

GOSSIP FOR THE
LOCAL GUARDSMENCompany B Passes Resolutions Urging
Erection of a New Armory.

THOSE WILD-EYE WAR STORIES

Drew Many a Smile from the Officers of the Thirtieth Regiment—Some-thing about the Strength the National Guard Would Add to the Regular Army—An Interesting Interview with General J. P. S. Gobin, of the Third Brigade.

At a regular meeting of Company B, Thirtieth regiment, Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, 1898, the following was adopted as the unanimous sentiment of every member present:

The time has come when a new armory is not only advisable but an absolute necessity, for the present and future welfare of the regiment, as the present building is not adequate to our needs, either in size or convenience. We are heartily in favor of the present site, believing on account of its central location, it will materially help the attendance at drills, and if supplied with pleasant company and reading rooms, as it should be, it will be better patronized and appreciated by the members of the regiment. An armory on the lot occupied at present would be more desirable as a place for public gatherings, and would increase the revenue more than enough to justify the additional expense.

We earnestly hope the trustees and public-spirited citizens will give this subject the consideration it deserves, and that in a short time we shall have an armory, worthy of the leading regiment of the state; a price which is an argument to the good judgment of the trustees and the generosity of an appreciative public.

J. W. Kambeck,
Captain Company B,
E. E. Berry,
First Lieutenant,
W. C. Sedgwick,
Second Lieutenant.

The project of securing a new armory has been undertaken with great earnestness by the local guardsmen, but there is a difference of opinion as to where the new structure should be located. Many favor the present site, which is very central, while others believe that one less central would answer all purposes just as well, while the difference between the market value of the land now owned by the association and the amount required for an armory where land is less valuable, would furnish a good-sized nucleus for a fund for a new building.

The trustees have taken up the matter of securing a new armory and another meeting will be held today to consider the matter. Plans for a modern armory were prepared several years ago and some pledges secured conditioned on the entire amount necessary being secured. That was found to be an impossible task at the time and the idea of erecting a new armory was then abandoned for the time being. Whether or not better success will attend the agitation this time remains to be seen. One thing, however, is quite certain, the necessity for a new armory is generally realized and appreciated by the members of the regiment. The present antiquated structure has outlived its usefulness.

The five Thirtieth regiment armory trustees will meet this evening in the office of Lieutenant Colonel C. C. Mat-tes to discuss the new armory project. The captains of the city companies and three headquarters representatives will be present.

According to one of the trustees, they have outlined no definite plan, but one of several has been quite favorably discussed and will likely be adopted. This plan is one of subscription. It involves the appointment of a soliciting committee whose members shall be all of the trustees, commissioned officers of the regiment down to the rank of captain and several influential civilians.

It is proposed to prepare a list of corporations, companies and individuals who ought to contribute toward the new armory fund. Each name on the list will be assessed with regard to the proportionate share of that particular corporation, company or individual, and the amounts will be assigned certain members of the committee for collection. The amounts will be made to total the sum actually needed to build the armory.

The trustees do not have in view any fair, entertainment or similar enterprise.

The officers of the Thirtieth regiment have had many a quiet smile during the week over some of the wild-eyed war stories printed in the local columns of papers of this city. There is little doubt that in the event of war with Spain the National Guard of Pennsylvania would be called upon to assist the regular troops and it is equally true that the soldier boys would promptly respond to a call for their services, but it is now certain that there will be any necessity for invoking the aid of the state troops, nor is there any truth in the reports about secret orders sent out by General Snow- den to have the national guard of this state ready to move at twenty-four hours' notice. The situation has not yet reached such a serious stage as to warrant any such order.

In the National Guard throughout the union there are 114,000 officers and men, whose general training is such as to admit of their being at once put into the field—provided the state or national government will furnish the necessary equipment.

The different arms of the service are divided as follows: Engineers, 8; cavalry, 4,896; heavy artillery, 1,054; light artillery, 5,019; machine gun batteries, 216; infantry, 100,211; signal corps, 718; hospital and ambulance corps, 970.

The authorized strength of the National Guard, that is, the strength the force would have if every officer and enlisted man allowed by law were commissioned or enlisted, varies from 15,000 in New York to 555 in Montana. In five states—Arkansas, Maryland, Nevada, Tennessee and Wyoming—there is no fixed limit to the strength. The largest organized strength is that of New York

—12,407—the smallest that of Idaho—398.

