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When the Waterways Are Enabled to Compete With the Great Railroads of the Land.

SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION

Added at a Hearing Before the Senate and House Committees Yesterday.

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Mr. Fry—We are entirely satisfied with the action of the convention on the last river and harbor bill, and ask that the same policy be adopted as to St. Mary's river.

General Poe, the army engineer, in answer to an inquiry said the original estimate for the improvement of St. Mary's river was \$2,000,000. Subsequently it had been increased to \$3,000,000, but he was able now to state that by adopting the contract system the work would be completed within the amount of the original estimate.

Senator Fry—We saved \$1,000,000 there, and we save \$1,000,000 in Philadelphia by the same system.

Mr. Fry said the principal object was to secure authorization of contracts for 21 feet of water from Duluth to Buffalo. The estimated cost was only \$3,200,000. It would take four to six years to do the work, and the cost would run through that period. There were six places at which improvements were necessary, viz.: Round and at the head of St. Mary's river, Sailor's Landing, St. Clair flats, the mouth of the Detroit river, and at the foot of Lake Huron. The work was all mud dredging.

The work on the Erie Canal would be completed in the spring of 1894, and the question was: Should that improvement be continued through all the connecting links, so as to give 21 feet throughout?

Water Rates Great Economizers.—The effect of water rates over the lakes was to greatly reduce the freight rates throughout the country. The average cost of transportation from Duluth to Buffalo by water, a distance of 800 miles, was 1.3-10 mills per ton per mile, against an average of 9 mills on all the railroads and the lowest rate on the Pennsylvania road of 4 1/2 mills per ton per mile. An additional depth of water would still further reduce the water rate.

S. A. Thompson, Secretary of the Duluth Chamber of Commerce, then had the attention of the committee for an hour. He was a thorough master of his subject, and the committee soon realized it. Horatio Seymour, Mr. Thompson said, had stated that economy of transportation was one of the fundamental elements in the prosperity of any State. Some 10 or 12 years ago two railway presidents meeting one of them said to the other that the railroads had run the canal and river boats out of the business, and that soon the lake steamers would go the same way and leave the transportation business to the railroads. Since that time the railroads had reduced the rate of transportation of a bushel of wheat from Chicago to New York from 42 cents to 34 cents, the water rate had been reduced from 25 cents to about 2 1/2 mills per mile. The average railway rate was 4 1/2 mills, and the actual cost on the Lake Shore was 2 mills, and the Grand Trunk 2 1/2 mills. On the best operated all canals by a system of steam-towage, the canal cost had been reduced to 16 1/2 cents per mile, including return of empty cars. From Duluth to Buffalo 21 on the lakes would do

GOSSIP OF THE GUARD.

COLONEL WALTER GREENLAND, Division Quartermaster, spent a few days in the city last week.

CAPTAINS W. H. DAVIS and George W. Johnson are expected back in the city this week from their trip to California.

The reappointment of General John A. Wiley to command of the Second Brigade, which has been officially promulgated in orders.

CHIEF recruits were numerous around the armories during the past few weeks, and a consequence several company commanders embraced the opportunity of filling up their ranks for the inspections which come off in a few weeks.

An election in Company B, of the Eighteenth Regiment for Captain, to fill the vacancy caused by the discharge of Captain W. S. Williams, resulted in the promotion of Lieutenant William A. Dook to the position. The election was conducted by Captain Charles H. Roising.

An election has been ordered to fill the vacancy in Company A, Fourteenth Regiment, caused by the resignation of Lieutenant George P. Morton. It is said a number of members of the company will be elected to fill the vacancy.

PROF. R. F. REES, the champion swordsman of the United States, and John McMahon, a private in the Ninth Regiment at Wilkes-Barre, have signed articles for an all-around sword and bayonet contest for the championship and a purse of \$1000. The match will take place in Wilkes-Barre on February 23 and is exciting considerable interest among the Eastern sportsmen.

REPORTS from Fort Monroe state that General McClelland is rapidly improving in health and that the change to that point has been most beneficial to him. On the eve of the 22nd of the adjutant general for Fort Monroe, the clerks in his office presented him with a large crayon portrait of himself in dress uniform. It has been placed in position in the Adjutant General's office at Harborside.

Tri-annual spring inspections in the Second Brigade will be commenced to-morrow afternoon by Major Frank Patterson. Company F of the Fifteenth Regiment will be the first company put through the ordeal, followed by Company K at Greenville to-morrow evening. All the companies of the Fifteenth will be inspected this week with the exception of Company I at Clarion, which will not occur until February 25.

The mixed up condition of affairs in regard to the ownership of the Third Regiment army building has decided Governor Pattison to issue a communication to all company and regimental commanders requiring them to make truthful answers on the subject of the ownership of the building, they now occupy. The Governor doesn't worry about the ownership of the Pittsburgh armories, as it is scarcely probable there is likely to be any dispute on that subject here.

GOVERNOR NORMAN M. SMITH has issued an order which has been expected for some time and which carries with considerable interest to those connected with the Eighteenth. For some time past affairs in the regiment have not been quite up to the standard, and as a result an assignment of the members of the field and staff is made, the duties of whom will be to attend to the drills of the companies and report their observations to the regimental commander. Monday night with companies B and F is assigned to Lieutenant Colonel Finkerton. Monday night, Thursday night, Company H, Lieutenant A. L. Pearson, Jr.; Friday night, Company G, Major Kaye. The physical examination of recruits will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month by a member of the medical staff. A committee has been appointed to inspect the property of the drum corps and take an inventory of it. A novelty in the Second Brigade in the shape of a permanent regimental court is ordered, the duty of which is to try and punish all cases of misbehavior on the part of enlisted men whether in uniform or out. The detail for the court is Major Kaye, Captain W. H. Davis and Lieutenant Pearson.

PINKERTON, COURTS AN INQUIRY. He Denies Having in His Employ a Large Army Than Uncle Sam.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—"That man Watson is making a fool of himself," said Detective William A. Pinkerton to a reporter this morning regarding the policy advocated by Representative Watson, of Georgia, in the bill recommending a thorough investigation of Pinkertonism. "He must be insane. He states we are practically a quasi-military organization, fostered by capital and consequently a constant menace to the common people of the land. He says we employ an army of 35,000 salaried men—a greater force than the entire regular army. Now, any sensible person knows that is absurd. The fact is, we employ about 1,000 men, and every one of them is doing nothing but legitimate work."

"As for the investigation I wish it would be made. Then the mouths of these cranks and kickers would be silenced, at least for a time, and the people at large would be convinced that our employes are an honorable class of men and that our business is carried on in a perfectly straight and legitimate way."

Another Canadian Conservative Elected. HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 30.—The by-election for the House of Commons in Cumberland to-day resulted in the return of A. W. Dickie, Conservative, by 900 majority, an increase of 100 over his previous majority.

The Last of the Alton Boycott. CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—The end of the boycott against the Chicago and Alton Railroad was reached to-day when notices were received by General Passenger Agent Charlton that the New York Central, the Michigan Central, the Lake Shore and the Pennsylvania lines both east and west of Pittsburgh had arranged to resume passenger relations with the Alton February 1.

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