

IMPROVEMENTS AT CAMP M'KENZIE

EVERYTHING DONE IS OF A SUBSTANTIAL CHARACTER.

Prospects of the Regiment—They Are Again Being Discussed With Great Eagerness by the Officers and Men—Soldiers Are Sending Souvenirs to Their Families in the North—Holly, Mistletoe and Cotton Blossoms are Plentiful—Some of the Camp Gossip.

Special to The Tribune.

Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Dec. 20.—With the more recent improvements which have taken place here, one who would be away for a few days, might have trouble in recognizing his own regimental camp.

The mess halls have been completed, and the latter are particularly fine. The lumber is furnished by a large planing mill in Augusta, and the structures certainly are not designed as temporary.

The camp of the Thirtieth is now entirely encircled with them, and the headquarters and company streets are almost as bright every evening now as Laekawanna avenue. This is decidedly a change for the better, and appreciated by the men, especially when they are doing a tour of guard duty.

"Home or Cuba?" This is the question which is now puzzling the heads of thousands at this camp. It is not discussed by the enlisted men alone, but by the officers, from the lowest up to the very highest.

Another straw which to some shows how the wind blows, is the instructions of Colonel Howard, the corps quartermaster, to the officers of the regimental commissaries.

These side-lights, thrown on our future prospects, may be taken for what they are worth. At the same time it may be stated that there are many of the higher officers who are still convinced of the probability of the troops here being mustered out in a few months, without going any farther than Camp MacKenzie.

Colonel James M. Allison commissary general of the Second army corps, has

directed Major Keller to have a full statement of the accounts of the Thirtieth regiment's hospital ready for submission and inspection on the first day of January.

Your petitioner is now in the custody of the sheriff, and prays that a writ of habeas corpus as above specified be issued, for the following reasons:

First—The sole object of the questions asked of the petitioner being to invalidate his vote under the provisions of Section 8, Article 8, of the Constitution, and it being admittedly proven that he voted at the election of 1897 and at that time had all the constitutional qualifications required by Section 1 of Article 8 of the Constitution and had complied with the statutory conditions as to registration, the court below had no jurisdiction to declare petitioner's vote illegal, and the questions were therefore immaterial and irrelevant.

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Freeman and Esther M. Parrish and daughter-in-law, Alice C. Parrish, share and share alike.

The principal of the estate, both real and personal is to be held undivided and unsplit for the term of fifteen years. Woodworth Leavenworth has been appointed sole executor of the estate.

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Advertisement for Connolly & Wallace Christmas Greeting, featuring a decorative border and the company name in a stylized font.

Advertisement for Connolly & Wallace, 'Prices Have Tumbled Down In Our Cloak Department', featuring an illustration of a woman in a long, dark dress.

We have too many Cloaks on hand for this time of the year, and we have decided to give our customers the benefit of a great reduction during this Christmas week.

Entire stock of Cloth and Plush Capes, worth from \$6.50 to \$30. New prices range from \$3.50 to \$20.

Entire stock of New Fall and Winter Jackets, worth from \$5 to \$35. New prices from \$3.00 to \$20.00.

A bona-fide reduction of from 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. on the entire stock. Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Advertisement for Warren Ehret Co., 'HERCULES ASBESTOS PIPE COVERING', featuring an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for Louis Rupprecht, '231 Penn Avenue, Opp. Baptist Church', featuring an illustration of a teapot.

Advertisement for 'Snow White' flour, 'THE WESTON MILL CO', featuring an illustration of a flour sifter.

Our stock of this class of goods will be sold at very low prices to close out and some very rare bargains are offered.

Advertisement for Mercereau & Connell, '130 Wyoming Avenue, Coal Exchange', featuring a decorative border.

We are now showing the Largest, Finest and Best Stock Ever before shown in this city.

A Mammoth Stock of Fine Jewelry. STERLING SILVER we have it in everything—Novelties, Toilet Articles, Brushes, Desk Fitting, Pocket Cutlery, Table Ware, etc., etc.

Watches Are Our Hobby. We have all the new things out. All the new styles and all the new improvements, from the cheapest to the best American or imported.

Advertisement for Lackawanna Lumber Co., 'Manufacturers of Gang Sawn Penna. White Hemlock and Hardwood Lumber', featuring an illustration of a sawmill.

EVERY WOMAN. Sometimes needs a reliable, monthly, regulating medicine. Only harmless and the purest drugs should be used.

Advertisement for Dr. Peal's Pennyroyal Pills, 'For Sale by JOHN H. PHELPS, Pharmacist, cor. Wyoming avenue and Spruce street', featuring an illustration of a woman's face.

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Chances In Small Furs. Nothing need be said as to the qualities. The fact that they're here is a guarantee of their excellence.

Some Recent Golf Capes. Where can one find a more desirable article of apparel—suitable alike to the long or short figure and drawing admiration by reason of its very picturesqueness.

The Handkerchief Sales. The importers say it's wonderful the amount of handkerchiefs we have sold during the past ten days.

ISAAC LONG, 73 and 75 Public Square, WILKES-BARRE, PA.

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