

HAPPY AND HEALTHY

"Mike" Reports Company G Boys to Be in Good Spirits and Enjoying Border Life Now.

Field Day and Review Parade Relieved the Monotony of Camp Life Last Week.

Camp Llano Grande, August 18.—This has been a regular carnival week for the soldiers in this camp, especially the Third Minnesota. Instead of the regular routine work the program got several bad twists that sort of made a joyous affair out of it and broke up the monotony of camp life a whole lot. Monday it was announced that General O'Ryan, one of the big regular army officers, would visit camp during the day, so a big parade and review was pulled off in honor of the visiting general. It was the first time that all the armed men in this camp had made any attempt to get together as a whole as up to this time a regiment had been the biggest unit that had been on parade or review. When all the infantry in camp paraded and passed in review it was a pretty fair sized army and the men and officers got some slight idea of what a small army looks like. In all there must have been 10,000 infantry that took part. The batteries and machine gun companies did not parade as their horses and mules have not as yet been all issued to them. This ceremony broke up the day's work and in the afternoon the men were given a chance to stay in camp.

Tuesday was a regular routine day, but the following day was field day for the Third Minnesota and it was a regular holiday for the men and officers, the first regular one we have had since we hit Texas. Chaplain Will Emery arranged the field day and was master of ceremonies. The events consisted of racing, jumping, boxing, wrestling and a ball game in the afternoon. In a regiment of over a thousand men these events naturally brought out some real class and the officers and men had a chance to see some real athletes work out. Only one man from each company was allowed to participate in each event, but as there are practically fourteen companies to a regiment this brought forth plenty of entries for each event. Company G did not have many entries, but where they were entered they gave a good account of themselves. Earl Thomas of Milaca electrified the large crowd and surprised his friends by taking an easy first in the main event of the meet, the 100-yard dash. His time was 11 seconds flat and now G lays claim to the fastest man in the Third regiment. Bill Burrs of Brickton got into the 220-yard dash and got away with fourth place in a field of ten entries. A hastily organized relay team represented G and gave a good account of themselves, considering the eleventh hour organization and no practice. The ball game in the afternoon was pulled off between the first and second battalions and G was represented on the second battalion team by two men, Smith and Doane, playing left and right fields, respectively. The second proved too much for the first and shut them out 4 to 0. The second has a clean record now, having shut out both the first and third.

Thursday was a work day again and in the evening G went on guard for 24 hours. This came at an opportune time as it lets the boys out of the regular Friday hike, and they say it is going to be a good one today, 10 or 12 miles.

Another bad gulf storm was reported due here last night at about 10 o'clock and it began to look as if the weather man was going to play another one of his ill-timed jokes on the Rum river valley contingent, but the storm evidently slid off around us as we had a fine night of it for guard duty and no rain except a gentle little shower early this morning. Saturday will be wash day and inspection of camp, rifles and equipment and Sunday will be our day of rest. Some carnival week, eh?

NOTES.

Lloyd Wilkes, Eldon R. Jones and Sydney R. Jones received their honorable discharges last Saturday under the new ruling allowing the married men with dependent families to go home. Al Escherich also got his discharge on the same grounds, but is still in camp. The first three pulled out for home Monday afternoon and Al will leave this coming Monday or Tuesday. The other married men are either waiting for returns on their applications or have just submitted them and do not expect to hear from

them for several days as there is a whole lot of red tape connected with the business.

Norman Hanson of Milaca, known to the boys as "Coco," has gained considerable notoriety for himself and company by proving himself to be the best horse and mule "buster" in camp. Most of the horses and mules shipped here for use are wild and unbroken and "Coco" has taken it upon himself to break the refractory beasts in for Uncle Sammy, and so far the long, lanky puncher from Milaca has failed to find a four-footed beast that could get him out of the saddle. "Coco's" uproarious "Let's go, mule" has become one of the bywords of the camp.

J. Jansa, Jr., and Walter Bemmler, are in charge of the culinary department now, due to the departure of Jones and Wilkes. The new men have already proved their worth and the "chuck" is the best ever and the inspecting officer said the other morning that they had the cleanest kitchen and incinerator along the line.

