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NEW RIFLES AND COMMISSARIES INDICATE SOME MOVE.

Men Are on the Alert for a Change, But No Orders for Movement Have Been Received—The Thirtieth's Chances for a Winter Campaign in Cuba Is an Unknown Quantity. Promotions and Changes in Companies H and E—Thirtieth's Team Wins at Indoor Base Ball.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Jan. 6.—Little else is now discussed here outside of the receipt of the full quota of magazine rifles for the Thirtieth regiment, and of the large consignment of commissary supplies. These two incidents coming so close together, and especially at this particular time, seem to be quite significant. Even as far back as a month ago, there was current here in camp a rumor to the effect that, on or about the 15th of the present month, this sub-division of the Second army corps would likely start for Cuba. The fact that the Second army corps, commanded by General Lee, had left Savannah, lent some show of reason to the rumor that the six regiments encamped here would soon be starting for Cuba.

Notwithstanding these plausible suppositions, and the receipt of the commissary supplies and the Krag-Jorgensen rifles the question of our possible, or probable, movements in the future is as undecided and as unknown as ever; or if known by the higher military authorities, it is certainly guarded with an extreme degree of jealous care, hitherto unknown in such cases. It may be safely said that, so far as any information is divulged here, or, in fact, so far as it is at all known, the prospects of the Thirtieth regiment for a winter campaign in Cuba have not yet materialized to any degree of certainty.

TALES OF FLORIDA.

Corporal Charles Geary, of D, who spent the holidays in Florida, has returned to camp, reciting glowing tales, and exhibiting many souvenirs, of his trip through "the land of flowers and tropical scenery." Of all the places which he saw, none was more beautiful or more rich in historical associations than the venerable city of St. Augustine, which marked the first permanent advent of the rule of Spain within the present limits of the United States. While there, Corporal Geary visited Fort Marion, the oldest fort in the United States, built by the Spaniards over 300 years ago, and now occupied by the First and the Sixth heavy artillery. St. Francis' Catholic church, the oldest regular house of worship in the country, was also visited. It is a one-story building, and has a history of three hundred and thirty years to add to its venerableness.

Corporal Geary brought back with him several souvenirs which he prizes very much—a bunch of Florida moss from a tree which for ages grew near the famous Sava Hotel, recently destroyed by fire, and some specimens of the stone of which the fort and the city gates are built.

Companies H and E have had some promotions recently. Owing to the discharge of Quartermaster Sergeant Rogers, of the former company, from the service, Corporal Herbert Dikeman has been promoted to a sergeant, and Private Charles G. Bennett now wears the stripes and chevrons of a corporal. Sergeant James Lovelace has been named as quartermaster sergeant. The recipients of these new honors have been receiving warmest congratulations from their many friends. They all have had much experience in military matters, as old-time members of the National Guard, and are thoroughly capable of discharging with credit to themselves the new duties which will devolve upon them.

VACANCIES FILLED.

The death of the late Sergeant Kanisky left a vacancy in Company E, which has been filled by the promotion of Corporal Bennett E. Sparks. Private William Kohlbus, in turn, was named as corporal. The former was for eight years a member of the National Guard, and the latter for two years. Both promotions are quite popular with the members of the company. Both Sergeant Sparks and Corporal Kohlbus live in Wayne county, in Honesdale and Waymart respectively.

Tuesday night two teams, representing the Thirtieth and the Catholic Library association, of Augusta, met in Masonic hall, in order to decide the interesting and much-discussed question of championship honors in indoor base ball. The regimental band was present, and its selections, rendered before the game was begun, were received with every mark of appreciation. There were present four hundred and fifty persons, and the greatest interest was manifested by all in the game. The Thirtieth's team won by a score of 7 to 5.

Those who represented the regiment were: Catcher, Private George Murphy, of D; pitcher, Lieutenant John L. Huff, of H; first base, Private George Martin, of H; second base, Corporal Frank Malott, of B; third base, Private Harry Smith, of D; right shortstop, Private Arthur Mills, of H; left shortstop, Private George Schlager, of C; right field, Private John Owens, of A; left field, Private Peter Markov, of H; Lieutenant Murphy, of C, who was chiefly instrumental in getting up the game and in organizing the team, acted as umpire. The boys put up an excellent game, and kept their opponents busy from start to finish. All played well, but the batting by Mills, and the pitching of Lieutenant Huff were particularly fine. The lieutenant struck out six men, some of whom "fanned the air" when a hit would have counted for much.

Corporal George Schmidt, of C, has formed a "Kahl-Kopf Verein," of which he is president.

LONG IN THE SERVICE.

Lieutenant John Benjamin, of H, claims to enjoy the unique honor of having had eighteen years of continuous service in the regiment before it

CONDITION OF THE COAL TRADE

FAIR DEGREE OF ACTIVITY DURING COLD WEATHER.

Conditions at the Close of the Month Are Wholly Unsatisfactory—While There Is Some Talk of an Advance in Prices, Everyone Admits That If Anything of the Kind Is Attempted Its Results Will Appear on Paper Alone and Have No Effect Upon Sales.

