

TABER OF OROVILLE IS CHAMPION.

Result of the Military Shoot for State Medals.

Sergeants Fields and Bessey of Sacramento Win Second and Third Honors.

One of the most important events in the National Guard of California took place at the military shooting range here yesterday afternoon.

The occasion of a large attendance at the range was the contest for the championship medal, participated in by twenty-six members of the National Guard, each contestant having made 90 per cent. or over in the required target practice in 1893.

On two or three former occasions the championship medal was won by members of the Sacramento regiment, Sergeant-Major J. G. Lee of Woodland having won the last one.

At yesterday's match, however, the honors were transferred to Company F, Eighth Infantry, located at Oroville, Private H. H. Taber winning by a score of 45.

Private Taber's score was tied by three others of the shooters, they being Sergeant H. Fields of Company E and Sergeant W. D. Bessey of Company A, both of this city, and Corporal C. Meyer of Company C, First Infantry, San Francisco.

Private Taber's three last shots were bull's-eyes. Sergeant Fields managed to get one bull's-eye in his last shot, and Sergeant Bessey, through having five bull's-eyes in the score, the other two also having the same number, failed to make a center shot after his seventh inning.

Corporal C. Meyer of Company C, First Infantry, San Francisco, was also one of the marksmen who scored 45, but he failed to make a bull's-eye at his last shot. Taber's score having ended with three bull's-eyes was decided as having been the best record, and he was accordingly awarded the championship medal.

Sergeant Fields having made the next best score, was awarded the second medal, a silver one.

Three of the competitors shot with pistols, they being Lieutenant-Colonel H. J. Burns (retired), Lieutenant F. A. Kuhls, staff, Second Artillery (San Francisco), and Lieutenant L. Barrere, staff, First Infantry, San Francisco.

Colonel Burns scored 39, Lieutenant Kuhls 41, Lieutenant Barrere 40. Preparatory to the commencement of the contest, Adjutant-General Allen called the roll and all eligible to shoot were present except Colonel S. I. Keillogg, retired; Private A. Johnson, Company G, First Infantry; Corporal F. C. Miller, Company C, Eighth Infantry; Private W. C. Hanford, Company F, Eighth Infantry, and Lieutenant T. A. Atchison, Company F, Eighth Infantry.

Each man was allowed one minute in which to fire his gun from the time he inserted the cartridge.

The proceedings were under the supervision of Colonel R. D. Laidlaw, Inspector-General of Rifle Practice on Governor Markham's staff, and he was very energetic in his endeavors to have everything done properly and in accordance with Blunt's "Small Arms Firing Regulations."

Shortly before 2 o'clock the men drew lots to see who would go to the butts first, and after the first four fired their scores the others followed in their order.

Following are the marks of those who competed for the State championship and their scores:

RETIRED LIST. Lieut.-Col. H. J. Burns, 39 44 44 44 44 40. FIRST INFANTRY. Lieut. L. Barrere, 40 44 44 44 44 40. Serg. H. E. Taylor, 40 43 43 43 43 43. Corp. C. Meyer, 40 43 43 43 43 43.

SECOND ARTILLERY. Lieut. F. A. Kuhls, 41 45 45 45 45 41. Priv. J. L. Utseth, 41 44 44 44 44 41.

THIRD INFANTRY. Sergt. D. H. Wyckoff, 41 44 44 44 44 41. Sergt. Maj. J. G. Lee, 41 44 44 44 44 41. Sergt. W. J. Heenan, 41 44 44 44 44 41. Lieut. G. L. Derman, 41 43 43 43 43 41. Sergt. H. Fields, 41 45 45 45 45 41. Priv. J. H. Ruple, 41 45 45 45 45 41. Priv. F. C. Wyckoff, 41 45 45 45 45 41. Priv. F. C. Wyckoff, 41 45 45 45 45 41.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS were in attendance at the range: Adjutant-General Allen, Colonel R. E. Murray, Colonel R. D. Laidlaw, Colonel J. W. Guthrie, Lieutenant-Colonel Jones, Lieutenant-Colonel Burns, retired; Colonel Park Henshaw, Major W. H. Curson, Major W. W. Douglas, Captain A. J. Floyd, Captain Robert Warren, Captain H. L. Seymour, Captain P. J. Glas, retired; Lieutenant H. U. Prindle, Lieutenant A. J. Plant, Lieutenant C. E. Duhan, Lieutenant W. B. Maydwell, Major A. P. Scheidt, Lieutenant L. Barrere, Lieutenant F. A. Kuhls, Lieutenant A. J. Wash and other officers of the National Guard.

PRESENTATION AT THE ARMORY. At the Second Infantry Armory last evening the gold and silver medals were presented to Private Taber and Sergeant Fields, respectively, and the ceremonies were witnessed by a large audience.

On the arrival of Governor Markham the three local infantry companies were drawn up in line and were then addressed by the Commander-in-Chief in extended remarks exceedingly appropriate to the occasion.

The successful competitors were ordered to the center, and, after being personally addressed by Governor Markham, who congratulated Private Taber and Sergeant Fields on their merit as marksmen, each stepped forward and the Governor pinned the medals on their coats.

Before presenting Sergeant Fields with the silver medal, Governor Markham said that on the occasion of the next championship shoot he would not likely be in his present position. He said that the Sergeant having won the second medal yesterday, he should strive to win the championship medal next year, and if he did it was the Governor's desire that Sergeant Fields notify him by telegraph of the fact and he would send his congratulations in the same manner.

The companies were addressed by Adjutant-General Allen and Colonel Park Henshaw of the Eighth Infantry and congratulated for their fine marksmanship displayed yesterday.

