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Colorado Springs, Dec. 16.—Funds for the purchase of 204 tent houses for the Modern Woodmen sanitarium north of Colorado Springs have been donated by camps of the order throughout the country. When the sanitarium was established a call was made on the various camps each to donate \$250, the cost of one tent cottage, and so generous has been the response that the officials have been unable to build cottages fast enough to keep up with the continued subscriptions. To date, two colonies of 60 tents each have been erected, and after Jan. 1, construction of a third colony will begin. At the same time, construction of the central building, power plant and dairy will be pushed. Within a few years the sanitarium is expected to have facilities for the accommodation of from 500 to 1,000 patients.

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CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING.

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Colorado Springs, Dec. 16.—Agitation against the cutting of evergreens and other trees for Christmas has taken active form here. Officials of the park commission, which controls much territory in the nearby mountains, have taken steps to apprehend and punish persons cutting trees or stripping kinnikinnick from the hills. Land included in the Pike national forest is also rigidly protected from tree cutters. Five years ago, the first steps to prevent cutting of Christmas trees were taken in Colorado Springs, it being estimated at that time that 100,000 trees, of an average of from 15 to 25 years, were slaughtered in this state every Yuletide, a sufficient quantity to denude 500 acres and make a considerable difference in water supply. As a result of the agitation, this number has been materially reduced, and efforts are being made, in this region at least, to eliminate all tree-cutting for Christmas purposes.

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Colorado Springs, Dec. 16.—The parks owned by the city of Colorado Springs have a valuation of \$2,017,000, according to an estimate recently filed by the park commission with the city auditor. The total acreage of the public parks, including the Garden of the Gods which is shortly to be transferred to the city, and Stratton park, controlled by the street car company, is 2,666 acres, which is 60 acres more than the entire park system of Chicago and exceeds that of the park systems of Kansas City, St. Louis, Boston, Buffalo, Omaha and many large cities.

EXPERIMENTING WITH TREES.

GET PERMISSION

Eighty-One Residents of Eastern States Join Suit Against Southern Pacific.

LAND GRANT MAY BE VOID.

Company Refuses to Accept Price for Lands Stipulated by Government.

Portland, Or., Dec. 16 .- Eighty-one residents of Michigan and other eastern states, have been given permis-sion by Judge Charles E. Wolverton to intervene in the suit instituted by the United States government to have leclared void the patent now held by the Southern Pacific company to the ands contained in "the Old Oregon and California land grant" in southern Ore-The original grant was to the a Southern Pacific subsidiary and

now a Southern Pacific subsidiary and consists of a million acres of fine timber and agricultural land.

The intervenors base their complaint on the ground that they have offered the Southern Pacific company the \$2.50 per acre for certain of the lands; the consideration tendered being that designated by the grant as the sum for which the railroad company should sell the land to bonafide settlers. The intervenors also allege that each is qualified to enter upon the land in accordance with the terms of the grant.

RAILROADS DODGE NEW YORK. Do Not Care to Build Lines Under

Service Law. Says Thomas.

In reply to a petition presented by the Northern New York Development league, asking his company to extend its lines into northern New York, E. B. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley railroad, said that investors were not willing to put their money into railroad construction in New York state these days, because of the public service commission law. He called the attention of the delegation to the fact that no railroad had been built in the state since the commission was established. "We have no quarrel with the commission, either personally or officially," said Mr. Thomas, "but it is a fact that that body and the law under which it operates tend to keep investors from assisting in railroad construction. Investors will not put their money into make more than 5 or 6 per cent, and where they are more than likely to get a much smaller return, or none at all. It is too easy for them to find more inviting fields for their capital." Service Law. Says Thomas.

NEW BRANCH PROJECTED.

Secy. McDermott of the Muddy Valley Irrigation company writes his Salt Lake offices that a branch railroad is to be built from Moapa southwest to the Colorado river. This scheme will greatly aid in the development of that section of the state, taking in Logan, Capalapa and Overton, to St. Thomas.

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being considered here by the interstate commerce commission.

Oral arguments were heard by the commission against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and others, and of the transportation bureau of Seattle against the Northern Pacific railway and others, both of which involve the question at issue.

The cases are known popularly as the "back haul" cases.

