

COMMANDER BOOTH TUCKER VISITS THE COAST

Is Interested in a Bill Before Congress for the Coloniza- tion of Arid Land

Commander F. Booth Tucker, head of the Salvation Army in the United States, arrived in the city this morning, and is at the Willamette. He is on a tour of the continent, having left his headquarters in New York City March 4th, accompanied by a party of a dozen prominent workers of the Army. Commander Tucker is a pleasant man, democratic and polite in manners, reminding one of a polished Southern gentleman, with a rich mellow accent, almost musical in tone. A short talk with him would convince any one that he has a wide experience with all classes of humanity, as he as readily grasps questions of political as those of a religious nature. When The Journal reporter called at the hotel this morning the commander was busily engaged dictating correspondence to his stenographer, who travels with the party. "I carry headquarters with me," explained the commander, in a half apologetic way, as he referred to the many books, papers and letters that were piled up on the desks and tables, but he immediately desisted from his labors and chatted pleasantly with his visitor concerning his trip. "I am killing two birds with one stone," said the religious and philanthropic leader, "and I am meeting with much encouragement. Since leaving New York I have visited 24 cities in the East and South, and we have had large meetings at every point. While I desire to see the work of the Army in the West, yet I am largely interested at the present time in the bill which I have before congress. The measure was introduced by Senator Hoar, and provides for the formation of a colonization bureau, under the direction of a commissioner of colonization, in connection with the interior department. The bureau will collect valuable information for settlers and furnish them with this free of charge. At the present time intending settlers are compelled to take the word of railroad companies, real estate men or others who have private interests at stake, and often time are misled, and caused to spend scanty funds in traveling over the country looking for a location. This would be unnecessary under the system proposed by the bill, as the commissioner and his assistants would gather reliable data. The bill proposes to advance to bona fide settlers from \$500 to \$1000 in cash and materials for the purpose of enabling worthy but poor families to make homes for themselves upon the land. Thousands of men with families are in the congested cities, eking out a miserable existence, when, if they had a team and wagon, a cow or two, and a little shack to live in, they would become well-to-do and valuable citizens. Our experience in the colonization business enables me to speak authoritatively on the subject, and I know that this class of people are only too glad to get away from the poverty and degradation of the crowded cities, with their boys and girls. The government, un-

der our bill will issue gold bonds to run 50 years to the amount of \$50,000,000, at the rate of \$5,000,000 a year, and will assist families to establish homes, which shall not exceed 40 acres of irrigated land, or 80 acres of non-irrigated land. The settlers will pay for the places in small annual installments covering a period of 16 years. The late Senator Hanna was to have introduced our bill, but his untimely death prevented it. The measure is copied after the New Zealand law, which has been in operation eight years and has resulted in much good. Over \$18,000,000 have been loaned to the people in that little island with only a population of 700,000, and the government could not loan the balance of the \$25,000,000, as private parties would furnish money on even better terms, after the government entered the market and forced the money lenders to deal with the people.

"I have just received a letter from E. W. Scripps, manager of the Scripps News Agency, asking for detailed information regarding our plan and promising his assistance in the work through his newspaper syndicate. Other prominent men, including Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, have interested themselves along these lines and are doing great good for the measure. The Salvation Army has three colonies of their own in the United States—in Ohio, Colorado and California—and the success that has attended our efforts in this direction has been unprecedented. Two of the colonies are on arid land and about \$300,000 have been expended in settling some 400 men, women and children on these lands. The farms average 20 acres and the colonists are self-supporting and contented. On one colony there are now three schools, four teachers and 170 school children. Families who started five years ago without a cent have now from \$2000 to \$5000 worth of real and personal property."

Commander Tucker is 51 years of age and his long, wavy hair, with a high full forehead gives him the appearance of a man of art or literature more than the commander of a mighty religious force. He was born in Monghyr, Bengal, India, and was a small boy when the mutiny broke out. His family sought shelter on an armed steamer in the Ganges at the outbreak of hostilities. Young Tucker was sent to England to school and studied for the civil service, returning to India to enter that branch of the government work. He one day read of the Salvation Army and traveled to England in 1881 to enlist in the organization. Later he married a daughter of General William Booth, who founded the army, but she was killed in a railroad accident last October. He is a cousin of the Virginia Tuckers, who have played an important part in the politics of that state and of the nation since early days. At the present time the Salvation Army has 7000 stations and 15,000 officers, though at the time of Commander Tucker's enlistment there

were only 30 stations and less than 300 officers in the world.