The new shower baths at the end of the company streets are a big improvement and are well patronized by the men.

The new Y. M. C. A. building for the Minnesota troops was dedicated last Saturday with proper ceremonies and this building has proved itself a Godsend for the men as here they have ample facilities for spending an evening as pleasantly and profitably as they would in their own home.

The new screened in kitchens and mess halls are being rapidly built and by the time this letter is published I presume the G outfit will be cooking and eating in theirs. This will be a much needed improvement and will abate the fly nuisance considerably—one of the worst things that we have had to contend with in the camp.

Lieut. Kalkman has gone to San Benito, Texas, for a course of regular army instructions and it may be that "Jerry" will follow up the army life for his profession.

Company G is in good health and spirits and practically acclimated at this time. They insist almost to a man that they want to stay in Texas the rest of their lives. MIKE.

The Glendorado Picnic.

The creamery picnic at Glendorado last Sunday was largely attended, and a success, although those in charge and in attendance were somewhat disappointed in that the speaker from the state dairy and food department and the representative of the extension division of the state university failed to appear. Hon. Harold Knutson, republican candidate for congress from the Sixth district, was on hand, however, and he gave a rattling good talk, as did Mr. Hanscom of St. Cloud.

An old-fashioned basket picnic dinner was spread at noon, and all did justice to the viands prepared by the farmers' wives and daughters.

Pleasing music discoursed by the Glendorado brass band was an enjoyable part of the day's program. The band is a credit to Glendorado.

The single men demonstrated their superiority over the benedicts in a game of ball by downing them to the tune of 5 to 2. The contest was witnessed with interest, and it was not the least enjoyable feature of a pleasant day.

An Onamia Man Killed.

Aslund Anderson, age 43, a laborer, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon while walking on the Soo tracks between Elrosa and Greenwald. The man had been looking for work it is claimed, and was on his way to Greenwald from Elrosa. It is stated by relatives that he was deaf, which accounts for his failing to hear the engine whistle. The body was badly cut up. One leg was cut off just above the ankle and the other severed in two places. A fractured skull was the immediate cause of death.

The body was taken to Albany and the sheriff, acting county attorney and coroner summoned. A brother was located at Onamia and the remains were shipped there today for burial. The man leaves a wife and three children. —St. Cloud Journal-Press, Monday.

Steinbach-Erickson.

Mr. Oscar Steinbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Steinbach of Princeton, and Miss Anna Erickson of Mora were united in marriage at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Sample at Minneapolis on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Herman Jaenecke attended the groom and Miss Lydia Steinbach acted as bridesmaid. At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party partook of a sumptuous supper at the Leamington hotel. The groom is well and favorably known here, and numerous friends wish him and his bride much joy. Mr. and Mrs. Steinbach will reside in Minneapolis.

ANOTHER BUG PEST

The Leaf-hopper and Tarnished Plant-bug Work Havoc in Potato Fields.

What Was Supposed to Be Blight and Tip Burn Is Caused By These Bugs.

Potato raisers in this vicinity have a new insect pest, fully as destructive as the Colorado potato bug, to contend against. As far back as 1911, Mr. Edward Saxon, who has been an extensive grower of potatoes for years, discovered that a little green bug infested and seriously injured potato vines. His neighbors made light of his discovery and laughingly referred to "Saxon's bugs." But it was no laughing matter with Mr. Saxon. He found that apparently without cause potato vines wilted and died prematurely, and the yield of tubers was greatly reduced. He corresponded with the Department of Agriculture at Washington as well as with the Farm School at St. Anthony Park, but obtained little satisfaction until this year, when he became so insistent that about two weeks ago S. Marcovitch, assistant entomologist at the experiment station, arrived at his farm to investigate, and for ten days Mr. Saxon and Mr. Marcovitch have been experimenting with hopperdozers and kerosene emulsions.

A Union representative visited Mr. Saxon's farm in the town of Greenbush yesterday and found Mr. Marcovitch and Mr. Saxon hard at work devising means to fight the pests.

