FROM OUR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Optic.

CAMP HAMILTON, Ky., Oct. 3.—We are at last settled for the time being in the blue grass region. The site of our camp is a very beautiful and all of the boys stroll around with bright countenances and no doubt happy hearts, for coming from such a beastly place as Prescott, to a beautiful country, is a great contrast indeed, and an improvement which no one could fail to appreciate.

Our camp is located about five miles east of Lexington and is called Camp Hamilton. It is in a piece of country bedded by blue grass of the finest, softest quality, and shaded by very large trees. Each regiment has its camp a little apart from the others, and each a separate parade ground.

Among the regiments camped here the Twelfth New York, Second Missouri, Third Kentucky, Third Mississippi, two colored regiments, (camped apart from the whites), Eighth Massachusetts, and First Territorial Volunteer Infantry.

The five companies of our regiment from the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, were here several days ahead of us, and when we arrived they had our tents already pitched for us and all ready for us to put our floors in, which we considered pretty nice of them They were as glad to see us as we were to get here, and did everything to make it pleasant from the start. Our regiment has been nicknamed the "Big Four," on account of the four Territories comprising the name. We aim to be the best regiment in the camp and I think we will be, but we have to do some good work, for some of the boys do pretty well. We received our guns Thursday and are now working exclusively on the manual of arms as we must catch up on that before doing much other work.

The division hospital here is a very large institution and has something like 500 patients, most of whom were from regiments which were in Florida during the summer and who returned in very poor health. Our company has not a single man on the sick report here, and we hope we may continue without having any.

All the boys were much pleased with the grand reception given us at Las Vegas. It was far ahead of anything we saw on the road. Albuquerque turned out pretty well, but it was not an item compared to what Las Vegas did. As usual, Las Vegas did the right thing at the right time.

One of the train hands on our train who has been with soldier trains all over the United States since the war began, said that he had seen some grand receptions given the boys, but that none of them compared with what we got in Las Vegas.

There is some talk afloat to the effect that this regiment (ours I mean) will be mounted. We all hope so, but there is nothing of enough stability in the report to arouse our hopes.

It is the general supposition that all the troops stationed here will be moved south into Georgia and Alabama for the winter, so will probably not be here later than the last of October.

We shall always be glad to see an OPTIC, so hope we will not be forgotten. Address of Las Vegas Company is, In care of Company F, First Terr Vol. Infantry, Camp Hamilton, Ky.

JACK MENNET.

REV. E. H. SWEET'S RECEPTION.

The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Carrithers, on Sixth and National streets, was thrown open for the reception of Pastor Sweet and family of the Baptist church of this city. Outside of the congregation, the clergy of the city and Normal school faculty were present in response to invitations previously sent out.

A short musical program was rendered, in which the vocal solo by Prof. McNary and the piano playing by Prof. Miller were especially artistic and very much enjoyed. The guests and friends then filed into the large dining room where the long tables ladened with the good things of the season, tempted the appetites of the most abstemious. After the various sittings, when all had partaken to their full satisfaction, social conversation, games and various amusements were engaged in until the lateness of the hour gave warning that the time of separation was at hand. After a many kindly "good night" and expressions of a happy time, all departed to their homes where the pleasures and joys of the evening gradually faded into happy dreams and peaceful rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrithers, mother and sister, are to be especially complimented for the enjoyment of the occasion, and for their happy manner of causing those in their presence to forget the cares of business and to enjoy the blessings of the hour.

A NIGHT SCHOOL.

Professors Wood and Stockman's private school in the seminary is progressing very pleasantly. They give full time to primary pupils and all. They have recently had an increase of four young men to their night school. Others are expected to enroll soon. A good night school in our city will certainly be a great blessing to young men and boys who can not attend the day school. Many of the great men of our country have gotten a start and inspiration in night schools which led to their success in life.

A COOK BOOK FREE.

"Table and Kitchen" is the title of a new cook book published by the Price Baking Powder Company, Chicago. Just at this time it will be sent free if you write a postal mentioning THE OPTIC. This book has been tried by ourselves and is one of the very best of its kind. Besides containing over 400 receipts for all kinds of pastry and home cookery, there are many hints for the table and kitchen, showing how to set a table, how to enter the dining room, etc.; a hundred and one hints in every branch of the culinary art. Cookery of the very finest and richest as well as of the most economical and home like, is provided for. Remember "Table and Kitchen" will be sent, postage prepaid, to any lady sending her address (name, town and state) plainly given. A copy in German or Scandinavian will be sent if desired. Postal card is as good as letter. Address Price Baking Powder Co., Chicago, Ill.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It's always tough on the tight rope walker when he steps from the straight and narrow path.