With the commander are Col. Geo. French, of New York, and Col. M. Holland, of Colorado; Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Scott, Lieutenant-Colonel Annie Osborne, Captain Dorothy Graham, Motee Booth-Tucker, the commander's daughter; Ensign Esther Dammes, Ensign Bessie Dickens, Adjutant Hansen, Capt. William Smith and wife. Capt. Smith is better known as "Turkey Point Billy," a noted prize fighter, who has engaged in over 100 battles in the sawdust arena.

Commander Tucker, assisted by his party, will give his lecture, "Love and Sorrow," at the opera house tonight.

MOHLER WILL BE MISSED

His Efforts Were Successful in Doing Great Good for Oregon

The people of the Inland Empire have begun to realize what has been done for them in the matter of improvement of transportation facilities during the past four or five years. At a banquet given in Portland Saturday night by citizens to the retiring president of the O. R. & N., Mr. A. L. Mohler, the statements were made that during his administration of that property which was emerging from bankruptcy when he took hold of it, he has laid 462 miles of 80 and 90 pound steel rails on the main line, eliminated curves substituted steel for wooden bridges, built new tunnels laid concrete culverts, ballasted the line with gravel, equipped the road with modern locomotives, general rolling stock, new dining cars and coaches. The line stands today the equal of any of the trunk lines and is a credit to the company, Mr. Mohler, and the state. Those who have carefully observed transportation matters in the state for a period of 15 or 20 years say that no such reconstruction work has ever been accomplished here before. Mohler practically took hold of a new proposition and besides the work mentioned has rebuilt portions of the Spokane Riparia line, and consummated plans for branch line work in different sections of Oregon and Washington. Added to this he has increased the carrying capacity of the Oriental steamship line between Portland and Japan and China by adding new steamers to the fleet and changing old steamers for boats of larger capacity.

Mr. Mohler leaves Oregon with a clear record as one of the best transportation managers the west has ever seen and while his loss is deeply regretted by all the business interests of the state and especially those of the Inland Empire, which has felt the effects of his work in every line of business and department of development work, he will be followed to his new field of labor by the best wishes of all. Oregon is on the eve of greater things in the near future and the way has been prepared by the transportation facilities already made for the Inland Empire by the O. R. & N. and the plans they have for future work. Rates for freight and passenger traffic have been voluntarily reduced and the whole scheme of betterment of service is with the view of cheapening the cost of transportation to producers and consumers.

The policy the Harriman system has inaugurated and so successfully carried out by President Mohler, who steps to the general management of the Union Pacific, will be fully developed and consummated in all details by his successor, General Manager E. E. Calvin, who came to Oregon a railroad man of large ability, large experience and a citizen of the greatest attainments.

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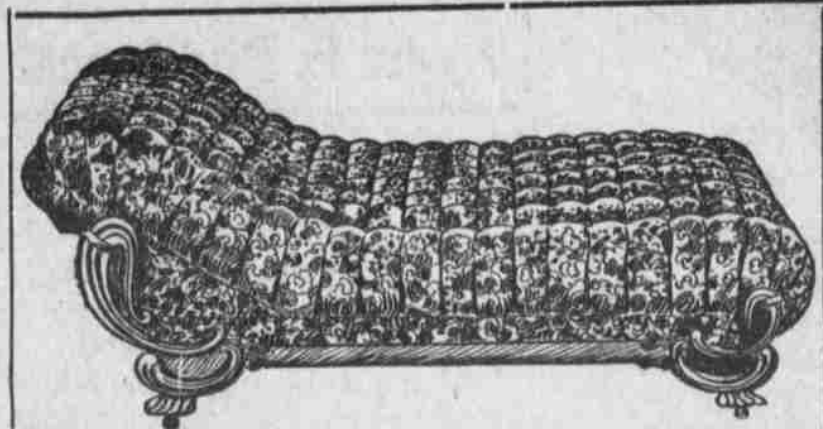
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PERSONALS.

Miss Tessie Dent is visiting with Salem friends.

H. L. Moreland, of Portland, was in the city last night.

George Forstner, of Portland, was in the city today.

John A. Ditter, the Sublimity merchant, was in the city today, en route home from a business trip to Portland.

South Salem Personals.
Miss Gertrude McBee went to Corvallis today for a visit with her parents.

Mrs. George Broker returned to her home in Ashland, after a short visit with South Salem friends.

He Wrote Names.
Walter Rice was brought to the penitentiary today from Waco county under sentence of two years for larceny.

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