

THE SOLDIERS' JOURNAL.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

THE following communication fully explains itself. It is a source of great pleasure to those interested to know that the Library of Augur General Hospital is so rapidly filling with good books:

AUGUR U. S. GENERAL HOSPITAL, VA., }
Sept. 8th, 1864.

Mr. Editor:—It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge, through your columns, the reception of some forty bound volumes, and a number of unbound works, for the Soldiers' Library connected with this Hospital, contributed by the ladies of Kingston, Ulster county, N. Y., through Mr. Peter Merritt, of this Hospital.

The works are among the best that we have yet received, and will, no doubt, be eagerly read by the soldiers.

While we are grateful for the works already received, I would still remind the friends at home that we have need of many more, and that they can supply that need without ever feeling the loss, by simply depleting their overcrowded book shelves and sending on some of those volumes that have lost their interest because their freshness to them.

I do not mean by this, that anything you can scrape together will do to send to the soldier; for much that is sent out might better have been sold for waste paper and the value of it put in volumes that would be readable, as it will certainly never be read in the army, but I mean that you can find many useful and interesting books, that though not fresh to you, and though they have ceased to interest you, would nevertheless interest many a weary, suffering soldier. Such books we much need, and for such we are very thankful. We have some; we want more.

C. H. PHELPS,
In charge of Library.

There is no reason why Augur General Hospital should not have as large and good a library as that attached to this camp, which is perhaps equal to that of any military post in the land.—Augur fully ranks as a first-class hospital, with all the modern comforts and improvements of such, yet no increase of good books, made to its already fine library—fine even in its infancy—will be deemed superfluous by those in charge, or by the thousands of soldiers who will reap its benefits.

ELECTIONS.—State, congressional and county elections will be held in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Iowa, all occurring on the 11th of October next, and it is presumed that commissioners will be sent to this camp and other military posts and encampments of the armies of the United States to receive the soldiers' vote in accordance with the laws recently passed for that purpose. Having no complete copies of these laws, it is impossible, at this early day, for us to give any extended idea of their requirements.—However, it is a well known fact that only those can vote who are legal voters at their own homes. The occasionally expressed belief that the new election laws apply indiscriminately to all soldiers, has sufficient evidence of error on its face, and is ridiculous in the extreme. As comparatively few of this camp are interested in these elections, we apprehend little or no excitement.

TRANSFERRED.—Last week some three hundred men were transferred from Augur General Hospital to hospitals in Alexandria. We believe it is now customary to transfer many of the sick as soon as able to travel, in order that the hospital may be the better able to accommodate the new arrivals, which are very numerous, and keep its officers and employees quite busy.

THE number of deaths at Augur Hospital per week are rapidly decreasing.

OFFICIAL CHANGES IN CAMP.—On Wednesday morning last, Capt. F. B. Jones, 149th P. V., was relieved from the command of the cook-houses of the camp, he having been ordered front, where he takes the position of brigade inspector of the 1st Brigade, 1st Div., 5th Army Corps. The Captain faithfully performed his duties while here, and the position in which he is now placed as a staff officer at the front, will not find him lacking either in ability, courage or industry.—The command of the cook-houses has been resumed by Capt. J. P. Bird, 7th Wis. Vols., who was only temporarily off duty because of illness, and who has performed the duties for a long time.

In the command of the 2d Division, Capt. D. E. Lyon, 155th P. V., has succeeded Lieut. J. W. Vannetta, 83d P. V., whose term of service expired on Tuesday of last week.

Capt. J. W. Sanderson, 57th Mass., has also succeeded Capt. Thomas H. Marston, 82d P. V., in charge of the Post Office, and been appointed Provost Marshal of the camp. He has also organized a provisional guard for interior duty, per orders from Col. McKelvy. Its duty is to prevent gambling, disturbances, and preserve order generally within the regular guard lines.

Those unacquainted with the camp have little idea of the immense amount of business performed, which falls chiefly to its executive officers and those under their immediate command, and we are fortunate in having those fully able and willing to do the labor so successfully.

CHICKEN STEALING.—Augur General Hospital on Wednesday and Thursday night last suffered the loss of some fifteen young chickens, cooped in the stables belonging thereto. The meanness of this petty theft will be fully recognized when it is known that these fowls were to be given as luxuries to the very sick in hospital, who need them far more than the scoundrels guilty of appropriating them to their own uses. The parties suspected have been carefully watched by a detective appointed for the purpose by Dr. G. L. Sutton, Surgeon in Charge—a detective who has an "eye to business," and will no doubt stop any similar rascality in future, and a recurrence of the offence will bring speedy and condign punishment.

