

GUARDSMEN TALK OVER BIG SHOOT

Pleased With Work of
the District Boys at
Sea Girt.

SOON TO RESUME DRILLS

Grand Army Encampment to Bring
Militiamen Into Service—All Anxious
to Make Good Showing Before Vet-
erans of Civil War.

"The reason we did not win the Inter-
state and Hilton matches at Sea Girt
was that the other boys had the luck,
and you cannot disguise the fact," said
Major James E. Bell, inspector general
of rifle practice of the District of Co-
lumbia militia. Another officer of the
militia and a member of the rifle team,
said: "We won everything we did not go
after."

The shoot is the principal topic of con-
versation in National Guard circles at
present. The team and its followers
are somewhat disappointed at not being
able to bring back with them the Hilton
Trophy and the Wimbledon Cup. The
knowledge, however, that they won
twelve prizes, a majority, seems to
please all. Besides having fared so well
the District won the right to three rep-
resentatives on the American team
shooting for the Palma Trophy in
Canada.

In truth, there are five representatives
of the District on the American team,
for Horace Bell, son of Major Bell, and
Hall Leizer, also members of the team,
secured their training with the National
Guard of the District, and until recently
shot with the team. Lieutenant Bell
was inspector of rifle practice of the
Second Battalion until he removed to
New Jersey. While here Lieutenant
Leizer was also a prominent member of
the National Guard. He has moved to
Pennsylvania.

Drills Soon to Begin.

Nearly all the company organizations
will begin drilling this week. They were
suspended as soon as the boys returned
from their annual outing at Leesburg,
and there has been but little activity
around the armories.

The coming encampment of the Grand
Army of the Republic will call the Na-
tional Guard into service. While there
have been no orders issued from head-
quarters, it is known that the soldier
boys will be called out to take part in
the big military parade on October 7.

From the brigadier general down to
the lowest private in the rear rank all
are anxious to make this assembly the
finest of their lives. The commands
of companies will undoubtedly call extra
drills, and there will also be battalion
assemblies. Undoubtedly by the time
they are called out the boys will be in
condition to make a fine showing.

They feel that they will be in in-
spection. There will be thousands and
thousands of men in Washington on that
day who have done nothing but talk
about military and war affairs for forty
years. The soldiers are best critics of
a soldier, but the members of the Na-
tional Guard say that they will not have
a chance to criticize them unless it is
favorably.

Rifemen at Ordway.

The regular fall competition for rifle-
men at Ordway, under the auspices of
the National Rifle Association, will, if
all probability be held Wednesday
Thursday, and Friday, October 22, 23,
and 24. These dates are conditional, be-
ing subject to the approval of the com-
manding general. One of the features
this year will be the skirmish team
match.

Voluntary practice will be allowed at
the Ordway range Tuesday, Thursday,
and Saturday, until November 1.

Orders were issued yesterday for the
parade of the First Separate Battalion
and the Naval Battalion for rifle prac-
tice at Ordway range on the 17th and
18th inst.

Special orders No. 60 were issued from
militia headquarters yesterday, direct-
ing a board of officers to assemble at
the National Rifle Association at 4 p. m.
Wednesday, the 17th inst., or as soon
thereafter as practicable, to examine,
report upon, and recommend the dis-
position of certain articles of public
property for which Brig. Gen. George
H. Harries, commanding the District of
Columbia militia, is accountable, and
which are alleged to have become un-
serviceable and unsuitable for further
use.

The board will consist of Major
Charles H. Suran, inspector general;
Capt. Edward P. Riggs, aide-de-camp;
and Capt. C. Fred Cook, aide-de-camp.

Captain Webster May Retire.

Capt. Frederick T. Webster, Company
C, First Separate Battalion, will in the
near future, it is understood, tender his
resignation to the commanding general.

Capt. A. P. Robbins has returned from
his outing at Sea Girt and has resumed
duties as acting adjutant general. It
is understood that Col. Theodore Mosher,
adjutant general, will return to the
city some time this week and resume his
official duties.

As yet General Harries has not taken
any action toward filling the vacant
position of quartermaster general. At
present Major E. H. Neumeier, com-
missary general, is acting quartermas-
ter general, and it is likely he will con-
tinue for several months.