Following the ceremonies, after which all repaired to the officers' headquarters, where a light repast was partaken of and numerous toasts responded to.

In addition to the local officers there were noted in attendance: Governor Markham, Adjutant-General Allen, Colonel R. E. Murray, Colonel R. D. Laidlaw, Colonel Reed Jones, Colonel J. R. Laine, Lieutenant-Colonel H. J. Burns, retired; Colonel Park Henshaw, Corporal L. Townsend of San Francisco, Captain Robert Warren of Woodland and others.

CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Proposed Rules for Elections and Promotions of Teachers.

German Citizens Petition the Board to Restore the Study of German in Grammar Schools.

The City Board of Education held its monthly meeting last night, all the members being present except Director Huntington.

Reports were made by the Finance, Buildings and Repairs, Furniture and Supplies, Rules and Regulations, and Library committees.

A number of Germans were present and presented a petition to the board protesting against the abandonment of the teaching of German in the common schools. It stated that by a special Act of Legislature in 1870, ratified by the people in the March election of that year, it was adopted into the schools.

Crouch moved to refer it to the Course of Study Committee.

President Davis stated that the matter had been referred to that committee. Directors Huntington and Buchanan, who were the majority of the committee, were absent, and he thought it would be best to refer it to the board.

Several of the delegation addressed the board on the subject, after which it was referred to the committee.

The report of the special committee on elections and promotions of teachers was read. It provides for an annual election of teachers, makes a Normal School diploma equivalent to two years' experience in teaching, provides a blank form of application for position, and provides that at the next meeting of the board after the application it shall be read by the Secretary and placed on file.

All teachers elected shall be assigned to specific classes, and except in case of first and second grades, or a teacher to fill vacancy of Principal or Vice-Principal, shall not be changed during the year.

When a vacancy occurs in a grammar or primary school, or a teacher for second grade (except Principals or Vice-Principals) it shall be filled by the first or second grade teacher who shall have taught longest and most successfully in the public schools of the State.

When a vacancy occurs in first or second grade it shall be filled by first substitute, provided that a teacher for two grades has had two years' experience or has a Normal School diploma of this State.

The consideration of the report was postponed till the next regular meeting. The Superintendent reported that there were twenty-eight new resident pupils, the most of whom are paying tuition. These three are at the High School. The Superintendent was directed to notify the parents to pay or to give reasons why they do not.

It was decided that the spring vacation commence on April 23d and end on May 7th, both inclusive.

The President presented a report with reference to the census, which will be found elsewhere. The report was accepted and the resolution embodied in it was adopted. The report was read and laid over till the next meeting.

A resolution was presented by Director Dillman, that the closing hour on every Friday afternoon be set apart for patriotic exercises by the pupils, consisting of patriotic songs, recitations, biographical sketches of revolutionary heroes and distinguished statesmen, and short compositions upon the principles and blessings of our government.

Mr. Dillman made a strong patriotic speech in support of the resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

The number of Census Marshals was fixed at nine and their compensation at \$20, the one from the First Ward receiving \$20 extra for an interpreter.

The Marshals chosen were Harry Ketchum, Charles Harrison, M. E. Jones, W. H. Banton, Bert Kilday, J. L. Whitbeck, W. H. Hanlon, Cyrus Hess and C. J. Schiller.

The board then adjourned till the 20th to allow salaries thereon.

AMUSEMENTS. "Hazel Kirke" was played at the Metropolitan Theater last night by Miss Ellier's company to a far larger audience than any it has yet had in this engagement. To say that it was admirably played is but expression of simple truth.

Of all the Hazels Elsie Ellier is the chief of all Dunstons. W. W. Coudeok is the greatest. It is the very coinage of art that these two turn out in this touching and beautiful play. Miss Weston's Fritches' great and capital part was as fine and discriminating a piece of refined comedy work as any one need wish to see. Miss Alby's Dolly, too, was very clever, indeed one of the kind of part that evokes warm expression of admiration because of its naturalness.

The applause was unbounded last night, and the much of the kind of part which proved how moist were the eyes of the people with tears of sympathy—tributes to the art of the players. After Mr. Weston had read the prologue at the close of the play he stepped before the curtain and announced that "Hazel Kirke" would be repeated to-night, and that it would be the last time Miss Elsie and Mr. Coudeok would ever give it in Sacramento. The piece was handsomely staged last night, the mounting reflecting credit upon the good taste of some one in authority.

Some three or four weeks ago Messrs. Todd & Ward of the Opera-house Company dissolved partnership. Mr. Ward was then engaged on a salary. Tuesday Mr. Todd terminated the contract, claiming the right to do so under its terms. This Mr. Ward denies, and left the theater under protest and notice that he will sue for his salary for some seven or eight weeks to come. Ward claims that in his right under his contract has been infringed. Todd claims that it was necessary to reduce expenses, and hence the discharge of Ward, whom he found not essential in the company as now constructed, and that the contract justifies his action. He claims also that far more has been done for Mr. Ward financially than was due under the terms of the original agreement, and he thinks therefore Mr. Ward should not now complain that he is cut off. This Ward denies and insists that he has done his full duty, and has received no more than was his just due. Andrew Waldron has been given the position of stage manager, the same he held when the stock company business was begun in Sacramento, now nearly two years ago.

On Friday evening Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Burnett of San Francisco will deliver a lecture in the Congregational Church on "Picturesque America," illustrated by about one hundred views. This lecture has been given to crowded houses in the principal cities of the country and is everywhere highly spoken of.

Sacramento Council, O. C. F., gave a most laughable entertainment last night, in the shape of a burlesque initiation. It was a very anti-provoking scene and every one enjoyed Mr. Ward financially. A social dance wound up the programme.

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