The time required for the mobilization of the troops, whether for service within the state or for service beyond its borders, is in most cases merely an estimate, but in several cases, notably Illinois, Indiana, New York and Pennsylvania, it is based on actual experience, when the whole or the greater part of the National Guard has been called upon suddenly.

The time required for concentrating the entire command ranges from three days in California and Oregon to twelve hours in Connecticut, and three hours in the District of Columbia, for service in Washington, although twenty-four hours would be necessary if the guard were to be used outside the District.

New York's infantry is armed with Springfield rifles, calibre thirty. In Florida and Wyoming some Springfield rifles, calibre forty, are in use. With these exceptions the infantry of all the states are armed with the Springfield rifle, calibre forty-five, of all models, from that of 1873 to the latest. The condition of the arms ranges from excellent in Illinois and the District of Columbia to very bad. As a rule the condition is fair to good.

The armament of the most of the artillery consists of Gatling guns and ob-solete field guns. In New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Utah, the artillery is wholly or partly supplied with 3.2-inch breech-loading steel-rifled guns, all of which are in good condition.

The equipment of the troops varies very much in the different states, both as to completeness and condition. Some states, notably Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Utah, have their troops of all arms of the service completely equipped, and their equipments are kept in good condition.

The personnel of the officers and enlisted men is reported as being generally very good, and it is said that nothing but practical experience is needed to give excellent results. The officers are generally well selected, but very largely lack experience, and do not in some states sufficiently control their men.

In an interview General J. P. S. Gobin, commander of the Third Brigade, had this to say about the National Guard of this state: "You can depend upon it our National Guard would respond promptly and efficiently. They are all soldiers and by that I mean all that the name implies. Why, do you know that in my own brigade of 3,000 I have met more men qualified to act as sharpshooters than were in the entire Army of the Potomac during the war. That seems a very remarkable statement but it is true and I guess the other two brigades are as well qualified as my own."

"You see this means everything," said the general, as he proceeded to diagram upon his knee the method of modern open warfare. "Things have changed since the last war. In modern fighting there will be no bayonet charges and the firing will be done at long range, so you see, good marksmanship means everything. Then, another thing, the men in the National Guard know how to do and obey orders."

"How many men could the National Guard supply?" asked the reporter.

"The three brigades of the National Guard of Pennsylvania could put about 9,000 soldiers at the country's disposal at a moment's call, and in twenty-four hours could place them in any part of the state or at the sea-coast. This number could be doubled in twenty-four hours by the re-enlisting of men who have served full time in the National Guard, so you see that would mean eighteen thousand troops, trained and well-equipped, and that, sir, is quite an army corps in itself."

"Then, I believe the younger generation would respond to our country's call just as quickly as they ever did in our nation's history. But we don't want any war. It's a terribly serious thing," said the general, and he mused reminiscently for a moment, and then added: "But there is something tremendously fascinating about army life notwithstanding the awful loss of life and great sacrifice entailed. It appeals to every patriotic young man. But we don't want any war as the outcome of mere sentiment. If our country has been dishonored and our American sailors murdered at the instigation of Spanish authorities, that is a different thing."

"Personally, I have no use for the Spaniard. He is a cruel, barbarous tyrant, and I don't want to see any good American blood wasted upon a lot of people who would not do a thing for him in his own country. They are not worth it. Unless some grave question of honor is at stake. Why, I was stationed down at Key West during the war, and when some of our officers had enough money saved to go over to Havana to spend it. They hated us then, and we used to often get in street fights with those skulking devils, sometimes on principle and other times just for purpose," and the general smiled as if he had found fighting Spaniards in the streets of Havana in the '90s anything but distasteful.

"Would our National Guard be an adequate force to protect our sea-coast?" asked the reporter.

"Now, it seems to me," said the general, "that it is a perfectly reasonable question. Why, we are pretty well protected now and from what I read in the papers in another week we will be practically safe from any foreign attack. Cuba would, I suppose, be the objective point naturally and it is a bad place to campaign in. If you could only select a season outside of the rainy one, and districts outside of those infested with yellow fever, it wouldn't be so bad. You find a great many people crying for Cuba, but those same persons would be much quicker to hear a call to stay at home than one in the cause of Cuba's freedom. Now, as I said before, I don't want to see a lot of good American blood wasted on those Spaniards. Why, it seems to me that if this country would simply furnish Cuba with modern implements of warfare the insurgents would settle the Spanish claims to Cuba without any need of outside help. Aren't they doing it even with the primitive equipments they have now?"

POLICE COURT NEWS.

