

RATTLE OF THE RIFLE RANGE

Interesting Features of a Day's Inspection of Bellevue's Practice Ground.

WHERE SOLDIERS LEARN TO SHOOT

Accuracy Secured by Burning Enormous Quantities of Powder—Evolution of the Army Gun—Peculiarities of an Indian Marksman.

Down where the "Big Muddy" rolls its sullen and turbid tide past the village of Bellevue there is strange music in the air. The twitter of happy birds, the whisper of summer breezes as they sweep through leafy bowers and over grassy hills and glens, the tingling-ling of cow bells resounding through the forest are all familiar and harmonious sounds to the lover of rural life.

One might look far and wide for a sharper contrast than that which is found in the delicate chirp of the wren followed by the keen and sharp crack of the army rifle. The boisterous music with which Mars might call his forces to battle, the gay and blithe music to which Satyr and the Fawns would gladly dance, are mingled about the camp at the rifle range from north to night, from day to day.

The hand of nature shaped the hills and vales about the rifle range for an ideal camping place, and the beauties and advantages there outspread were never seen to better effect than this summer. The second battalion of the Second Iowa Cavalry, consisting of companies C, D, E, G and I, is now closing its season of regimental practice and competition, having spent nearly a month on the range.

Pleasure of a Day at the Range. A Bee reporter had the pleasure of spending a day at the range last week and found it to be a place of rare interest and recreation. The camp at present is under the command of Captain Keller, senior captain of the Second Iowa Cavalry.

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ment will begin the manufacture of the new Kraig-Jorgensen gun at Springfield, Mass., and turn them out at the rate of 100 finished guns a day. The rate of the entire United States army can be equipped with these guns in less than a year.

The new gun has been remarkable. The tendency has been toward a smaller caliber and longer cartridge. The old Springfield rifle when first introduced to the army was a .38-caliber gun, and those who carried the gun say that it was a killer at both ends. The caliber was finally reduced to .30, and about the time the war closed the caliber was again reduced to .24, where it has since remained.

The Kraig-Jorgensen gun is only a .30-caliber gun, but the cartridge is very long and it is known as the "bullet" cartridge. The cartridge will be loaded with smokeless powder manufactured in Belgium. This powder produces but a light report compared with that of common powder and is said to be very clean. After firing a piece 100 times hardly enough burnt powder remains sticking to the inside of the weapon to disclose a cup of water poured through the barrel. The bullets are projected with tremendous force and it is said to be so constructed that it will undergo a great deal of abuse without danger or absolute injury.

It seems almost probable that the soldiers who engage in the practice at Bellevue next year will be attempting to find the bulls-eyes and the silhouettes with Kraig-Jorgensen guns.

Collided with a Car. Frank Fitzsimons was severely injured in a collision with a Walnut Hill motor car at the intersection of Cuming and 15th streets.

Twenty-third and Cuming streets at 10 o'clock yesterday evening, Fitzsimons was in the net of a motor car. The car was traveling on the east side of Cuming street when it struck the motor car.

He was lucky enough to fall clear of the wheels and escaped with some severe lacerations about the head and a fracture to his back. He was taken into Smith's drug store, where a physician said that his injuries were more painful than serious. He is being treated at the home at 1519 North Twenty-ninth avenue.

Copeland's Car. Frank Fitzsimons was arrested by Detectives Savare and Dempsey late yesterday afternoon for grand larceny. Some time Monday night a cow was stolen from W. A. Copeland, who lives at Thirty-seventh street and Avenue J. Copeland's Bill of Sale was from a neighbor named Jewett. The cattle were driven across the bridge about 1 o'clock a. m. and the detectives traced them to the place.

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KANSAS CITY MEET OPENED

Summer Session of the Jockey Club Starts with Good Attendance.

WEDGEFIELD HAS AN EASY VICTORY

He Took the Kansas City Cup and Its Rich Prize from the Favorite With Little Trouble—Other Sporting Events.

KANSAS CITY, June 21.—The spring meeting of the Kansas City driving park opened under auspicious circumstances, and the spectators were well paid for their trip to the track, though the boiling sun made existence rather burdensome. The track was rather wet. The event of the day was the Kansas City cup valued at \$500, and with a purse of \$1,000 was won by Wedgefield in the easiest kind of way.

He started out in the lead and won by three lengths from Great Hope, who beat Blaze Duke for the place by half a length. The mile and eighth was made in 1:59. After Blaze Duke the horses straggled in, the next three being Hydy, Coronet and First Day, finishing in the order named. In betting Blaze Duke was favorite at odds of 3 to 1. Wedgefield sold 4 to 1 and those on Great Hope 5 to 1.

First race, four furlongs: Tom Jones won, second, Cactus Blossom third, Time: 1:19.

Second race, four furlongs, for maiden 2-year-olds: Antline won, Aloy second, Tochee third, Time: 1:23.

Third race, five furlongs: Hal Fisher won, Immature second, King Faro III third, Time: 1:35.

Fourth race, Kansas City cup, purse \$1,000, mile and eighth: Wedgefield won, Great Hope second, Blaze Duke third, Time: 1:59.