"During the past month there has been a fair degree of activity in the anthracite coal market, owing to the few days of cold weather," says the January letter of the Anthracite Coal Operators' association. "The demand, as few of the retail dealers were carrying sufficient stock to enable them to meet even a temporary pressure for deliveries. Owing to the relatively small stocks being carried at the time by the companies, and the pressure in the transportation and delivery of other merchandise, rush orders for immediate shipment were not filled so promptly as was anticipated and there was the usual rumor of a shortage in the supply. But this has not affected prices, which have remained practically the same throughout the month.

"The conditions at the close of the month are wholly unsatisfactory. While there is some talk of an advance in prices in January, everyone admits that if anything of this kind is attempted its results will appear on paper alone and have no effect upon sales in the market. Indeed, it is unquestionable whether any action which might be taken, even that of radically reducing the output, would have any effect upon prices until after the spring months have been passed. While the market cannot be said to be demoralized, it is not, however, as buoyant and whatever effort is made to bring it into shape will be slow in accomplishment.

At 1:30 o'clock a special train of an engine and two coaches continued the trip of the delayed train to Wilkes-Barre.

DERAILED FREIGHT ENGINE.

It Interfered with Traffic on the Delaware and Hudson Last Night.

The southbound Delaware and Hudson passenger train, due in Scranton at 11:30 o'clock last night, was long delayed by a derailed freight engine just north of the West Market street crossing.

The freight engine, No. 93, drawing a caboose, ran off the switch while crossing from the south to the north, and track and thoroughly blocked southbound traffic. A wreck train was hurried from Carbondale to the scene, but early this morning the indications were that the job was an all-night affair.

CANNOT BE FORETOLD.

"What will be the outcome of the winter plan for the better adjustment of these matters cannot be foretold. Thus far they are no more tangible than were those of last year and, unless they develop into something which is unquestionably stable, they can safely be disregarded. It is true that the various interests realize for the most clearly that ever before the urgent need of some controlling plan, but there has been no revision in either the scale of confidence which each interest has in the other, or in the total absence of all confidence in one particular interest, and until these things are changed no plan, method or arrangement as to tonnage and prices will be permanent.

"The year now closed has been one of serious disappointment to the anthracite producers. At its commencement there were good reasons for believing that the various interests would make a consistent and continuous effort to regain some of the ground lost in previous years, and place the industry in a position which, if not actually profitable, would be a substantial beginning for a permanent and prosperous growth. Throughout the early months of the year the consumption was unusually light and prices low, there were constant assurances as to what was to be done, and so great was the desire to see the trade placed on a solid basis, that in spite of the memory of many previous, and unfulfilled, promises, there was a general feeling of almost belief that then, at last, something would actually occur.

RESULT NOT SATISFACTORY.

"In spite of the losses and disappointments caused by the small amount of volume of business, there was hope that, once these plans were matured, the fall trade and that of the future would be sufficiently satisfactory to justify everything which had been done to bring it about. But, after six months of patient gestation and ceaseless labor, the result was a disappointing one. The course followed in July effectively ended all belief in, or hope for, an improvement, since, through its action of only one interest, the market was demoralized beyond hope of recovery during the remainder of the year. The most careful study of the situation failed to reveal any adequate reason for such conduct, but the results arrived promptly and have since been in painful and constant evidence. Until July, prices were improving slightly and the tone of the market growing stronger, but that month there began a decline which has continued steadily downward.

"As yet, the various mining interests have not felt the full force of this condition. Low prices in the fall

months, when the colliers are working practically full time, do not show such serious results in the month's balance sheet as in the spring, when only a few days' work each month fills the consumptive demand. But, when the year's work is made up and a balance struck between the small production and low price in spring and the lower price in the fall, there will be further and most disagreeable proof of the utter futility of the much talked of 'plans' for the rehabilitation of the trade. And the most discouraging feature of it is, that every interest knew and admitted what would be the result.

REMINDER OF FOLLY.

"History, and especially that of the anthracite coal trade, is apt to be a disagreeable reminder of acts of folly. These things have been done and the past cannot be changed. But it is disagreeable to remember that the previous year, and the one before that, and indeed nearly every one which has gone, has witnessed similar errors. There has been a very long lane and, when the close of each year it was confidently predicted that the turning had at last come, subsequent events proved this an illusion. The conditions at the beginning of 1899 offer the usual promise.

"There are to be, according to the authorities, certain changes in methods. Changes in management are all predicted. Lamb skins will be generally distributed among the controlling interests, and are to be worn throughout the year. It is an alluring picture of harmony and quite pastoral in its sunny innocence. Everybody wants to believe that things will be carried out on just this basis, but the memory of the past always suggests that the shepherds' flocks may not keep closely within the bounds of their own pastures, and that, in the controversy which is apt to arise on such occasions, the shepherd will use his crook and pipes for other than peaceful purposes."

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Expected Too Much.

"What kind of a time did you have on your vacation, Bunley? Did the friend you visited treat you well?"

"Yes, but not often enough."—Detroit Free Press.

Not an Exception to the Rule.

Mr. A.—So that's the girl he's engaged to? I thought these blond men always chose brunettes?

Miss B.—Ah, she was originally a brunette!—Punch.

Strange.

"It doesn't seem to me quite right." Her voice began to falter.

"What soldiers who can directly fight will shy at every altar."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SCALP HUMOR

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