NATIONAL GUARD MATTERS.

The Recent Annual Inspection and Muster.

What the Inspectors Say of the Brigade Subdivisions—Suggestions About Target Practice.

The attendance at the annual inspection and muster of the National Guard troops in this city last Monday evening was the best that has been witnessed for several years. The battery (B), commanded by Captain John Cooke, had only one man absent. The attendance at Nevada City and Woodland was also excellent. Officers and men presented a very creditable appearance, which would be greatly enhanced if there were not so many shabby uniforms. This cannot be remedied until the Legislature meets, as the uniform fund is exhausted.

The inspection made by the brigade staff officers—Majors Houghton, Weinstock, Gilchrist, Leake, Dillman and others—was conducted in a most thorough manner, and, as evidenced by their reports, no favoritism was shown.

The inspection this year demonstrates that the rigid inquiry instituted by Adjutant-General Allen in 1891 into the condition of the National Guard of California, has been productive of real good to the troops—hereabouts, at least—as a great improvement has been noticed over last year in the inspection just concluded.

Judging from Major Houghton's report there is yet much to be done by Captains of companies, chiefly the appointment of competent Quartermaster-Sergeants, such as Companies B and G have, who will take proper care of the uniforms and accoutrements in the armories, and who will see to it that uniforms are not placed in lockers and allowed to remain there without being properly aired and the mud and dirt brushed off them after parades, camp duty, etc.

COMPANY A.

Extracts from Major Houghton's report state that the Quartermaster-Sergeant of Company A is more than careless in the discharge of his duties. Uniforms are soiled, torn, buttons gone, and the entire outfit in bad condition. He states that the material of which the uniforms are made was of the flimsiest character, in fact a shoddy lot of the worst kind. For this, of course, the company is not to blame. A complete outfit is in each locker, and the company can be turned out at short notice.

COMPANY B.

In regard to Company B the Major states that everything is kept in high order, and he highly complimented Sergeant Bauquier. He recommends that the company be supplied with waist-belts as soon as possible, as those on hand detracts from the merits of the company. He states also that the company should have revolvers, and that the battery harness is absolutely unsafe.

COMPANY E.

Company E's uniforms show only natural wear-and-tear, and an improvement is noticed over that of last year in the manner in which they are taken care of. There were only eighteen lockers containing complete outfits for each man, and only portions of uniforms were found in the other lockers, although these missing parts were scattered about the armory. The company could not turn out, therefore, without considerable delay.

COMPANY G.

This company is complimented on the improvement shown in the care of its property over last year, and credit therefor is given to Sergeant Klein.

THE SIGNAL CORPS

Is rapped sharply by the Inspector, who states that "the dust of disuse and the grass of Santa Cruz were on the uniforms." The belts were not neatly disposed of, and the corps failed to retain its high standing of a year ago in this respect.

OTHER CRITICISMS.

Major Houghton states that the uniforms of the regiment procured at home, and that have been used for ten or fifteen years, are in better condition than those furnished by the State two or three years back.

A vast improvement in the care of property has been noticed during the past year, and Majors Leake and Dillman were agreeably surprised at the improved method of keeping the book accounts.

WOODLAND'S COMPANY.

Major Weinstock states of Company F of Woodland: "The personnel of the company is excellent, and is made up of sterling, earnest, active young men. The Captain is faithful and conscientious, and on excellent terms with his men. The latter have not yet got insight sufficient into the new drill to make much of a showing, and the same may be said of all the companies."

NEVADA'S COMPANY.

Captain Edgar M. Sheehan states of Company C of Nevada City that at the inspection he conducted last Saturday the company made an excellent showing, and that there would not have been an absentee from the muster but for the fact that a few of the members were absolutely compelled to work on night shifts in the mines. Out of a membership of sixty-five men, fifty-six were present, and the company presented a neat and tidy appearance at the inspection.

The guns and uniforms were scrupulously clean, and there was not an unserviceable rifle in the entire outfit.

The great attachment the men have for Captain Nihell and Lieutenants Simonds and Rich is one of the secrets of the company's success. The company officers entertained the visiting inspectors royally, showing them through the mining districts. Captain Nihell escorted Major Gilchrist and Captain Sheehan on a novel ride down the shaft of the Odin mine, of which the Captain is Superintendent.

MAJOR GILCHRIST'S REPORT

On the condition of the arms is quite exhaustive. He states that very many of the rifles are unserviceable, and gives the factory number of each. Others can be put in tolerable condition by placing new breech-blocks, cam-latches, firing-pins, extractors, etc., in the pieces. He states that the battery's Parrot guns are useless, as the carriages are rotten and liable to break down, even on parade.

The Major recommends that guns of a new pattern be issued, and that the company should have revolvers also. He found Company C's rifles (Nevada City) in first-class condition, with a few exceptions, and that the company is a credit to the National Guard. His remarks on target practice, ranges, etc., are partly reproduced for the benefit of the guard, as this is probably the only manner in which they will see the light of day.