Fifth race, hurdle race, one mile: Volens won, Speculation second, Brown Ratton third, Time: 1:50.

Sixth race, four furlongs, for maiden 2-year-olds: Martins won, Barney Aaron, Jr. second, La Rosat third, Time: 1:21.

Sheepskin Results. SHEEPSKIN BEY, June 21.—The attendance at Sheepshead Bay today was small, as is usual the day after the Sturbran is run. A refreshing breeze lent comfort to the occasion. The card was as follows: First race, five furlongs: Officially announced by the Western Union Telegraph company that the struggle between the telegraph company and the Jockey club had been settled. Foran (4 to 5) won, Wall Jim (3 to 1) second, Longstreet (2 to 1) third, Time: 1:10.

Second race, Futurity course: Kasan (7 to 2) won, Little Matt (3 to 1) second, Meddler (8 to 5) third, Time: 1:15.

Third race, Futurity course: Sarah Ramsey (7 to 2) won, Leven (15 to 1) second, St. Domingo (10 to 1) third, Time: 1:15.

Fourth race, seven-eighths mile: Speculation (6 to 1) won, Arab (2 to 5) second, Deception (3 to 1) third, Time: 1:15.

Fifth race, mile and eighth: Count (5 to 1) won, Race and (3 to 1) second, Leonawell (7 to 1) third, Time: 1:55.

Sixth race, three-fourths mile: Cataract (7 to 1) won, P. H. (10 to 1) second, Danisere (4 to 1) third, Time: 1:15.

Latonia's Program. CINCINNATI, June 21.—Latonia races: First race, seven-eighths mile: Covertion (2 to 1) won, The Hero (3 to 1) second, Doncastor (10 to 1) third, Time: 1:15.

Second race, nine-sixteenths mile: Hyran (4 to 1) won, The Hero (3 to 1) second, Fonseca (6 to 1) third, Time: 59.

Third race, eleven-sixteenths mile: Captain Drake (12 to 1) won, The Hero (3 to 1) second, Mirage (12 to 1) third, Time: 1:12.

Fourth race, one mile: Legrande (7 to 5) won, John Herby (4 to 1) second, The Hero (3 to 1) third, Time: 1:48.

Fifth race, purse \$500, five-eighths mile: Frontman (8 to 1) won, Lehman (8 to 1) second, Edith (2 to 1) third, Time: 58.

Sixth race, for 3-year-olds, mile and eighth: The Hero (3 to 1) won, never won \$1,000, mile and eighth: Striker (7 to 1) won, Edith (7 to 5) second, Hume Boy (3 to 1) third, Time: 1:50.

Seventh race, handicap, one mile: Sound (10 to 1) won, never won \$1,000, mile and eighth: Pessador (15 to 1) third, Time: 1:45.

Gallop at Gloucester. GLOUCESTER, June 21. Results: First race, four and a half furlongs: Bobolink (7 to 1) won, Boston (10 to 1) second, Walter Campbell (12 to 1) third, Time: 59.

Second race, one mile: Artillery (7 to 5) won, Boston (10 to 1) second, Boston (10 to 1) third, Time: 1:48.

Third race, four and a half furlongs: King (7 to 1) won, Boston (10 to 1) second, Prince Peyton (4 to 1) third, Time: 59.

Fourth race, six and a half furlongs: Uncertain (10 to 1) won, Boston (10 to 1) second, St. Patrick (10 to 1) third, Time: 1:22.

Fifth race, one mile: South (10 to 1) won, Hazed (3 to 1) second, Little Bar (20 to 1) third, Time: 59.

Sixth race, seven-eighths mile: Lost Star (6 to 5) won, Plato second, Ted G third, Time: 1:15.

Blair's Race Meeting. BLAIR, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—As was anticipated the Blair races started out this afternoon with a red hot race. Great interest was manifested and Anna Onley gets all the bets from the grand stand. Among most of the horsemen here she was considered only a colt, just learning, but she fooled them all by taking both heats. She can trot this spring in the three-minute class and win money, but she has been classed among the trainers as being only two heats in the three-minute trot and one heat in the 2:35 trot were had. The balance of races was postponed until tomorrow.

Chicago, June 21.—At last the entire Eastern American Derby contingent is here, preparing for the great event of Saturday. From the great variety of work done it is a matter of little doubt that the Derby is likely to fall to an outsider as to a favorite. Good judges think if the race goes to an outsider Johnson has the best chance. Chorister and St. Leonard impress the trainers as being the best fitted to outstay and outtire any other Derby candidate, especially if the track be heavy. Lookout has many friends, but it is decidedly the favorite among trainers.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES. Boston and Brooklyn Have a Hard Tussle. BOSTON, June 21.—Jack Strittens seems to be the Bridgeport's bete noir. Errors were costly on both sides. Attendance, 4,050.

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Went to the South

Pittsburg, June 21.—In the ninth inning the Pittsburg pulled together and won a game that was considered hopelessly lost up to that time. Score: Pittsburg..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 5-6 Cleveland..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 3 5-5

Hits: Pittsburg, 30; Cleveland, 10; Errors: Pittsburg, 1; Cleveland, 2; Batteries: Killen and Stensel; Quinn, Cappy and Zimmer.