Mr. Saxon has 70 acres in potatoes, 60 of the Triumph variety. The vines on one field looked as if they had been frost-killed. Mr. Marcovitch said to the Union man, "You can see for yourself the havoc these bug pests are working in Mr. Saxon's fields." Then he said:

"The leaves of the vines and especially of the Triumph variety, because of its tenderness and comparative small number of leaves, are being curled, turning brown and dying. In the vicinity of Princeton the crops are being damaged severely. Because this is a new pest the cause has been laid to blight, bad weather, Paris green injury and many other reasons but the right one. Even one of our pathologists called it tip burn at first sight, but upon making a careful study we find that the leaf-hopper is the destructive agency. In addition, the tarnished plant-bug, a well known and extremely injurious insect, is also present in fairly large numbers, and should they increase at their present rate, under favorable conditions it is easy to see that the vines will be destroyed entirely. We have counted from 350 to 500 leaf-hoppers and about 50 tarnished plant-bugs on a single plant.

"The leaf-hopper is a small, green bug, about one-eighth inch long, lives under the leaves, and jumps when disturbed. The tarnished plant-bug is nearly one-fourth inch long, with brownish wings, giving it a tarnished appearance, while the young ones are about one-eighth of an inch long with five spots on the back. These bugs are very difficult to control at present, because they possess a beak like a mosquito and suck sap. For this reason Paris green or any other stomach poison is worthless. The leaf-hoppers suck on the small veins, causing the leaf to curl and finally die while the tarnished plant-bug sucks on the midrib or the tip of the growing shoot, causing the leaf to curl upwards or the shoot to wilt entirely.

"In the east this same tarnished plant-bug stings the leaders of the peach nursery stock and kills them, so that the trees become bushy causing thousands of dollars loss. One of the best entomologists in the east has just completed three years of study and experimentation and as yet has found no practical remedy. We know that one suck of this bug is not sufficient to draw out all the sap, yet the leader dies because a poison is injected into the tree. Furthermore, it is a well known pest of strawberries, causing the young berries to be deformed. Such injury is known to the growers as buttoning. The tarnished plant-bug, therefore, may even become more serious than the leaf-hopper.

"We have tried the remedies recommended by the State Experiment Station and the United States Department of Agriculture, and have found them impractical on the large scale of production in which potatoes are grown around Princeton. Since the production of potatoes is very important to the Princeton farmers and to the

country at large, we are making a careful study of these pests and trying to control them. Kerosene emulsion as ordinarily recommended, 15 to 1, does not kill these insects. The hopperdozer has also been used against similar insects, so we tried it. It consists of a frame to which stick fly paper is attached. As this is drawn through the fields the bugs fly up and are caught in it. After perfecting this machine far better than any known at present, we thought we had something to do the business, as hoppers were caught by the thousands on it. But upon making a count of the number caught, and figuring 500 bugs to the plant, we concluded that only about one per cent of the bugs were caught. Again we proved that the other recommendation was impractical."

Encouraging results have, however, been obtained. It was discovered that a 15 to 1 kerosene emulsion was useless. A 2 to 1 emulsion was used with good effect, and much to Mr. Marcovitch's surprise, Mr. Saxon demonstrated that pure kerosene would not damage the vines. Five gallons of kerosene to the acre—one-third strength—and two or three sprayings in a season might, Mr. Marcovitch thought, keep the pests in subjection, but both he and Mr. Saxon are in hopes that even a more efficient remedy may be discovered.

The effective handling of these potato insect-pests is a matter of vital importance to the farmers of the potato belt and is worthy of the best thought of the best experts at the State Agricultural School. It means hundreds of thousands of dollars to the farmers tributary to Princeton annually.

Mr. Saxon is deserving of great praise for the deep and intelligent interest he has taken in the matter, and certainly the department made no mistake in sending Mr. Marcovitch here to investigate. By the way, Mr. Marcovitch graduated as an entomologist after a four years' course at Cornell university.

Town Board Meets.

The Princeton town board met at the office of the Bockoven Land company last Saturday with all members present. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed the clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of a bridge over the West Branch of the Rum river at a point spanned by the so-called Sadley bridge. The advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue.

The board inspected the judicial bridge over the Rum river southeast of the village, and found same to be in need of repairs.

Emil Lundgren was instructed to supervise the work of putting in new culverts in the Bogus Brook road near John Dalchow's farm.

