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OUR SIXTY THOUSAND

They thronged the Reunion and Fair Grounds Yesterday.

FOURTH DAY'S SUCCESS.

Twenty-five Thousand Soldiers and Civilians at Camp Logan.

GRAND ARTILLERY DRILL.

Thirty-five Thousand Visitors At the Fair.

THE BATTLE ON THE LAKE.

The Magnificent Races At the Fair and the Excellent Showing Made in All of the Other Departments.

The Day at the Camp.

Yesterday, at Camp John A. Logan was as agreeable as could have been desired. A breeze from the southwest tempered the heat of the sun, and, as a consequence, everybody was at liberty to take in all the sights and entertainments of the well-trodden field.

The early trains brought in hundreds of people and veterans from the interior of the state, the mid-day and afternoon ones rolled in laden with people from the city, whose employers had given them half a day off to visit the camp. During the day nearly five hundred farmers' wagons entered the enclosure from all the surrounding counties, bringing with them between two and three thousand visitors. Then, the evening trains swelled the attendance by several thousand more so that during the day not less than 25,000 people were on the grounds. The camp, everywhere resounding with martial music, the persistency with which it was maintained, the enthusiasm of the spectators of the orators as it did also the great number of musical organizations on the ground.

During the day, the stand in front of the commander's headquarters was frequently occupied by the band and piano players, and musicians, who endeavored to entertain the crowd which stood around notwithstanding the temperature was such as to suggest a more sheltered spot than that around the stage upon which their entertainers were posted. Among the most prominent of the orators was the gentleman who is known to many as Lozier, the fighting champion.

Battery Thunders.

Yesterday afternoon an artillery marched by way of the commander's tent to the exercise ground and were followed by at least 20,000 people. Colonel Woodrow rode in the lead and the men and horses seemed to be in excellent condition. The crowd was packed with about 1,500 men while the other sides of the square almost as far as the eye could reach, were lined with thousands of people. The battery went through a number of pretty movements with ease and precision, filling in a half dozen different styles into action, including a charge with the gun carriage, containing six passengers, rolled over in the ditch. One lady, Mrs. Cook, living near the fort, was seriously injured, and several others were so bruised that they had to be carried out and dashed to the camp grounds and knocked down three women, named Mrs. Danner, Mrs. Hotsky and Mrs. Fritz. Mrs. Danner, of Lyons, Neb., sustained a dangerous cut three inches long in the forehead; a broken bone and Mrs. Hotsky a broken elbow bone and Mrs. Fritz was badly bruised.

Notes.

Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock the break chest of the team of Carroll Y. 105 broke as the vehicle was being driven down the hill on Sixteenth street under the Missouri Pacific, en route to the camp. The driver of the team, comes, and hands him Hamps with occupants eager to see the sight, and the departure of others after having left their curiosity satisfied, was well nigh beyond belief. It was such a scene as could not be equalled, and could be distinguished from the flash of the powder. The sight was an unusual one and was found intensely interesting to the thousands present. This interest was increased when the gun was exploded, and the spectators, who had been watching with intense interest, were compelled to withdraw. The result of the explosion was a hole in the side of the battery, which was rendered indescribable by the darkness in which the whole was enveloped, only the impoverished light of a few lamps and that from the stars being available to dimly outline the heterogeneous mass.

Regimental Reunions.

These are among the most interesting features of a soldier's experience at the camp. They generally take place on the fourth and fifth days of the encampment and, when missed by a veteran, are ever afterwards a source of regret. Each state has its own gathering. The survivors of the regiments meet at a common place, and form a hollow square. In the middle stands the president of the regimental association, and if there be a secretary he also stands in the square. The numbers of the regiments are then called successively. First, come the infantry, then the cavalry and finally the artillery. As the soldier's regiment is numbered, the survivors walk to the middle of the enclosure and there grasp hands, shake and indulge a moment of reminiscence. If there be a desire to prolong the meeting, the group retires to the side of the gathering for that purpose. Frequently it happens, as may well be understood, that two or more regiments meet one another while in the field, or, if they did, the lapse of years, with the changes of form and feature has sufficed to blot out all recognition of the long-lost faces. As a consequence, when the veterans meet in the square, there is a penetrating glance, a smile, a shake of the head, which shows that there is nothing in common between the survivors except the memory of having once fought under the same flag, and in the cause of the same.

