

THERMOMETER IS A LITTLE TOO ACTIVE ITS RAPID CHANGES ARE NOT HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

Great Joy Among the Members of the Twelfth Pennsylvania Over the Fact That They Are to Be Mustered Out of the Service—Members of the Thirteenth Regiment to Furnish Themselves with Clothing for Three Months—Caring for the Sick.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Sept. 8.—The freaks which the thermometer has been playing here within the past twenty-four hours surpass even the antics of the invisible "rumor committees" of the camp. For a while yesterday morning the temperature must have gone up to a hundred degrees; later in the day it began to cool off and a heavy, though short, rain shower in the afternoon, marked a very decided drop. From being comfortable, the breeze became chilly—so much so as to make even the army great-coat quite desirable; and finally, for the first time since the Pennsylvania troops were ordered to Meade, the rain last April, the entries of this brigade—the Third—had to don their overcoats and capes, as a matter of necessity, while on their tour of guard duty.

THEY ARE HAPPY. There is not a man in the Twelfth Pennsylvania, sick or well, who is not a walking smile today. This is not due entirely to the fact that they are getting their pay, but because they have received word that they will be mustered out. When the news was published, the men sang, danced, yelled and flung their hats high in the air.

CARE OF SICK. The question of taking care of the sick is one which is becoming daily more and more important. The sick reports of this morning were encouraging to the medical staff of the Thirteenth, and Major Surgeon Keller stated to your correspondent today that not only have the morning reports been getting better in this respect, but that the probability of contracting any more typhoid and kindred diseases is reduced to a minimum. From this it is evident that the health of the regiment should not disappoint the best expectations.

HAVE GOOD NEIGHBORS. There is nothing here among the boys only words of praise for the people near the camp. They are hospitable persons. Soldiers are welcomed everywhere, and in the estimation of the people, nothing is too good for them. Already visitors from every direction have begun to swarm through camp. Today men and women, young and old, boys, girls and little children have literally taken possession of the entire grounds, and this is particularly true of the Eighth, Twelfth and Thirteenth Pennsylvania.

LEGAL SQUABBLE. There is a much mixed up legal squabble now going on in the Thirteenth. It is triangular in its interests and the participants are company D, company C, and "Daddy" Conway. The Tribune's business representative in camp, the dispute, whose origin dates back to the time "whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," centers around the possession of two embryonic dogs named respectively "Hobson" and "Sokalaxix," which were brought here from Virginia. "Hobson" is the now the favorite of C, which company lays claim to all "right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid dog," named "Hobson," the same being five inches in length and three inches in circumference. This is the animal which "Daddy" Conway alleges is his, bearing witness at the same time that "Sokalaxix," the only dog rightfully owned by company C, is now in the possession of company D, certain members of which to him unknown, were guilty of the theft of "Sokalaxix."

THE PROPOSED EXCURSION. In regard to the proposed excursion from Scranton to Camp Meade, notice of which has been made in a former letter to the Tribune, your correspondent has since been looking into the matter more particularly in order to be able to throw more light on the subject. At that time it was supposed that the trip from Harrisburg to here would be rather difficult to accomplish, and that the excursionists would have to be conveyed in ambulances, hand wagons and the regulation army wagons, requiring an hour to come from and another to return to the nearest point at which the terminus of a street car approaches to camp. A better arrangement than this is possible.

CAMP GOSSIP. Lieutenant Burkhouse, of C, is officer of the day; Lieutenant Roberts, of B, officer of the guard; Lorenzo Elsbey, of D, sergeant of the guard; Robert Armstrong, of B; Jacob Featherman, of C, and Lewis Carter, of A, corporals. Private C. W. Hines, of B, is regimental orderly. Lieutenant Keith, of A; Sergeant Helriegel, of C, and Corporals Hitchcock, of D; Bellshimer, of B, and Conrad, of A, represent the Thirteenth on division guard. Acting Quartermaster Sergeant Albert Sloane, of A, is giving good satisfaction. The boys of that company say he is an excellent quartermaster. Captain Robling and Private Chamberlain, of C, went to Harrisburg on business today. Musician Staples, of C, has been taken from the division hospital to the Lancaster hospital.

used to give his name, invited them to an hotel, paying for their meals and buying the cigars for them afterward. This hospitality and this spirit of generous kindness are not lost; and the men of the Pennsylvania regiments in particular are determined to do nothing which could mar the good feeling which exists, and they will not countenance any destruction of property, henceforth by the members of any other regiments.

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an open carriage with Colonel Hecker and Major Hopkins, special aides to the secretary. After being received by General Graham and his staff, the secretary was asked if he would like a review. He said he would and the entire corps of 20,000 troops was massed in two great fields and marched before General Graham and staff and his distinguished guests.

General Shafter was delighted with the appearance and condition of the men at Camp Meade and said it was an ideal location. He expects to meet General Miles tomorrow in Washington. He said the Santiago campaign was one of the most successful in history.

The Twenty-second Kansas left camp this morning for Fort Leavenworth for muster out. The regiment was furnished four days' travelling ration and coffee money. The Eighteenth Pennsylvania regiment expects to start Sunday morning for Pittsburg.

The Second West Virginia regiment has been brigaded with the Eighth and Thirteenth Pennsylvania regiments. There are still a half dozen unattached regiments in camp and they will not be assigned to brigades until the regiments in the second corps have reached here.

Private Gavlus, of C, is temporarily unable to do duty. He complains of a cold. The boys of Company D are beginning to receive boxes from home.

Private Charles Husted, of D, left this afternoon for Scranton on a seven-day furlough.

Word has been received by members of B, to the effect that Private John Beelman, of that company, is quite low at the division hospital, Dunn Loring, Va.

Hon. John T. Williams, of Scranton, is here visiting his son, Corporal Palmer Williams, of F.

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SHAFER AND ALGER VISIT THE CAMP Twenty Thousand Men Passed Before the Distinguished Visitors. Secretary of War and General Shafter Had a Conference While at the Camp, but They Refused to Say Anything About the Topics Discussed—Shafter Will Meet Miles in Washington Today.

What passed between them neither would say, except that it was a private affair. General Shafter said the secretary was a very dear friend and that they had been in the civil war together as colonels. He is at work on his report of the Santiago campaign and expects to complete it tomorrow.

It is all poppycock. There is no friction between General Miles and myself, at least there was not when he left Santiago. Our relations have always been pleasant, and I do not understand the meaning of all this talk. The general may have been talking, but I believe that much of it is due to antagonistic newspapers whose motives are certainly not patriotic.

A GRAND REVIEW. Secretary Alger is accompanied by Mrs. Alger and their son, Captain Fred Alger, who is suffering from camp fever, and was too weak to witness the review. General Shafter brought with him his aide, Major Miles, and a Cuban boy, whom he took a fancy to while in Santiago and adopted. General Alger and Shafter were driven to General Graham's headquarters in

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