PHILADELPHIA, June 21.—The Philadelphia-Washington game, which was long drawn out and very sleepy, was won by the visitors. Score: Philadelphia..... 1 0 5 0 1 0 0 0 10-14 Washington..... 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1-14

Hits: Philadelphia, 17; Washington, 17; Errors: Philadelphia, 7; Cincinnati, 3; Batteries: Vickers, Carney and Cross; Ebert and Farrell.

Standing of the Team. W. L. P. C. Philadelphia 24 16 63 6 Baltimore 23 12 63 6 Boston 22 17 61 6 Washington 23 13 61 6 Brooklyn 27 17 61 6 Cincinnati 18 24 49 9 Cleveland 20 19 51 38 Louisville 18 24 42 9 New York 23 23 50 41 Louisville 17 28 29 20

AMONG THE AMATEURS. Went Off Half-Cocked. OMAHA, June 21.—The Sporting Editor of The Bee: We see in Wednesday's Bee that the Nonpartisan Juniors defeated the West Omahas. This was a fictitious score, and we want it distinctly understood that we do not play such humbug clubs. But we have the honor to say that we would be most glad to have a contest with the Nonpartisan Juniors.

CAPTAIN WEST OMAHA BASE BALL CLUB. Look again at my 21 as also that it was the West Omaha Juniors who were defeated by the Nonpartisan Juniors. Captain Dave Shanahan will give you a chance to realize your desire to do up the Nonpartisan Juniors.

Hendon to the Home. The Omaha Bee and the Sarpy Mills teams played a close and exciting game at Sarpy Mills Sunday, which resulted in favor of the former: Sarpy Mills..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0-2 Bees..... 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0-3

Hits: Bees, 7; Sarpy and Krebs: Sarpy Mills, 4; Bees, 3; Errors: Sarpy Mills, 4; Bees, 2; Batteries: Sarpy Mills, 12; Bees, 12; Time: 1:30.

Springfield Wins. SPRINGFIELD, Neb., June 21.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The second game of ball between Springfield and Weeping Water was played today on the home grounds and was won by Springfield, in the tenth inning by a score of 9 to 2.

Springfield..... 9 3 0 0 1 0 2 2 1-9 Weeping Water..... 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 0-8

Hits: Springfield, 10; Weeping Water, 8; Errors: Springfield, 1; Weeping Water, 3; Batteries: Springfield, 12; Weeping Water, 12; Time: 1:30.

AMUSEMENTS. Seldom has a performance in Omaha given more thorough enjoyment than the one given on the Wednesday theater last night.

It was the testimonial benefit tendered to a branch of the Stage Mechanics association.

The affair was under the direction of Mr. J. R. Moynihan, and was not only well planned, but was admirably carried out, not a break of any kind occurring to mar the performance.

One of the most interesting features was the change of a wooden exterior to a drawing room interior, while you waited, it was especially good.

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AFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

School Board Meets and Receives Bids for New School Houses.

WOOLLETT NOW HAS A HEART OF OAK

He is Said to Be Determined to Put His Unnatural Brother Behind the Bars—City Treasurer Hector's Report for April and May.

The members of the school board met in one of the rooms of the High school building last night and transacted considerable business.

President Cheek occupied the chair and all the members were present. A half dozen or more contractors, who had in bids for the construction of the two new school houses, were on hand and lingered around until the meeting closed.

The bids for constructing the buildings were referred to the committee on buildings and grounds to tabulate and report upon as soon as they had been received.

The final estimate for the cost of grading done for the Missouri avenue school house was allowed and William Carr, the contractor, will receive \$1,008.42 for the job.

Graduating Exercises. Study hall in the High school building never looked prettier or contained more happy and smiling faces than it did last night. The occasion was the fifth graduating exercises of the eighth grade pupils in the South Omaha schools.

The stage platform was attractively decorated with flags, flowers and plants of various descriptions, all of which blended charmingly with costumes and contented and proud countenances of the nineteen graduates who were seated thereon.

Music was the first number, and when all the voices of the eighth grade pupils joined in a sweet and melodious strain through the entire audience. The following program was then rendered in a most excellent manner:

Morning Invitation.....High School Chorus Welcomes.....Alma Calkins Paper—How We Prepared Our Eighth Grade Exercises.....Grace Birge Declaration—Simon Grant and Henry Harding Essay—My Favorite.....May Furness

Jack Frost.....Eighth Grade Chorus Recitation—The Courtin'.....Margaret Kruskon Recitation—St. George's.....Pearl Glasgow Paper—Trains of the Eighth Grade

Recitation—Brier Rose.....Pearl Glasgow Essay—The Progress of Our Women Means the Progress of Our Nation.....Ritchhart Recitation—King Volmer and Elea

Piano Solo.....Ethel Honey Discussion—Should Industrial Training Be Taught in the Public Schools.....Affirmative—Roy Howe, Ned Savage, James Cloganson

Recitation—Roland Smith, Delos Ward, Charlie Mann

Fairy Moonlight.....Eighth Grade Presentation of Surferettes.....A. A. Munroe