The brigade board of examination for
candidates for commissions will sit
some time this week. Sergt. Charles E.
Groom, of Company B, Fourth Battalion,
and Sergt. H. Giey, of Company D, First
Battalion, will appear before the board
for examination for the second lieuten-
ancy of their respective companies.

NAVAL RESERVES GIVEN
OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN

Inquiry Ordered Into Absences at the
Recent Cruise of the
Battalion.

Orders have been issued by S. G. Hop-
kins, commander of the District Naval
Battalion, to Lieut. A. P. Lang and
Lieut. J. A. Dempf, ordering them to
make rigid investigation into the cases
of every seaman who failed to put in
an appearance upon the Fern upon the

occasion of the annual cruise of the Na-
val Battalion some days ago.
There are 130 members of the Naval
Reserve command, but out of that num-
ber only forty-eight were present when
the Fern left her moorings. Commanding
Hopkins, it is said, has decided that in
each case where the excuse for non-ap-
pearance is insufficient he will at once
issue orders for a court-martial.

WAS "UP AGAINST IT."

William Cleary Knew What Was Com-
ing When Taken Into Court.

When William Cleary was arraigned
in the Police Court yesterday to answer
to a charge of disorderly conduct, Judge
Bundy looked the prisoner over with
stern gaze.

About ten days ago Cleary was before
the court charged with vagrancy. It
was said he had been drunk and noisy
and offensive on Seventh Street. He had
been in the dock often before, but this
time appeared to be very penitent. After
pleading for mercy, he promised that if
let off he would go right out and take
a pledge never to drink again. He was
picked up Friday in a state of beastly
intoxication.

"What have you to say?" asked Judge
Bundy, sternly.
"I don't suppose it's worth while say-
ing anything," replied Cleary. "I'm up
against it."

"Right. Six months in the work-
house," snarled the court.

FIRE FIGHTERS RESIGN.

Efforts to Force Roanoke to Have Paid
Department.

ROANOKE, Va., Sept. 13.—The Junior
Hose Company at their last meeting by
unanimous vote determined to ask the
city council to relieve them from further
service in the Roanoke Volunteer Fire
Department.

It is understood that the Friendship
Company at its next meeting will make
a similar request of the council. This
will mean a paid fire department for the
city.

WHAT CONSTITUTES HOUSE OF WORSHIP

The Corporation Counsel
Renders Formal Opin-
ion to Excise Board.

APPLIES TO HOME FOR AGED

Decides That Chapel Where Inmates
Hold Services Brings It Within Mean-
ing of Law Excluding Saloons From
Vicinity—Opinion of Broad Scope.

The District Commissioners yesterday
received from Mr. A. B. Duvall, the
Corporation Counsel, an opinion upon
the recommendation of the Excise Board,
requesting information whether the
Home for the Aged, conducted by the
Little Sisters of the Poor, is a house of
religious worship within the meaning of
the act of Congress regulating the sale
of intoxicating liquors in the Dis-
trict.

It appears that Maurice Sheehan is at
present the holder of a barroom license
at 127 H Street northeast, and that he
desires to remove his saloon to 145 H
Street northeast, and to have his li-
cense transferred to the latter number.
The premises to which Mr. Sheehan de-
sires to move are about 300 feet from the
entrance to the home. On the second
floor of the home is a chapel, in which
religious services are held daily for the
benefit of the inmates, from which the
public is excluded.

Mr. Duvall quotes the law relating to
the matter contained in section 15 of Act
of Congress, approved May 11, 1894,
as follows:

Quotes From the Law.
"That license for any of the purposes
specified in any section of said act shall
not be granted to any person to conduct
such business within 400 feet of a public
schoolhouse, private school, or house of
religious worship, measured between the
nearest entrance to each by the short-
est course of travel between such place
of business and any schoolhouse, private
school, or house of religious wor-
ship."

In view of the provisions of the law,
Mr. Duvall gives it as his opinion that
the chapel referred to is a house of re-
ligious worship within the meaning and
intent of the law. He also gives it as
his opinion that the distance between the
said house of worship and the propo-
sed location of any barroom is to be
measured from the exterior entrance of
the home.