THE NORTHERN MONTHLY FOR SEPTEMBER has been received. It is rapidly becoming one of the first magazines in the country, as the following table of contents will show:—

The Quadroon's Daughter; Hannah Thurston—a Review; Prayer for Rain and Praise; British American Colonies, Woe—a Lament; Sex—Real and Apparent; Joining the Army; The New Mansion; Augusta at Small Point; Lie-awakes; Here or Hereafter; A Lay Hint to Clerical Friends; The South; Editorial Department; Military Matters.

Published by Edward P. Weston, at Goreham, Me., Price \$2 00 per annum.

GUERRILLAS are still occasionally prowling in the vicinity of Alexandria, Va. On Tuesday night of last week, we learn from the Alexandria State Journal, a number of these vultures visited the farm of Mr. E. H. Delahay, at Cloud's Mills, three miles south-west of Alexandria, and pounced upon six fine horses belonging to Mr. D. He estimates his loss at \$1,200.

LAST WEEK 3,172 men were sent from this camp to their regiments, and 3,142 received, making the arrivals less than the number sent away, and altogether giving a very considerable reinforcement to our armies.

THE LATEST NEWS.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, 9 P. M.

Major General Dix, New York:

This department has received dispatches from General Sherman down to 10 o'clock yesterday morning. His army is concentrated at Atlanta, his troops in possession, and well. He says:

"Rosseau and Stedman are stirring Wheeler up pretty well, and hopes they will make an end of him, as Gillen did of Morgan. The weather is beautiful, and all things bright."

No recent intelligence has been received from Mobile.

No movements are reported from the Shenandoah Valley or in the Army of the Potomac.

Recruiting is progressing vigorously in most of the States.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
September 10, 11 A. M.

At a point of our line, just west of the Jerusalem plank road, occupied by the 3d division of the 2d corps, the pickets have been so close together that they could converse without difficulty. On a part of this line, and some distance in the rear of their advance, the enemy had thrown up a line of slight works, with the intention, it is supposed, of falling back to them when occasion might demand. It was determined last night to drive them back to this line, and thus strengthen our own.

About midnight, when all was quiet, the division was formed in line of battle, and the picket line being reinforced, was ordered to advance. The rebels were evidently not prepared for such a movement, as they were completely taken by surprise, and nearly the entire line captured.—They made every effort to retake the lost ground, but did not succeed; and our men now occupy the line, and are securely entrenched. We took about one hundred prisoners, while our own loss was very light.

Desultory firing has been kept up in that vicinity all the morning, and the enemy evidently feel sore at being so taken by surprise. Some of them called out to our men, saying: "That was a d—d mean Yankee trick anyhow, but we'll pay you up for it before long."

NASHVILLE, Sept. 11.—A dispatch states that Hood left little of value in Atlanta, most of the Government stores and railroad material having previously been removed to Macon.

A Harper's Ferry dispatch of the 10th inst., states that the rebels are still in force near Winchester and Bunker Hill.

The notorious Colonel Jessee, with one hundred and fifty men, surrendered on Thursday to Colonel Holman, near Ghent, Kentucky. They were surrounded, and made no resistance.

DEATHS.

The following deaths occurred in Augur General Hospital during the week ending Sept. 10th, 1864:
John Gordon, pr. 1st Mass. L. A., remittent fever.
George Mayers, pr. drafted Pa., chronic diarrhoea.
John Smith, pr., substitute, Pennsylvania.

AUGUR GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT,

FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 10TH, 1864.

No. of beds,.....	671
" admitted during the week,.....	232
" returned to duty,.....	48
" transferred,.....	315
" on furlough,.....	39
" discharged,.....	6
" deserted,.....	5
" deceased,.....	3

From Rendezvous of Distribution,..... 398
G. L. SUTTON, Surg. U. S. V., in Charge.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Of men received and sent to their respective regiments during the week ending Saturday, Sept. 10th, 1864:—

Men received,.....	3,142
Number of men sent to their regiments,.....	3,172

W. J. SHELDRAKE, Serg't Major.

DESERTERS' DIVISION.

List of men received for the week ending Sept. 10, 1864:
Sent away,..... 39
Discharged,..... 6
In Camp,..... 135

F. T. STEWART,
Lieut. 29th Ohio Vol., in Charge.
CHAS. A. EVANS, Rep. Clerk.