Listening to arguments today were 15 members of the Merchants' association of New York and a delegation from a similar body in San Francisco, headed by Secy. Wheeler, formerly assistant secretary of the department of commerce and labor.

No decision will be rendered for several weeks, but the questions to be determined are regarded as of vital intermountain states, and are of more than ordinary consequence to big shippers on the Atlantic seaboard. being considered here by the interstate

IDAHO FALLS ELECTRIC ROAD, PACIFIC COAST RATES.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Whether the jobbers of Portland, Or., and Seattle, Wash., shall be given such rates on package freight as will enable them successfully to compete with jobbers at Missouri river transfers, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and big distributing points like Denver and Salt Lake, is

burg. Capitalization. \$1,000,000. E. Beugler, an electrical engineer of New York, is closing the final details for the right of way and franchises. The road will be 34 miles in length, estimated cost \$702,000, and will traverse the heart of the valley. Mr. Beugler stated that the road would be ready to haul the crops next fall, as construction work will begin in the early spring.

EMPLOYES ORGANIZING.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The Order of Railway Employes, with a membership of over 30,000 on the Pacific coast, has been reorganized and hereafter will be in charge of railroad men in actual service. At a meeting yesterday the resignation of W. W. Voogt as supreme superintendent was accepted, and new supreme officers were chosen. Louis H. Ledger of the Santa Fe system was made supreme conductor; Samuel P. Veatch of the Southern Pacific supreme treasurer, and A. Lindsley of San Francisco, supreme secretary. The reorganization was effected as a preliminary step to a campaign by which it is planned to bring practically every railroad man in the western states into membership. Annual Report of Adjutant General Shows Improvement in

Small Arms Firing.

EXPERTS RECEIVE EXTRA PAY

Next Annual Match.

Navy Beats Army by Few Points-Col. Scott Answers Criticism

(Special Correspondence Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—In the annual report of the adjutant general of the army, Gen. F. C. Ainsworth de votes some space to small arms firing

Colorado Springs, Dec. 16.—A voluntary increase of 3 cents an hour in the wages of 200 of its shopmen employed in the Colorado City shops has been announced by the Colorado Midland railroad. The new scale of wages is effective from Dec. 1. He states that continued improvemen is shown in rifle firing by the increase in the number of qualifications in the higher grades of marksmanship. He cites the practise season of 1908, dur-ing which 2,379 expert riflemen, 7,807 Engineer Here—Division Engineer J. Wyche of the Western Pacific is the city for a conference with Mr sharpshooters and 4,204 marksmen qualified, as against 1981 expert riflemen, 5,555 sharpshoters and 4,128 marksmen in 1907. This means a great deal to the army as under the regulations as amended February 3, 1909, enlisted men shooters and marksmen are entitled to additional pay of \$5, \$3 and \$2 a month, respectively "from date of qualification to the end of the enlistment, in which they qualify, provided that during that time they do not attain a higher classification and that they continue to be members of an organization armed with the riffe or are transferred for the convenience of the government to some organization not so armed."

MARKSMANSHIP RECOGNIZED. sharpshooters and 4,204 marksme En Route East—E. A. Dawson, manager of the Star Union Line, and C. L. Kimball, assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania, arrived from Los Angeles this morning, en route east to their Chicago offices. They have been on a tour of agency inspection through the far west. Offers Compromise—The Salt Lake Route has offered to compromise with Belle Browning for \$100 for the loss of her trunk in June, 1907, while traveling to Los Angeles. The railroad claimed \$100 was the limit of liability because the plaintiff was traveling on a tourist ticket. She claimed \$693 damages.

MARKSMANSHIP RECOGNIZED.

From the above it is seen that the government is giving substantial recognition to marksmanship in the regular army. The regular army at present consists of about 77,000 men, many of whom, of course, are not armed with the rific and therefore cannot draw the increased pay. There are 14,390 men in the table quoted who are drawing increased pay as the result of proficiency with the rific. The total amount received by them in the course of a year is \$524,688, or \$43,724 per month. Of this \$11,895 goes to the 2,379 experts, \$23,421 is paid to the 7,508 sharpshooters, while the 4,294 marksmen receive \$8,408 per month, all in addition to the regular monthly pay. Taking the army at 77,000 men, more than 20 per cent of the enlisted strength is receiving additional compensation for excellence in marksmanship. MARKSMANSHIP RECOGNIZED.