It is understood that, in view of the
instructions of the Corporation Counsel,
the proposed transfer of the license will
be denied.

ADVERTISEMENT WAS
FATALLY DEFECTIVE

Corporation Counsel Recommends Re-
mission of Interest to Mr. Fague
on Tax Sale.

Mr. A. B. Duvall, the Corporation
Counsel, yesterday forwarded to the
District Commissioners an opinion upon
the application of Mr. Joseph R. Fague
for the remission of interest on the
general tax for the year 1887 on certain
property of Mr. M. R. Goddard. The
application was based upon the claim
that the property was not legally ad-
vertised for sale in the delinquent tax
list for the year 1887.

Mr. Duvall states that he is of the
opinion that the point is well taken. He
regards the advertisement as fatally de-
fective in not giving the proper descrip-
tion of the property.
Mr. Duvall advised the Commissioners
that they were authorized to remit the
interest and to accept the principal of
the tax as tendered by the owner of the
property.

MAN AND WOMAN SAVED FROM BURNING HOMES

Police Make Rescues at Two
Small Fires.

Mrs. J. Koch Removed From One House
in Unconscious Condition—Jason
Hopkins Injured.

A fire creating considerable excite-
ment through the fear that it would
result in loss of life, broke out in the
home of Jason R. Hopkins, 1816 Sev-
enth Street northwest, shortly after 8
o'clock yesterday morning. The fire
spread to the adjoining dwelling of
Henry Koch and family.

When Sergeant Jack and Policemen
Seibert and O'Brien, of the Eighth pre-
cinct, arrived upon the scene both
houses were blazing furiously. The
alarm was sounded and the three po-
licemen started into the houses to save
what property they could. Upon enter-
ing the Hopkins home, Policemen Sei-
bert and O'Brien found Mr. Hopkins
groping blindly about in the smoke-
filled interior, suffering from numerous
painful burns about his face and body,
as the result of his having attempted
to extinguish the flames. He was taken
out and sent to Freedman's Hospital,
where his injuries were dressed.

Mrs. Koch Overcome.

Evergette Jack, in the meantime, was
exploring the other burning building.
On the second floor he found Mrs. J.
Koch, seventy-three years old, over-
come by smoke. The sergeant threw a
blanket about the woman and carried
her to the residence of a neighbor. A
physician was summoned, who restored
her to consciousness.

Truck D and Engine Companies 9 and
7, after an hour's hard work, succeeded
in extinguishing the fires.
Mr. Hopkins' home was damaged to
the extent of \$300, fully covered by in-
surance, while the home of Mr. Koch
was damaged to the amount of \$25,
principally by smoke.

SMALL BLAZE IN PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY

Threatened Serious Damage, But Was
Extinguished Readily by
Chemical Engine.

A coal oil stove was overturned in the
gallery of a photograph company, on
the second floor of 923 Pennsylvania
Avenue northwest, about 5:30 o'clock
last evening, and for some minutes the
building and adjoining property were in
danger. No serious damage was done,
however.

A young woman customer, who was in
the place at the time, had the presence
of mind to turn in an alarm from box
175, which is located at the corner of
Tenth and D Streets northwest.

Several engine companies responded
but the blaze was extinguished by a
chemical engine. The rear portion of
the building was scorched and a quantity
of photographs and the accounts of the
proprietor were destroyed.
The manager of the photograph com-
pany estimates the damage at \$100, while
the building, which is owned by John
T. Harris, can be put in shape for about
\$10.

INVITED TO ST. LOUIS.

District Commissioners Included in
Courtesy Extended Many Governors.

The District Commissioners have re-
ceived an invitation from the president
and board of directors of the St. Louis
World's Fair to attend a meeting of the
governors of States and Territories of
the Union in that city from September
30 to October 2, to witness the allotment
of sites for the proposed exposition.

The Commissioners have replied that,
owing to a vacancy in the Board of Com-
missioners, they are unable to accept the
invitation extended to them. They also
express regret at not being able to
be present on the occasion re-
ferred to.