In this connection it may not be out of place to suggest to General Allen that he have published some extracts from the reports of the Inspectors, together with the recommendations made, for the good of the National Guard generally.

RIFLE RANGES AND PRACTICE.

Major Gilchrist goes on to say that during the past year the First Artillery, at considerable expense, established a new range near the American River, which is safer and embraces more ground than the old one. The appointments are complete, but the sheds for the accommodation of the riflemen when not in the stalls are not ample enough. Greater interest is taken in rifle practice than heretofore, and the friendly rivalry between companies is gratifying.

He recommends steady and persistent practice by each in order to become a good shot. He deprecates the use of home-made ammunition, unless the shells are better "swedged" so that they will fit the chamber. When the shell has to be driven in it injures the chamber, and also disconcerts the shooter. Unless this matter is remedied he will recommend that no home-made ammunition be used.

He states further that it is impossible for each man to use his own rifle, as there are not a sufficient number of good rifles for target practice in the possession of the companies as a rule. In consequence of this the few good ones are used on the ranges so much that they are kept too hot during the shooting hours. He suggests to the authorities that each National Guardsman should have a good rifle that he only should use, and that he be held responsible for its use and condition.

THE REVIEW AND MUSTER.

The review on Monday evening was conducted as required by the revised tactics, and passed off as smoothly as could be expected, considering the crowded condition of the armory, which is entirely inadequate for such a large force. The regulation distance between the men was not preserved, and most of the officers do not look toward the reviewing officers in passing at a salute.

The State medals for 1891 were presented, and none of the gold ones fell to the lot of the local troops. General Allen and Assistant Adjutant-General Murray were interested spectators of the ceremonies, and the former addressed the troops briefly, complimenting them on their appearance.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENT.

There is going to be an effort made to hold a Division Encampment this year, and it is thought that the funds will hold out if some point near San Francisco is selected, as the saving in transportation would be quite an item.

The idea put forth is that ground can be had near Alameda, and that the San Francisco troops could march to camp, and the money thereby saved could be used in transporting the troops from the interior. This matter will probably be settled at the meeting of officers to be held in San Francisco on the 29th of this month, which, it is understood, meets with the approval of General Dimond, the Division Commander.

There can be no particular objection to a division camp if the Commander will allow most of the time to be devoted to company and battalion evolutions, which are now needed more than ever on account of the changes in the drill.

BRIGADE STAFF TROPHY.

The six companies of the First Artillery are preparing to enter into the competition for the handsome guidon to be presented by the brigade staff to the company showing the largest attendance at drill during the months of April, May and June. Majors Dillman, Houghton, Gilchrist and Sherburn will enter on their duties commencing with the first drill of the city troops in April, and Captains Nihell and Curson will act for Companies C and F, in Nevada City and Woodland.

The staff officers of both brigade and regiment are expected to attend the company drills as often as possible, and by doing so will encourage a larger attendance and at the same time be perfecting themselves in their duties under the revised tactics.

GENERAL NOTES.

Major Welch, Surgeon on Colonel Guthrie's staff, is to be commended as a staff officer, having come all the way from San Francisco to attend the inspection and muster.

Company C of Nevada City intends going to the World's Fair in May, 1893. Captain Nihell states that the men are now paying $2 50 each per month into a common fund for the purpose of defraying the expense of the trip.

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Judge Catlin Once More Decides the Liquor License Case.

Superior Judge Catlin rendered a decision yesterday in the liquor license case, entitled the City of Sacramento vs. H. F. Dillman. It was as follows:

I find no reason, from anything that appeared at the trial of this cause, to change the views announced on the decision of the demurrer to the complaint.

It is now objected by the defendant that the ordinance, No. 276, was not published by the order of the Board of Trustees, but merely by the Clerk of the board.

The ordinance as published, which is put in evidence, is signed by "W. D. Comstock, President of the Board of Trustees," and by "J. D. Young, Clerk." The testimony also showed that the Board of Trustees by resolution directed the Mayor (President of the Board of Trustees) to attend to the publication of the ordinance, and that the Mayor did personally procure the publication to be made. The act was therefore the act of the Board of Trustees.

It is also contended that the ordinance was not in fact adopted by the Board of Trustees. This contention rests upon the fact which appears that one of the Board of Trustees a week after the vote by which the ordinance was passed, and a week after its first publication, but pursuant to notice given on the day of its passage, moved a reconsideration. It is claimed that this motion was never disposed of, and that its effect was to annul the passage of the ordinance. In the first place, as a matter of parliamentary custom, supposing without admitting such custom to be the recognized law of the Board of Trustees, a motion to reconsider does not have that effect, and, in the next place, in this instance, the motion was disposed of. The presiding member of the board ruled it out of order, and no other action was taken upon the motion.

Let judgment as prayed for be entered for plaintiff.

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Department One—Catlin, Judge.