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During 1909 the troops in the department of the east and the department of the gulf joined in wha was known as the Atlantic competitions which were held a Fort Niagara, N. Y., those in the departments of the Dakota, lakes and Missouri, participated in the northern competitions at Fort Sheridan, Illinois; on the Pacific coast the departments of California and Columbia held their competitions at Monterey, California, and the departments of Colorado and of Texts, combined in the southwestern competition held at Leon Springs, Texas. After the department competitions, the army competitions were held at Fort Sheridan as the result of which the army rifle team for the national trophy match was selected. This team was defeated by the U. S. navy team by 49 points, the navy making 2,801 and the army, infantry team, 3,752.

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In the division competitions medals were awarded to a considerable number of competitors, including 113 enlisted men and 23 commissioned officers for proficiency with the rifle, and 58 enlisted men and 38 commissioned officers for proficiency with the pistol Altogether the competitors in the army competitions were as follows: Rifle, 585 enlisted men, 84 commissioned officers and 23 distinguished marksmen; pistol, 283 enlisted men, 73 commissioned officers and 22 distinguished pistol shots.

The small arms firing regulations have been revised and published as "The Provisional Small Arms Firing Manual." This manual is to take effect Jan. 1, 1910, and is to supersede the present small arms firing regulations.

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In his annual report, Col. Hugh L. Scott, U. S. A., superintendent of the U. S. military academy at West Point, takes exceptions to the criticisms which have been made because the academy has not sent a team of cadets to the rifie matches, while the U. S. naval academy has been in evidence constantly. Col. Scott says that in 1906 the experiment of training a team of cadets for the national match was made. That year the individual figure of merit of the entire class including its team of experts was only 72.56. The instruction of the men on the team reduced to a minimum so that the maximum amount of instruction might be given to the team. Consequently, he says, the cadets needing the practice least had the chance of practising most, while those who needed the most practise got the least. At the same time the men on the team, to find time to practise had to neglect other important branches of the study, so the academy authorities decided to abandon the team idea because it violated the principle of equal instruction for all. Col. Scott states that the individual figure of merit has increased from 87.43 in 1906 to 130.42 in 1909. The present year was marked by the best figure of merit ever recorded at West Point. Col. Scott says that the military academy will be only too glad to arrange for a contest in marksmanship with the naval academy, the teams representing the two institutions shooting one year at West Point and the follow-

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Coliorado Springs, Dec. 16.—On the slopes of Pike's Peak at an altitude of about 9,000 feet, an experimental station of torestry has just been established by the United States government, this being the first of its kind in Colorado and the second in the country. In discussing the new station, Raphael Zon, chief of the division of sylvics, said: "Visitors to Pike's Peak next summer will see a full-fiedged forest nursery. We will make daily observations of temperature, humidity, rainfall, snowfall and snow melting besides studying the soil. The object of the station is to determine by investigation what trees are best adapted to the reforestation of the Rocky mountains." THIS FALL. DESERET NEWS BOOK STORE, 6 Main St. 1910.

ing year a Annapolis, the teams to be chosen by drawing lots from the first class of marksmen at each academy. This plan, he says, would make every cadet in the class a candidate for the team and would do away with the objectionable and defective practise of training a few at the expense of many.

NEXT ANNUAL MATCH.

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The annual meeting of the board of directors of the National Rifle association of America will be held in Washington in January, 1910, and will be immediately followed by the meeting of the national board for promotion of rifle practise. The report of Lieut. Col. R. K. Evans, U. S. A., executive officer of the last national matches, will be considered at that time and the place and date for the next annual matches will be selected. All indications point to the selection of Camp Perry, Ohio, where the last three national matches have been held and the date will doubtless be fixed for some time in August.

General James A. Drain, president of the National Rifle association, announced last January that he would not again accept a re-election and one of the questions before the board of directors will be the election of his successor. The name of Lieut-Gen. J. C. Bates is prominently mentioned in this connection.

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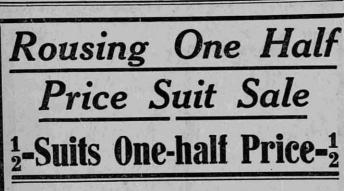
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