Sometimes these calls are responded to by no one, even though when made at the preceding reunion several persons may have rushed to the front. The evidence of a dead, wounded or missing, is retained in favor of the soldiers who responded last year have answered the long roll, to take part no more in the battles of this life. It is on such occasions that the soldiers brought face to face with the melancholy fact that with the average age, an infinite variety of losses, at best can, be in a few years, being added, while to many it is already within the cycle of a much shorter period. Yesterday at one of the reunions a number of a certain regiment were called. No survivor responded. A comrade noting this, stepped to the middle and said:

"Comrades! At our reunion last year the Thirteenth regiment was responded to by Com. [unclear] He was then thirty-six years of age. His strangle to be present because he knew he had not long to live, and he desired once more to be present at a reunion of his comrades. He did attend. He returned that night, on the following Sunday, and died the next day in grave." Solemn silence greeted this effective speech, although the effort was devoid of embellishment or rhetorical grace. Tears glistened in the eyes of a venerable soldier who stood silent by the bed as the fate which had befallen the comrade who had been enlivened was soon to be his own.

These reunions took place yesterday in all parts of the camp and were religiously attended by the thousands who were receiving their supplies from the commissary.

So far as could be ascertained yesterday nearly all the state organizations on the ground elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Massachusetts.—President, R. R. Livingston; Plymouth; treasurer, J. W. Jones; Pittsfield; secretary, H. C. MacKenzie; Pittsfield; color bearer, Amos Coleman; Sewall. The registration that far has been less, an increase of fifty over that of last year. This is the largest ever held in the nine years during which these reunions have been held.

Wisconsin.—Colonel, J. H. Culver; lieutenant, L. O. Wessell; Swanson; major, G. M. Johnson; adjt., Dr. T. S. Morrison; surgeon, A. A. Ward; Silver City; quartermaster, A. C. Cope; Burchard; drun major, John A. Morrison; Wymore. These officers are charged with the duty of preparing a printed roster for the next encampment of all the commands who will be present at the reunion.

Michigan.—President, Captain James M. Warren; Adjt.; quartermaster, treasurer, Captain A. V. Cole; Junta; color bearer D. C. Reynolds, David City.

One of the features of the reunion of the Michigan soldiers is a colored nurse who attended the "Twelfth Infantry" family during the war and who now, at sixty-five years of age comes from her home in Wymore to be present with many of her fellow "pets" in the days of the war.

There are supposed to be 400 Michigan

soldiers in Nebraska, but a history, thus far, of about eighty-five has been made.

Ohio.—President, Captain Joe Hull; Minister; secretary, J. E. Hill; Beattie; treasurer, J. T. Reed; Elkhorn; chaplain, Rev. W. H. Hamilton; Albion; orator, C. F. Manderson; surgeon, Dr. R. W. Chapman; Prescott; surgeon, Dr. R. W. Chapman; Prescott; executive committee, E. P. Roggen and N. G. Franklin; Lincoln; G. P. Winterstein; Geneva. There are about 3,000 Ohio soldiers in the state and 250 of them have registered in camp.

Indiana.—President, Dennis Tracy; Cedar Rapids; first vice president, Jacob Wiedemann; Petersburg; second vice president, D. L. Thomas; Omaha; third vice president, Wm. Reynolds; St. Paul; secretary, O. G. Bell; Lincoln; treasurer, G. W. Bell; Louisville; Illinois.—President, D. McCague; Evansville; Neb.; vice president, Henry Rice; Wilsonville; secretary, G. E. Whitehead; Oxford; color-bearer, W. H. Hobbs; Dorchester; executive committee, J. K. Johnson; Dorchester; treasurer, L. D. Stinson; Vicksburg; secretary, C. C. Endow; Atlanta; and E. W. Whitcomb; Friend. There are about six hundred Illinois soldiers on the list.

New York.—President, W. G. Crane; Arlington; vice president, G. W. Miller; Albany; secretary, treasurer, L. D. Stinson; Vicksburg; assistant secretaries, C. H. Fitch; Omaha, and A. L. Manchester; Lincoln. One hundred and fifty-four men from the Empire state are recorded.

Cavalry.—Colonel, George W. Whiting; Seward; Lieutenant colonel, H. G. Meekling; lymphore; first major, S. P. Martin; Marion; second major, General W. W. Hoover; Ulysses; third major, Oberon; Oakland; quartermaster, J. P. Calkins; Oscoda.

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