days when the president himself did the marketing and the cooking was under the personal supervision of the president's wife.

In striking contrast to those primitive times is the present regime, which relieves the first lady of the land of all household cares and leaves her free to meet her numerous social obligations. The entire cost of the White House up to the present time has been \$2,332,000. Nine hundred and thirty thousand dollars of this amount has been expended in finishing, furnishing and carpeting the mansion since 1797. Since 1807 \$702,000 has been spent in repairing it, and since 1818 \$373,000 in improving the grounds surrounding it.

Notwithstanding the fact that it has cost \$2,000,000, the capacity is singularly inadequate for the uses required of it. It is capable really only of comfortable accommodations for the president's office rooms and apartments for social receptions.

There are but five bedrooms, a dining room, sitting room and the "red parlor" for the use of the family. The other public reception rooms and state dining room could, of course be used by the president's household, but they are too large and grand to offer many attractions to a quiet family.

The repainting of the White House is not an inconsiderable item of the yearly repairs. Enough white paint, it is said, has been laid on the portico pillars to double their present diameter, and the outside walls would likewise have gained several feet if the old paint had not first been removed.

The term White House, by which it is now known throughout the country, was not applied to it until after the sandstone walls, blackened by smoke and flames when the British set fire to it, were painted a gleaming white in 1817.

Before the first occupant, John Adams, had established himself in the mansion congress appropriated for furniture what was then considered the magnificent sum of \$15,000 and this money was made to hold out during the four years of his administration.

When his successor, Jefferson, took up his residence there, \$14,000 was set aside for the accommodation of the household of the president, to be laid out at his discretion and under his direction, together with the proceeds from the sale of such part of the furniture and equipage belonging to the president's household as may be decayed and out of repair.

Most of this money was devoted to refurnishing the house, and it was all spent in three years. Four years later a like sum was placed at the disposal of Madison, and the same amount was appropriated at the beginning of his second term.

The burning of the mansion while he resided there, however, necessitated its reconstruction, for which \$30,000 was appropriated in 1817, together with the proceeds of the sale of the old furniture. The year following James Monroe came into the historic old mansion, and \$20,000 more was spent in finishing and refurnishing it.

The regulation sum—\$14,000—was again allowed when John Quincy Adams took possession, and in 1826 and 1827 \$6,000 additional was appropriated for finishing and furnishing the east room.

The front portico of Ionic pillars was added in Jackson's first term at a cost of \$19,000, and in his second term \$28,000 more was spent for furniture. Van Buren was voted \$30,000 for furniture and repairs. All this time most of the furniture was brought from London or Paris, and nearly all of it was of mahogany. When William H. Harrison became president, the appropriation was cut down to \$8,000, and in his term the furniture bought should be of American manufacture.

Polk and Taylor were each allowed \$14,000 for the customary alterations, but when Pierce took up his residence in the White House the generous sum of \$25,000 was appropriated for furniture and repairs, and during Buchanan's term \$30,000, and in his term Lincoln used \$30,000 on the house. A thorough overhauling took place when Johnson was inaugurated, at a cost of \$76,000, and in 1865 and 1866 \$59,000 was added to complete the work. A like amount was expended by Grant during his first term, and \$10,000 the second, exclusive of fuel, which averaged \$5,000 a year.

The average annual outlay is now \$35,000 for furniture and repairs and \$3,000 for fuel. The carpets on the floors of the reception rooms have to be renewed every year, owing to the immense amount of wear they are subjected to under the feet of the public.—New York Times.

Negroes at the Capital. Speaking of colored people, I am reminded of a well known Washington contractor informed me the other day that only one big concern at the capital (the Washington Gaslight company) employed exclusively white (Irish) laborers; that all the others hired negroes. "There is," he said, "hardly a white hod carrier in the city, but the colored hod carriers have a strong organization, numbering nearly 1,000 members."—Washington Cor. Brooklyn Eagle.

Mysterious Origin of the Handkerchief. The handkerchief in one form or another exists in nearly every portion of the globe, but just when or how it had its origin is involved in obscurity. Nevertheless it has quite a history, and many interesting facts surround this indispensable article that tends to add to the comfort of all mankind.—Washington Star.



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TODAY'S MARKETS.

Prices Current by Telegraph—Local and Portland Quotations.