John Thomas, who was drunk and refused to pay for his lunch in a Penn avenue restaurant late Thursday night, was arrested by Patrolman Bloch. Thomas was fined \$5 by the mayor.

Frank Backus was detected in stealing a cap from Levy's store, on Penn avenue, Thursday. Special Officer Matkins arrested him. Backus was committed to jail in default of bail.

A weak-minded boy, found at Marsh-wood Thursday night, was brought by Michael Snyder, of that place, to police headquarters yesterday. The youngster's name is Hagen. His father, who lives in Danmore, called for him during the evening.

WORLD OF SPORT.

Yousouf, the Turkish Wrestler.

Yousouf, the Turkish champion wrestler, who arrived in this country a week ago, for the purpose of engaging in a Graco-Roman wrestling match for the championship of the world, is determined to lose no time in forcing Ernest Roobar or Evan (Strangler) Lewis into a match. Mr. Doublier, his manager, says that Yousouf's leave of absence, given by the Sultan of Turkey, will expire within three months, and the necessity of a match being made at once is apparent. Yousouf has roomed with Richard K. Fox as a preliminary step to inviting negotiations with Roobar, with whom he is first anxious to try conclusions.

Anthony Pierre, himself a Greek wrestler, who accompanied the party as an interpreter, said yesterday that Yousouf is undoubtedly the most accomplished wrestler in Turkey. He is a veteran soldier, and in the army his prodigious strength won him recognition from the Sultan, who established him in his palace as a personal attendant. Yousouf is 32 years, stands 6 feet 2 in his stocking feet, and weighs, in condition, 240 pounds. He dresses in the picturesque garb of his native costume and attracts a great deal of attention by reason of his enormous height. He has been in England, France and Germany and has won every match in which he has participated.

Through the interpreter he said the stories of Roobar's talent as a wrestler had reached him in the land of the Sultan, and he realized that the German-American is the one man in the world whom he has to defeat to win international fame.

Michael Rose Too Late.

Jimmy Michael, champion bicycle racer, took his first lesson in his new trade of race horse riding yesterday morning at Philip J. Dwyer's stable at the Gravesend track. Under the agreement the bicycle rider who wants to become a jockey, made with Mr. Dwyer, it was arranged that Michael was to go to Gravesend in the morning and put himself under the direction of Trainer Frank McCabe, who would break him in as an exercise rider. It was still morning when Michael made his appearance at the stable, but so late that the little champion's chance to see anything of stable work was gone for the day.

The horses had been out, had walked and jogged and had been put away hours before Jimmy appeared, at 11 o'clock, and so the sum and substance of the knowledge acquired by the ambitious little man was that to really learn anything about riding race horses he must rise earlier.

Trainer McCabe cordially received the middle-distance champion, and Jimmy was taken through the stable and saw the horses. At noon he had a hearty race track dinner in Trainer McCabe's quarters. After that Michael spent an hour or two with his instructor, looking about and then returned to New York. While at Gravesend he secured a room convenient to the Dwyer stables and arranged to move in at once. There he will remain as an attaché of the Dwyer stables until he is satisfied one way or another as to what his future may be as a jockey.

Disappointment at Cornell.

The decision of Oxford and Cambridge universities not to accept the American challenge for an international athletic meet has created much discussion among the undergraduates of Cornell university. Captain C. W. Powell, of the Cornell Athletic Association, in an interview, said:

"I am very sorely disappointed in the decision that our English friends reached, as I had hoped that an international meet might be brought about. Such an event would surely promote college sport, and would lend great interest to general athletics. The objection that Cambridge and Oxford would have to meet the best athletes of a large number of our universities is, I believe, well taken. As a comparative status, however, I think that the Englishmen have made a mistake or have been misinformed. The fact that our athletes won every event in the international meet of '95 simply shows superiority of our athletes and not a lower status. From what I can learn from old English athletes I am led to believe that the standing of amateurs in England is much the same as it is here, for in either case professionals will creep in without being discovered for a time. Treasurer Jackson, of the Oxford club, is reported to have said that either of the English universities would be glad to meet two of our universities in particular. This seems strange to me, inasmuch as both of these universities are governed by the same eligibility rules as is the Inter-Collegiate. Even at Cornell the hopes of an international meet had stimulated the athletic activity, and I am sure the failure to bring it about will be greatly regretted."

A prominent member of the Cornell track team said: "When Oxford and Cambridge universities attempt to question the amateur status of our athletes they have undertaken a big task. As a matter of fact, the weight events I think there is no question but that they should be left as they are. They are part of our athletic events and theirs also. These events should not be left out simply because the English do not excel in them."

