

ENGINEERS NEARLY DONE

Government Bridge on Fort Riley Reservation Almost Completed.

ROYAL ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN

Engineer Battalion Gives Blast for Their Friends—General Funston May Follow Godfrey.

Fort Riley, Kan., Oct. 12.—(Special)—Major Thomas Rees, corps of engineers, who has been in charge of the construction of the government bridge on this reservation, left the first of the week for Fort Leavenworth to take up his instructional duties in the service school.

Hereafter the band concerts that have been playing at different points about the garrison during the evenings, will take place on pleasant afternoons at the same places. Once a week a concert will be played in the gymnasium on an evening.

The engineer battalion entertained about 200 of their friends of the post at their camp on Saturday evening with a "blow-out" of the kind which has never been seen here before.

During the month of September there were nine desertions from this post, six of whom were from the Third battalion of engineers, temporarily stationed here; one from the Sixth field artillery, and two from the Seventh cavalry.

General Godfrey's Reception. The Junction City post of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief corps gave a reception in honor of General and Mrs. E. S. Godfrey at their hall on Monday evening, on the occasion of his retirement from active service.

There were almost 100 summary courts in the garrison for the month of September, the majority of which were for minor offenses, as absent without leave and missing roll calls.

General and Mrs. Godfrey gave a reception on Tuesday evening for the officers and women of the Seventh cavalry. The function occurred in the post assembly hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Captain Edward Anderson, Seventh cavalry, has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., to receive treatment in the Army and Navy general hospital.

During the month of September fifty-eight men were discharged from organizations in the garrison through expiration of terms of service, eight by sentences of general courts-martial and five by orders.

Rumors have been in circulation for the last week or ten days that Brigadier General Frederick Funston, commanding the Department of California, may be assigned to the command of Fort Riley, following General Godfrey's retirement from active service.

Major E. A. Miller, Fifth field artillery, is in the post from Fort Leavenworth, a member of the field artillery examining board. A number of officers of that branch of the service are under orders to report here for examination for promotion.

The field officers designated to make the fifteen mile endurance test were on the road on Monday afternoon. They were all inspected by a medical board at the hospital before and after the start.

Fort Crook. Fort Crook, Neb., Oct. 12.—(Special)—First Lieutenant G. H. White, Sixteenth infantry, has been appointed post athletic and exchange officer.

The post exchange at Fort Crook has been established, and will be open for sales about the middle of the coming week.

master Sergeant Winterberger, consisting of about three officers and fifteen enlisted men, has been organized and as soon as suitable arrangements have been made, some of the teams of Omaha and vicinity will be given a chance to see whether or not they are qualified to make a touchdown with the boys.

The following named militia officers have been directed to report to the commanding officer, Fort Crook, for duty in connection with officers' school not later than November 1, 1907.

Colonel Joseph A. Storch, First Infantry, Nebraska National Guard, Fullerton, Neb. Captain, M. C. Shallenbeyer, Second Infantry, Nebraska National Guard, Alma, Neb.

Private (first class) James F. Alford, hospital corps, has been discharged for the interest of the service, with travel pay.

Private Walter S. Vanwinkle, hospital corps, has been sent to Louisville, Ky., for duty.

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Captain Charles E. B. Flag, assistant surgeon, United States Army, now on leave of absence, will upon expiration of same report to the commanding officer, Fort Crook, Neb., for duty.

Headquarters, 59,311 miles; Company A, 59,582; Company B, 51,222; Company C, 50,775; Company D, 50,790; Company E, 51,713; Company F, 51,112; Company G, 51,587; Company H, 51,775; Company I, 45,574; Company K, 44,428; Company L, 44,261, and Company M, 43,536, or a total of 539,756 miles.

Principal Mustian Killeen, band, Sixteenth infantry, who was granted a furlough for one month while the regiment was at San Francisco, has been granted an extension for thirty days by the department commander.

GAS IN COTTONWOOD TREES

Novel Experiments Conducted by the Chemical Branch of Kansas University.

Francis W. Bushong, one of the assistant professors of chemistry at the University of Kansas, has discovered that the cottonwood tree has natural gas in large quantities within its trunk.

The scientific authorities in Lawrence say that they have never heard of an instance where natural gas was ever noticed in cottonwood trees, although they agree that there is nothing improbable in the matter.

Prof. Bushong thinks that the heart of an cottonwood tree decays and that if there is no outlet to the open air the ordinary marsh gas which possesses the same properties as natural gas is sure to be formed, says the Kansas City Star.

"It has not occurred for several years," said Prof. Bushong, "that there was a peculiar rushing noise whenever a cottonwood tree was cut down and that a peculiar odor indicated that a gas of some kind was issuing from the trunk of the tree.

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