

The Venture A Success.

Mr. E. Schwatz, has just completed the first successful Cold Storage in this city. The storage is constructed under the latest patent and is kept at the desired temperature by the means of ammonia being pumped through the coils of iron pipe which circle the interior of the refrigerator.

Mr. Henry Rose the popular wholesale grocer was the first to undertake this modern improvement on the beginning of the season but by some means his has never proven successful, owing to the lack of power to run the machinery. But as the cold storage process has been thoroughly tried and proven a success in other cities, there is no reason why Shreveport should not keep pace in the march of progress.

In an interview this week with Mr. Quebec, the reporter was informed by that pleasant gentleman that he had met with unbounded success with his new venture, the Bottlings Works which he has added to his wholesale grocery on the beginning of the season, and further states that his plant has been run to its fullest capacity in order to supply his trade.

The Soldier Boys.

The soldier boys have all got down to work in as much earnestness as could be possible. The companies all over the State are laboring hard to maintain excellence. To judge from what our exchanges have to say, the people all over the State are as much enthused as the people of Shreveport and the attendance will be much larger than first expected.

Wednesday evening the Caddo Rifles gave a magnificent exhibition on the court house square which was their first appearance in their new fatigue uniforms. A large croud assembled there to cheer them in their splendid work. After thirty minutes hard drilling Capt Hearn halted his company for a competitive drill, Capt. Curry and Lieutenant Seay of the Trezevant Rifles acting as judges. The contest manifested the greatest self-possession, and they received the hearty congratulations from the many spectators. First Sergeant, Howard Swain was declaired the winner.

Thursday evening the Trezevant Rifles were out in their new and attractive white duck uniforms, which look very nobby and pleasing to the eye. After drilling for some time in front of their armory, they repaired to the courthouse square, where an immense audience awaited them, and gave a splendid exhibition drill.

A special train will arrive from Lake Charles Sunday night, bringing some 200 visitors from that city to Shreveport for the encampment.

THE DRUM ON SHIPBOARD.

It Plays an Important Part in the Daily Routine of Duty.

"The Last of the Drums," is the title of an article written by Lieut. Con Mar-rast Perkins for St. Nicholas. Lieut. Perkins says:

In the navy as well as in the army the drum is hallowed and glorified by traditions of victory; and from the day Paul Jones ran up the first flag of our country, with its liberty-tree and its motto, "An Appeal to Heaven," down to the present, a man-of-war's drummer, though the smallest mite on board, has always played an important part in the daily routine of our nation's floating bulwarks.

From the rolling of "gun bright-work" in the morning, and the long-drawn, solemn beat to "quarters," to the last incident of the day—"taps," or "extinguish lights"—the drum retains its place here; and the little marine drummer, with his baby face and red coat, is the last to carry his drum proudly at the head of marching men and to blend its martial rattle with the blare of the trumpet, which has usurped the place of the fife.

These boys are enlisted at Washington, and are taught in the music school at marine headquarters, after which they are drafted to the several marine stations at navy yards or distributed to vessels in commission all over the world.

They are enlisted at from 14 to 15 years of age, and are bound over to



MARINE GUARD DRUMMER.

serve in the marine corps until 21, when they are honorably discharged.

While serving on men-of-war they swing in hammocks and mess with the marine guard, and in all respects are treated as if they are men; in action they serve at the great guns as powder-boys—"powder-monkeys" as they are sometimes called. The duty of a powder-boy is to pass charges from the magazine to the battery.

Drummers are distinguished from the private soldiers of the marine guard in full-dress uniform by a scarlet tunic with white facing and shoulder knots—the only dress in our service like the traditional red coat of "Tommy Atkins," the British soldier, which has been worn by the army for nearly 300 years. As a joke upon this distinctively un-American uniform, it is related that when the British were seen approaching Bladensburg, during the war of 1812, a wag in the American ranks shouted: "Great Scott! boys, here comes the music. I guess I won't wait for the army!"

Muzzles for Woman Prisoners.

Muzzles are used on refractory women in the penitentiary at Cologne. Last year a muzzled girl was found dead in her cell. It was alleged that her death was due to suffocation, and that the persons in authority were charged with manslaughter, but afterward acquitted.

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