The board decided to offer no objections to a county ditch draining section 11, and terminating in Silver lake, section 26, Princeton town.

After acting on a batch of bills the board adjourned.

The Ideal Location.

For long, members of the theatrical profession have complained—and with reason—of the custom theater owners have of building their theaters with imposing entrances for the public on the street, but with the stage entrances tucked away up in dark and dingy by-ways. At the conclusion of a season on the road, Ed Wynn, the comedian, was riding through a town in Iowa when he passed the mouth of the dirtiest, shabbiest ally he had ever seen. Forgotten swill barrels lined its sides and a dead cat was ripening in the sunshine midway of its length.

Wynn stopped, got out of the bus, looked up the local photographer, and caused that individual to make a picture of the dismal prospect. Then he mailed a finished copy to a gentleman in New York who owns a string of theaters over the country, with the following suggestion written on the margin:

"You are overlooking a bet. What a lovely alley to build a theater alongside of!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Young Republicans to the Front.

A letter has been received at the Union office from Mr. E. L. Thornton, chairman Republican State Central committee, requesting that a republican county organization be effected in the county. The publisher of the Union has devoted about all the time he can spare to politics his year. Won't some republican patriot call around at this office and we will gladly turn over Mr. Thornton's instructions and directions to him? It is meet and proper that the younger republicans should come to the front in Mille Lacs county this year.

SHOOTS HERSELF

Mrs. John Kostanshek of Bogus Brook Attempts Life With a 12-Gauge Shotgun.

No Reason Given for Act—Patient Now at Northwestern Hospital —End Is Near.

Mrs. John Kostanshek of Bogus Brook, presumably while in a despondent mood, took a 12-gauge shotgun Tuesday morning, placed the muzzle against the right side of her abdomen and discharged it. The charge lodged in the left hip. It bored a hole about an inch in diameter, fragmented the pelvic bone and perforated the intestines in dozens of places beyond repair.

Mrs. Kostanshek was alone at the time. Her husband is in the Colorado coal fields, and her two children—Otto, aged 12, and Oscar, aged 6—were at a neighboring farm home on an errand.

The two little boys upon their return found their mother lying on the floor near the door of the little one-room home. They were told to call a doctor, and hurried to the Reinhold Jopp home, a mile and a half away, where Dr. Cooney of Princeton was summoned by telephone.

Dr. Cooney had the patient taken to the Northwestern hospital. She was living this morning, but the end is not far removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Kostanshek first came to this vicinity about four years ago when they purchased 40 acres of unimproved land in southeast Bogus Brook. Mr. Kostanshek has not passed a great deal of time here, having labored in mines, both on the Minnesota Cuyuna range, and in Colorado, most of the time since. The past year his wife and children were with him in Colorado, and the family returned here three weeks ago. By dint of industry and frugality Mr. Kostanshek had accumulated enough money to make his final payment on his land during his most recent stay here, and he left for Colorado only last Saturday with the avowed determination of earning enough money to purchase a team and other stock. He then intended to settle down to quiet rural life with his family. Efforts to get in touch with Mr. Kostanshek by telegraph have failed thus far, but cards arrived at the Princeton postoffice yesterday for his wife and children, mailed by him at Boulder, Colorado, on the 21st inst.

It is a sad case and Mrs. Kostanshek has given no reason for her rash act. The fact that her hand bag containing \$100 was stolen while she was in Minneapolis three weeks ago may account for it. The money was in her care and she may have grieved over the loss more than it warranted. She has stated that her domestic relations were pleasant, and there appears to be no other explanation of the unfortunate affair. Mrs. Kostanshek is about 32 years old.

Fatal Accident.

Geo. H. Drew, a farmer residing near Elk River, died at the Northwestern hospital last night, as a result of injuries sustained when a wagon loaded with potatoes passed over him. The unfortunate affair occurred yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Drew was driving a team hitched to a load of potatoes and one of the lines became caught under the front end of the pole. He walked out on the pole to release the line, when one of the horses lunged forward. Mr. Drew fell to the ground, and the loaded wagon passed over his body. The unfortunate man was rushed to the Northwestern hospital, but the injuries were such as to preclude hope of recovery. Internal hemorrhages and a ruptured liver caused death. The remains were shipped to Monticello this morning for burial.