McAleer Will Play with Spiders.

Centre Fielder James McAleer has not yet signed his name to a Cleveland contract, but he will play with Cleveland this season. McAleer has been convinced that his services are wanted; that the club is determined to sign him. He has been offered \$10,000 by the Cleveland team. McAleer has been offered \$10,000 by the Cleveland team. McAleer has been offered \$10,000 by the Cleveland team.

Foot Ball Gossip.

Ex-Captain Minds, of the University of Pennsylvania football team, is at present confined to the University hospital at Philadelphia with a complication of water on the knee and rheumatism. Mr. Minds became indisposed at his home while there during the Christmas holidays, and, as his case did not seem to yield to treatment but steadily became worse, he

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determined to be removed to Philadelphia, here he could place himself under the care of Dr. J. William White. At present his right leg is useless, as it is swollen to twice its normal size and is twisted out of its normal shape. Since coming to the hospital a ten-pound weight has been constantly kept on his knee for the purpose of keeping it in its normal position. Just how serious his case will be cannot be told now, although Dr. White does not apprehend any serious result.

Captain John Outland, of the University of Pennsylvania Varsity team, has issued a call for all new candidates for next fall's team to report for preliminary practice at Franklin Field, beginning with March 1. Last spring ex-Captain Minds had the foot ball men out for practice, and the results were so evident that the management has determined to make the preliminary work this spring more thorough than it was last year. Only new men and candidates for the line positions will begin work immediately. By new men is meant all those who were not members of last year's Varsity team so that members of last fall's scrub are included in the number ordered to report. A short time after preliminary practice has been inaugurated, candidates for quarterback and the lighter positions will begin work. Practice will take four days in each week, and will consist of kicking, catching, passing and falling on the ball, all light in its nature, but calculated to strengthen and harden the men's muscles. The men will also do some running. One of the principal reasons for making the preliminary work this spring more of a training process than usual is to obtain an idea of the best material available for next fall's team.

Fire at West Pittston.

Fire yesterday morning damaged the large store building on Wyoming avenue, West Pittston, for Monie & Tyrell, causing a loss of \$5,000. The store was nearly completed and was to have been occupied by the firm as soon as finished. The fire was caused by an

over-heated chimney from a fire kept burning to dry the plastering.

KEPT A GOOD COMMISSION.

Goodman Says They Retained One Hundred Per Cent.

Joe Moritz and J. A. Jauskey, two peddlers of Mill Creek, were brought yesterday by Constable Cole, of Alderman Howe's court, on a warrant sworn out by H. Goodman, manager of the Empire Dry Goods company. The charge against them is that of embezzlement. Goodman says he sent them a consignment of goods, valued at \$35.55, during the early part of November. They were to sell them on commission, and return the proceeds minus their commissions. They have never made any return. Goodman says, although they have disposed of the goods.

The accused were arraigned before Alderman Howe, but not being ready for a hearing, gave bail for their further appearance today.

DRIVEN FROM HOME.

Young Wife and Little Baby Are Turned Out-of-Doors.

A frail little woman who had evidently endured much physical and mental suffering and bearing in her arms a three-months-old baby sought the protection of the Associated Charities yesterday. She said she was 24 years old and the wife of Patrick Battle, of the North End. Her husband, she said, had driven her and the baby from her home; she was ill and had no place to go.

The woman's condition was such that nourishment and medicine seemed to be her greatest immediate need. She was put to bed in the city hall emergency hospital. Later in the day a warrant was issued for the husband's arrest. He was charged with cruelty. He drove her from home Thursday evening and she spent the night with an

ant, a poor woman who is hardly able to supply her own wants.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

Waite's Comic Opera Company. Beginning next Monday evening and continuing every night and afternoon for the balance of the week, Waite's Comic Opera company, of fifty talented artists, musicians and pretty girls, will be seen at the Academy in the best presented arrangement of comic and grand operas ever seen here at low prices. The selection of opera Monday is the great natural comedy success of the famous Agnes Huntington company, as presented recently by the American theater, New York.

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Keene Wednesday Night.

The eminent tragedian will appear at the Lyceum Wednesday night as "Louis XI." He has an associate this season, Charles B. Hanford, who was formerly with Booth and Barrett and other eminent stars, and who occupies a position in the front rank of younger American tragedians. Mr. Keene has found this season abundant evidence of the vitality and popularity of Shakespearean productions and he is satisfied that when the works of the great dramatist are produced, they will receive cordial recognition and generous financial support.

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