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City of Sacramento vs. H. F. Dillman—Judgment for plaintiff.

Lizzie L. Benford vs. Noah Benford—Decree of divorce for plaintiff.

Angus McLeod vs. W. P. Harlow—Continued one week.

Helena Wagner vs. John Wagner—Set for March 24th.

R. M. P. Kelley vs. Lee Stanley—Order staying proceedings thirty days granted or until bond is filed.

M. J. Warren vs. William J. Connor et al.—Motion to quash summons granted.

In re Tillie Mi Hoover, an insolvent debtor—Set for Saturday, March 19th.

J. F. Hill vs. S. F. Miller—Continued.

In re A. O. Gregory, an insolvent debtor—A. G. Hoagland elected assignee.

Charles A. Jenkins vs. Wilson & Kinney—Demurrer overruled.

In re Gus Elkus, an insolvent debtor—Settlement of account of receiver approved and allowed.

A. T. J. Reynolds vs. E. R. Parvin et al.—Continued one week.

F. S. Wainscott vs. Occidental Building and Loan Association—Continued.

In re A. Dennery, an insolvent debtor—Petition for discharge of assignee granted.

People vs. Dan Lacey, charged with burglary—Defendant pleads guilty and is sentenced to two years in San Quentin.

People vs. William Lock, charged with burglary—Defendant pleads guilty and is sentenced to two years in Folsom.

People vs. Mike Dawes, appeal from Police Court—Continued.

People vs. P. H. Holliday, appeal from Police Court—Continued.

People vs. Lillie O'Brien—Motion to dismiss granted.

Department Two—Van Fleet, Judge.

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People vs. J. D. Smith, charged with murder—Verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

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Miscellaneous.

NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS.

PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION OF THE Board of Directors of Modesto Irrigation District, duly given and made on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1892.

Notice is hereby given that said Board of Directors will sell to the highest and best bidder the bonds of said irrigation district to the amount of $400,000, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January and July of each year on the presentation of the interest coupons at the office of the Treasurer of said district.

Said bonds are issued by the Board of Directors of Modesto Irrigation District in accordance with, and by the authority of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts, and to provide for the acquisition of water and other property, and for the distribution of water thereby for irrigation purposes," approved March 7, 1887.

Said bonds will be sold for cash, and for not less than ninety per centum of the face value thereof.

Sealed proposals and bids for the purchase of said bonds will be received by the said Board of Directors at their office, in the City of Modesto, County of Stanislaus, State of California, and may be addressed to or left with C. S. Abbott, the Secretary of said Board, at Modesto, Cal., at any time after the date of this notice and until 2:30 o'clock P. M. on the 5TH DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1892, at which time and place the said sale will be made.

Said bonds will be each of the denomination of $500, and will be negotiable in form and will conform in all respects to the requirements of said Act.

The Board of Directors reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Bids must be sealed and addressed to the Secretary of said board, and indorsed: "Proposals for Modesto Irrigation District Bonds."

Done by order of the Board of Directors of Modesto Irrigation District, March 8, 1892.

FRANK A. CRESSEY, President.
C. S. ABBOTT, Secretary. mr11-td

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Sacramento. In the Superior Court. In the matter of the estate of STEPHEN T. MORSE, deceased.

Martha A. Morse, the administratrix of the estate of Stephen T. Morse, deceased, having this day filed in court her verified petition, asking leave of this court to mortgage the real estate of said decedent, and the court being now fully advised in the premises:

It is ordered that all persons interested in said estate be and appear before this court, at the courtroom of Department No. 2 thereof, in the Courthouse in Sacramento City, County of Sacramento, State of California, on FRIDAY, the 15th day of April, 1892, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any there be, why the realty of said estate, to wit: All that real property situate in the County of Sacramento, State of California, and known, designated and described as follows, to wit: One hundred and fifty-six and 31-100 (156 31-100) acres of swamp and overflowed lands in said county, township No. 6 north, range Nos. 3 and 4 east, Mount Diablo meridian, Sections Nos. 25, 30, 31 and 36; fraction in the east half of southeast quarter of Section No. 25 and fraction northeast quarter of Section No. 36, township 6 north, range 3 east; fraction in southwest quarter of Section No. 30, and fraction in northwest quarter of Section 31, township 6 north, range 4 east, surveyed in accordance with the provisions of the Act of April 18, 1859, and more particularly described in the field notes of said survey in a patent issued to Stephen T. Morse on the 13th day of September, 1866, which patent is recorded in Book No. 2 of Patents, page 196, Sacramento County Records, to which reference is hereby made, should not be mortgaged for the sum of $7,900, or such lesser amount as to the court shall seem meet, as prayed for in said petition this day filed herein, to which petition on file herein reference is hereby made for further particulars.

Dated March 5, 1892. A. P. CATLIN, Judge of the Superior Court.

GEORGE A. BLANCHARD AND W. A. GETT, JR., Attorneys for Petitioner. m7-td

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