Well-Fed Babies Resist Paralysis.

Infantile paralysis is less frequent among babies fed upon the mother's milk than among babies fed artificial mixtures. This is shown by statistics compiled by the Minnesota Public Health Association. The reason for this, says Dr. I. J. Murphy, executive secretary of the association, is that breast-fed babies have a greater resistance to disease, being therefore less subject to infantile paralysis germs as well as to all other infectious diseases.

While infantile paralysis may attack adults, most cases are found among children 1 to 10 years old. Flies may carry the infectious material of this disease, as well as of many

other diseases to which children are susceptible.

If infantile paralysis, or any other severe illness, is suspected, Doctor Murphy says, the child should be given the benefit of the doubt, and a physician should be called as soon as possible. Proper treatment in the early stages may not only prevent a fatality, but it is absolutely necessary to prevent permanent paralysis.

If the physician is not sure of the diagnosis, suspected cases should be handled as prescribed by the state board of health regulations, which provide that all other children, visitors, pets, insects, etc., be excluded, and that the discharges from the nose, throat and mouth be received in cloths and burned. All other discharges must be properly disinfected and the access of flies prevented.

Mrs. Katherine A. Deans.

Mrs. Katherine A. Deans, a beloved resident of Foreston and a cherished pioneer of this county, answered the Master's summons at her home in that village last Thursday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, after an illness of over a year's duration. Dropsy and heart trouble caused death. Everything known to modern medical science was resorted to in a futile endeavor to effect a cure, and all that loving hands could do was done to ease her declining days.

Funeral services were conducted from the family residence Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Parish, who paid a deserved tribute to the character and other desirable qualities of one who had crossed the bar in peace. Special music was rendered by Messdames Norgren and Thorsen and Messrs. Garrison and Sirene. The floral tributes were numerous and exceptionally beautiful, and attested to the high regard in which deceased was held. Interment was in Oak Knoll cemetery, Princeton. A quartet made up of Messdames E. B. Service, Guy Ewing and Messrs. Nathan Peterson and Guy Ewing sang a touching selection at the grave. The pallbearers were Messrs. Chas. Valleppe, L. E. Morgan, John Hunter, James Hunter, John Norgren and Roy Hall.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Katherine A. Chisholm, was born in Belleville, Canada, July 13, 1861. She accompanied her parents to this country when a girl, and was united in marriage to Mr. George H. Deans on October 28, 1878, at the old Chisholm homestead in Milo. Mr. Deans survives her as do two daughters, Misses Eunice and Inez.

Mrs. Deans was one of those ladies whose Christian character and kindness win the love of all. As a wife and mother she left nothing to be desired, and her life was indeed well lived in the complete sense of that term. Her death marks the passing of one who enriched the world by having lived in it.

"Still, still with Thee,
When purple morning breaketh,
When tired waketh,
And the shadows flee,
Fairer than the morning,
Lovelier than the daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness
I am with Thee."

Mrs. Maren Peterson.

Another esteemed resident of Orrock, Sherburne county, joined the great majority when Mrs. Maren Peterson answered the final summons at the Northwestern hospital, at the advanced age of 81 years, 2 months and 14 days. Bowel obstruction caused death. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow from the Orrock Lutheran church. Mrs. Peterson was born in Norway.

Christ Christiansen.

Christ Christiansen, a respected pioneer of Orrock, Sherburne county, succumbed to cancer of the liver last Sunday. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday from the Orrock Lutheran church, and were largely attended. Rev. Rem of Milaca officiated. Deceased was a native of Norway, and was born February 28, 1850.

Visit Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter O. Scow and daughter of Long Prairie were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peltier the latter part of last week. Mr. Scow, who is a brother of Mrs. Peltier, during the election of 1914 was returned winner in probably the most interesting county office contest ever staged in Minnesota. The county canvassing board accredited Mr. Scow and his opponent each with 1914 votes. A contest resulted and it was carried from the district court to the state supreme court. Mr. Scow won and is again serving as clerk of court of Todd county, a position he has creditably filled for years.