SALEM, August 23, 4 p. m.—Office DAILY CAPITAL JOURNAL. Quotations for day and up to hour of going to press were as follows:

SALEM PRODUCE MARKET. PEAS and beans—5 to 10 cents a gallon. Blackberries—wild 50cts. a gallon; tame 5 cts. a box. Peaches—70 to 80 cts. a basket.

BUTCHER STOCK. Veals—dressed 41 cts. Hogs—dressed 64 to 67. Live cattle—2 to 2 1/2. Sheep—alive \$1.50 to \$2.00. Spring lambs—\$1.50 to \$2.00.

MILL PRICES. Salem Milling Co. quotes: Flour in wholesale lots \$3.20. Retail \$3.60. Bran \$17 bulk, \$18 sacked. Shorts \$19 and \$20. Chop feed \$19 and \$20.

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FARM PRODUCTS. Apples—75c to \$1.00 a bushel. Wool—Best, 10c. Hops—Small sale, 15 to 17c. Eggs—Cash, 18 cents. Butter—Best dairy, 25; fancy creamery, 30. Cheese—12 to 15 cts. Farm smoked meats—Bacon 12 1/2; hams, 13; shoulders, 10. Potatoes—new, 50c to 60c. Onions—14 to 20 cents. Beeswax—34c. Caraway seed, 18c. Anise seed, 20c. Ginseng, \$1.40.

HIDE AND PELTS. Green, 2 cts; dry, 4 cts; sheep pelts, 75 cts to \$1.25. No quotations on furs.

LIVE POULTRY. Chickens—7 to 10 cts; broilers 10 to 12 1/2; ducks, 12; turkeys, slow sale, choice, 10 cts; geese slow.

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS. Grain, Feed, etc. Flour—Standard, \$3.40; Walla Walla, \$3.40; Graham, \$3.00; superfine, \$2.50 per barrel. Oats—Old white, 40c per bu.; grey, 35c; rolled, in bags, \$8.25 to \$8.50; barrels, \$6.50 to \$6.75; cases, \$5.75. Hay—Best, \$15 to \$17 per ton; common, \$10 to \$13. Wool—valley, 10 to 12c. Millstuffs—Bran, \$17.00; shorts, \$21; ground barley, \$20 to \$24; chop feed, \$18 per ton; whole feed, barley, \$9 to \$9.50 per cental; middling, \$23 to \$25 per ton; brewing barley, 90 to 95c per cental; chicken wheat, \$1.22 to \$1.24 per cental. Hops—Old, 10 to 16c., new 15 to 17.

DAIRY PRODUCTS. Butter—Oregon fancy creamery, 22 1/2 to 25c; fancy dairy, 20 to 22 1/2c; fair to good, 18 to 17c; common, 14 to 15c per lb; California, 35 to 44c per roll. Cheese—Oregon, @ 12 1/2; Eastern twin, 16c; Young American, 14 1/2c per pound; California flats, 14c. Eggs—Oregon, 15 to 17c per dozen. Poultry—Chickens, old, \$5.00; broilers, large, \$2.00 to \$3.00; ducks, old, \$4.50 to 6.00; young, \$2.50 to 4.00; geese, \$5.00; turkeys, live, 12c; dressed, 15c per lb.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET. Wool: Oregon Eastern choice, 12c to 15c; do inferior, 9c to 11c; do valley, 14c to 16c. Hops—18 to 21c. Potatoes—Early Rose, 30 to 50c. Barley—40c to 75c per cental. Onions—75 to 85c per cental for red, and \$3.00 to \$3.50 for white. Barley—Feed, 65 to 70c per cental for good quality and 85c for choice; brewing, \$ .90 per cental. Oats—Milling, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

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The same birds will be released at Eugene, Oregon, 277 miles from Puyallup, Wednesday of this week, when a close account of the time made on their flight will be carefully kept. These birds belong variously to Fred S. Meeker and Wm Oilard, of Puyallup.

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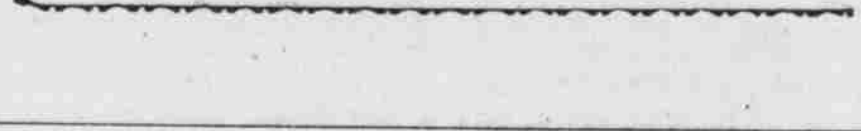
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