With the exception of ourselves, no one ever does things as they should be done.

General Joe Wheeler is all right, but he ought to bear in mind that there are not many soldiers quite as cheerful as he is.

General Blanco has been invited to leave Cuba. His departure will solve a great many of the Cuban problems.

They are beginning to string the wires in Cuba. The political wire-stringing will no doubt begin in due time.

The autumn rain came just in time to start the political mud-throwing.

Time may be a success as a wound-healer, but it seldom removes the scars.

The more vanity some people possess the easier it is to make them happy.

We will now let the Philippine question rest for awhile, while we chase the wily red man o'er the plains.

An old bachelor says the average wait of women is until they are asked to marry.

Money brings happiness to some men because of the interest they derive therefrom.

An act of Congress in 1872 abolished egging in the navy.

There are 13,000 distinct varieties of postage stamps.

As long as a man is able to keep out of a dentist's chair he may be able to suffer in silence.

When a woman stops crying over trouble and begins to think, it's an unfailing sign that she is getting along in years.

When a bachelor begins to investigate a girl's cooking, he means business.

Round-shouldered men would be scarce if there were no troubles but real ones.

Perhaps General Wheeler only told of things as they look to a man up a tree.

And now the Spaniards have bottled Admiral Cervera up by making him a Senator for life.

Those Indians proved to be better marksmen than the Spaniards. But they are American Indians.

In their eager search for something to wake them up, the people of Philadelphia have decided to have a baby show.

Some of those Red men will feel awfully blue before Gen. Bacon's troopers and his reinforcements get through with them.

It is now Senator Quay's turn to do a little rough thinking.

Chicago's motion for a new Daughter of the Confederacy has not been passed.

The filtration scheme has been pretty well filtered by public opinion.

This is a great year for heroes in United States history.

For Sale—2,500 yearling wethers, 2,000 lambs, in good condition. For particulars, address, Jose Albino Baca, Sr., Upper Las Vegas. 276tf

MARKETS.

Cattle and Sheep.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Cattle—Receipts 12,500; strong, to 10 cents higher; beeves, $4.10 @ $5.75; cows and heifers, $2.00 @ 4.65; Texas steers, $2.90 @ 3.90; westerns, $3.60 @ 4.60; stockers and feeders, $3.10@4.50.

Sheep — Receipts, 15,000; market, firm to 10c higher; natives, $3.10@4.70; westerns, $3.65@4.55; lambs, $4.25@6.40.

Kansas City Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; natives steady, to strong, others slow, native steers, $4.25@5.40; Texas steers, $2.85@4.90; Texas cows, $2.00@3.00; native cows and heifers, $1.50@4.75; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.40; bulls, $2.55@3.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; strong; lambs, $3.50@5.50; muttons, $3.00@4.50.

Chicago Grain.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Wheat—Oct., 64½; Dec., 64½@⅝.
Corn.—Oct., 30½; Dec., 30½.
Oats.—Oct., 22⅛; Dec, 22@⅛.

Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Money on call nominally, 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Silver, 59⅝; Lead, $3.75; Copper, 11.

A MODEL COAL CAMP.

The Cerrillos coal railroad company is now doing the heaviest business in its history. The anthracite pits have just started up for the winter and all told, including the workers in the soft coal pits, there are 500 men on the pay roll. The out put of coal is over 1,000 tons daily, the bulk of which goes to El Paso and into Mexico. The company is building a model industrial town at Madrid, three miles from Cerrillos, which now has a population of 2,000 Among recent improvements is a large public hall and a free library. The supply of coal is inexhaustible. The quality is superb. There are two veins. These crop out for miles along the easterly bank of the valley The upper vein is four feet thick of the best anthracite west of Pennsylvania. Below the anthracite vein, 150 feet, lies the second vein, six feet thick, of fine bitumenous coal.

A POOR WORKER.

No man or woman can work well, mentally or physically, nor perform effective service of any kind who is burdened with a torpid liver. Constipation and deficient secretion of bile have clogged up the organs of the body so that they cannot keep up the energy to the proper standard, hence, weariness, headaches, depression, fickle appetite result. All this can be changed with a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It cleanses the system thoroughly, flushes excretory canals, drives out impurities, imparts new life to the vital organs and re-establishes healthy functional activity, which brings with it energy, strength, vigor of body and brain and cheerful spirits. Sold by Murphey-Van Petten Drug Co.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles!

Symptoms:—Moisture; intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore, SWAYNE'S OINTMENT stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggists, or by mail for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. 49 1y.