

WEATHER REPORT.

All Observations Taken on the 75th Meridian (Eastern Time).

Table with columns for Place, Barom, Therm, Wind, Clouds, and other weather-related data for various locations like San Francisco, Sacramento, etc.

MILITARY NOTES.

The Annual Inspection—Camp Matters—An Investigation.

The annual inspection and muster held last Monday evening was preceded by a review of the troops by Brigadier-General Carey. The companies looked unusually well, better than we have seen them for some time, and the ceremonies were conducted promptly and smoothly.

In passing in review the file closers should have placed themselves on the left flank when the command "guide right" was given. This was properly executed only by Company G, as far as could be seen.

The officers of the brigade, field staff and line, had a meeting after the muster, and the matter of the subsistence of officers and men while encamped at Santa Cruz was discussed.

The feeling seemed to be that of a responsible party would contract furnish rations at the rate of 75 cents per man per day, it would be more acceptable than that the regiment should undertake to furnish its own rations.

The matter of the right party to superintend, the men can be better taken care of for the same money by the regiment as by the State.

A committee consisting of Captains Cook, White, Stevens, Westwick, Lieutenant Fishery and Col. Sheehan, was appointed to take charge of the matter and report at a meeting to be held next Tuesday evening.

This committee met subsequently and after a full discussion of the subject, were of the opinion that \$200 could be saved by not letting a contract to outsiders. It is believed that no camp privileges will be given free to any one who furnishes rations, unless they pay extra for those privileges, and in this event it would be difficult to get any other company to furnish for 75 cents per day.

The First Artillery Band of sixty-two pieces was engaged for a period of nine days, and it is the intention to make the First Artillery portion of the camp one of great pleasure to the men, and visitors, particularly those from Sacramento, Nevada City and Woodland, every evening.

Each company is preparing to make its quarters as attractive as possible, and to give more pleasure in camp than outside the lines, and we have heard that the boys are continuing their choir singing, and organizing, recruiting parties to add to the pleasure of all, and make Camp Stoneman one long to be remembered.

General Orders No. 2, just issued by General Turnbull commanding the Division, provides for two brigades in camp and assigns the detached companies to General Carey's brigade. These companies will be organized into a provisional regiment under a commander to be designated hereafter.

All regiments and companies who desire to do so, can arrange for subsistence by applying to Lieutenant-Colonel Forsyth, Division Commissary. Batteries B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, and Artillery will have to bear the expense of hiring horses forage will be furnished free. Horses will be transported free for commanding and staff officers from Sacramento, and Major E. H. McKee, of the First Artillery, has been in Santa Cruz this week to procure horses for his regiment.

General Turnbull calls attention to the necessity of a careful study of the tactics and regulations in regard to camp and guard duty, and to the necessity of discipline and behavior, the troops may compare favorably with the regulars who will be in camp with them. The camp-ground has been laid out and sketched, so that the location of each regiment will be known, and reports who have been on the ground state that there will be no dust, and that it will be excellent for parades and drills. It is situated about a mile from the town and ten minutes' walk from the beach.

The four city companies will meet for a banquet at the Hotel California, next Tuesday evening. The next regimental order will contain a paragraph which will do away with the double cross belts worn by the men. They are considered cumbersome at best, and have been discarded generally elsewhere. The white web belt will be worn, upon which the cartridge box and bayonet scabbard will be adjusted. Company E has ordered dress coats made, which will make the line uniform on drill and parade.

There seems to be some trouble between general headquarters and ex-Captain Spencer, late of Company F, Woodland, owing to a report made by the Finance Committee, and the general is examining the financial account of the captain during his term of office. Captain Spencer and the committee cannot agree by some \$1,200, and the adjutant-general is determining what to do. It is not clear whether the general is determined to make an example of somebody if matters do not balance more nearly. A special regimental order has been issued by direct order of the adjutant-general, directing Captain C. M. Casier, now commanding Company F, ordering him to convene in session the Finance Committee of his company, and to consist of E. C. Gilbert, W. H. Curson and J. Nicholson, for the purpose of further investigating the accounts, and to give Captain Spencer every facility to explain any apparent deficiency. The committee is ordered to report fully, and without fear or favor, so that the Department may use it in the case.

Many of the members of the committee were at the range last week, and the interest started should be encouraged by every means in the power of the captains. To be of general interest should be the aim of all National Guardsmen. It does not look just right to an outsider to see a soldier so nervous when aiming at a harmless target. It is a pity that the impression that an enemy would be perfectly safe at the bull's-eye, but woe to the fellow who is coming around the corner.

THAT EXAMINATION.

Review of the Questions Used at the Recent Teachers' Examination.

EnS. RECOM-UNION: Permit me a word for the victims. You are an editor. Your tools are words. You know them better than the rest of us. Does it ever occur, now, that you meet a word whose face is familiar but to which you must seek a fresh introduction from the dictionary? Does it occur often? Your reading is made up of that of most fairly well educated teachers. They will find the need of a reintroduction to more words than you will. You may have occasion to know, at least, the meaning of such words as the examination papers published by you recently contain, but how many of them will you find in your dictionary? I will venture that if any one of our most intelligent teachers—Professor Hyde, for example—should commit these words to memory, and then put down a mark every time he meets one in his regular reading, he would remember—that he will not ever meet them in six months. Many of them will keep out of his way for a year.

Nothing better demonstrates the uncommonness of these words than the definitions quoted from teachers who won first grade certificates by averages so high in other branches as to overcome their disastrous failures in this. They were not merely up to first grade in other branches, but enough above their need to make up for this great deficiency. If the definition test were reasonable as the others, this inequality of result could not occur. Words not met by the teacher in his regular reading, or like isolated incidents in history, forgotten.

Let an old fellow ask another question or two. What does question or direction 4 in the grammar questions, as published last Saturday, mean? "State the principles which guide in the use of the possessive forms." Possessive forms are used when we wish to denote possession. Does that answer it? When a series of nouns denoting possession are employed, the last only should have the possessive form. Is that what is called for? For the life of me, I can't tell which, whether either or neither.

In direction 5 what does the examiner mean by "parenthetical construction"? Does he mean to direct the punctuation of such a sentence as, "The Vice-President, Burr, quarreled with Hamilton?" or such a sentence as, "In the same year (1803) an expedition was sent out?"

What is a "co-ordinate construction," what is that? I find a "co-ordinate conjunction" in the grammar questions. "Co-ordinate clauses" but what is a "co-ordinate construction"? I declare I would like to know. Does he mean to ask how to punctuate such a sentence as, "A wife, brave, and good man has gone?" If so, why doesn't he say so? Or does he mean something else?

And so with his "transpositional" "appositional" and "omissional" constructions. I can guess and guess and guess, and come round at last to the starting point, and find myself, as he must to inquire how a sentence, changed from the natural order of subject and predicate to a transposed order, should be punctuated. Word, or phrase, or clause in apposition should be indicated by punctuation, and what punctuation should mark an ellipsis; but I end by guessing, because I know no terminology as here employed, which has any recognized meaning in grammar, therefore, I sympathize with the victims. They may not, all of them, have to their selection a blood of four or five generations of New England ancestry, by which they are qualified to guess correctly what may be hidden in the cavernous depths of an examiner's inner consciousness. I extend my hand to them, still with the advice, however, to "read up."

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