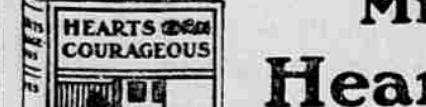
An interesting compilation of reports from the prominent book stores of the six best
selling books of the month was printed in the Bookman Magazine for last month.
"The Mississippi Bubble" led all others as the best selling novel in the United States.

"The Mississippi Bubble" is one of the truly great romances. It is truth and art combined.—The Boston Journal.

"Hearts Courageous," the love story of the signing of the
Declaration of Independence, is a most delightful and convincing romance. We meet Patrick
Henry, Baron Fairfax, Jefferson, Franklin and La Fayette.
Every portrait is instinct with life and vigor. As a story of the times, we do not know where in literature to
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SONS OF JONADAB CELEBRATE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and
the District of Columbia Repre-
sented at Gathering.

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the or-
ganization of the Sons of Jonadab was
celebrated at the hall of Centennial
Council, 902 Pennsylvania Avenue north-
west. All the councils of the District of
Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and West
Virginia participated. Sovereign Chief
J. C. Hibbs presided, and at the opening
of the meeting called upon Sovereign
Secretary W. H. Young for a few re-
marks in connection with the organiza-
tion of the order, thirty-five years ago.

Dr. Cornelius C. Coleman, pastor of the
West Washington Presbyterian Church,
made an interesting address upon the
use of alcoholic liquors, and the
demoralizing effects.

A handsome silver service was pre-
sented to Sovereign Secretary W. H.
Young by John Berry, of Centennial
Council, on behalf of the Sons of Jonadab.

Rev. F. W. Moot, pastor of St. Paul's
English Lutheran Church, gave a talk
upon the drunkard and his home. Sev-
eral other members made timely ad-
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the streets endeavoring to sell a huge
ice box valued at \$10 he will confer a
favor upon the police by either seizing
the box or holding the man until a po-
liceman can arrive.

The strange theft of the ice box oc-
curred shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday
morning and the cooling plant, together
with a rocking chair also stolen, was the
property of Andrew Solkner, of 605
Sixth Street northwest.

How the thief or thieves managed to
carry those cumbersome articles away
is too much for the police, although they
are endeavoring to find the stolen prop-
erty.

HEARTS COURAGEOUS

BY MISS RIVES

The latest Skirt effects in the de-
cidedly stylish Knickerbocker and
Homespun cloths; large seams,
strap and hip effects; also a few
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Two Items in Walking Skirts

1 lot of extra quality Walking
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Attractive Fall Millinery.

Attractive from a sense of beauty, as well as
from price lowness.

Our fall ready-to-wear headgear is showing us daily, and so far the
styles are our highest hopes of beauty and exclusiveness. The prices
are always just.

\$4.00 and \$5.00 Felt Hats, 98c.

Again we've succeeded in landing another great assortment of won-
derful values. This time it's Ready-to-wear Hats. They are daintily trim-
med with birds, wings, silk, and veiling effects; and are made
of imported French felt and plain or rough beaver; they are
decidedly the best offering of this season, and are a very sat-
isfactory finish to any costume—special Monday at.....

\$1.00 White Felt Hats, 59c.

A grand assembly of extra fine quality plain and rough White Felt
Hats; silk and velvet binding around the edges, and silk and vel-
vet trimming around the crowns; they are the acme of fall fash-
ions and come in either round or square crowns; selling every-
where at \$1—specially offered tomorrow at.....

75c and \$1.00 P. K. Hats, 39c.

Here's a very great concession in ready-to-wear P. K. Hats;
they are trimmed with wings, velvet and silver and oxidized
buckles; they are the most fashionable fall creations, and are
selling everywhere for 75c and \$1—and they are worth it—special—

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UNCLE SAM SOLD HIM LAND AT \$.25 AN ACRE

Now Buys It Back From Mc-
Cusick in Square Feet.

HELD IT SIXTY-TWO YEARS

Queer Case of Site for Government
Building at Stillwater, Minn.—Orig-
inal Settler in Wilderness Requires
No Abstract of Title.

A curious incident was recently noted
in the Treasury Department in con-
nection with the purchase of a lot in Still-
water, Minn., for a Government build-
ing site.

Several sites had been considered by
the officials sent out for that purpose,
and one owned by a Mr. John McCusick
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