

TO BE A MILITARY HOLIDAY.

THE TROOPS WILL OBSERVE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The Guards and Hussars to Contend for Prizes at the Avondale Range. The Chatham's Will Spend the Day at Tybee—The First Regiment Will Parade in Heavy Marching Order in the Afternoon and Will Afterwards Give a Dress Parade at the Parade Ground—The Races at Thunderbolt and the Jasper Springs Opening Declared Off.

Washington's birthday will be observed to-day by the military. The Guards and Hussars will spend a portion of the day at the Avondale rifle range, the Chatham's will go to Tybee and the First Regiment will parade in the afternoon.

An Atlanta dispatch late last night said that Gov. Atkinson will not be here. He had intended to accept the invitation extended to him, but found it impossible to get away. Lieut. Oscar Brown, assistant adjutant general, and Maj. Frank Calloway, the governor's private secretary, will arrive this morning.

The cotton exchange, board of trade, banks and public buildings will be closed. The holiday falling on a Saturday will not be as generally observed as it would had it fallen on any other day of the week.

Many of the Bay street people will take the whole day, while the wholesale men generally will allow their employes a half holiday. The retail dealers and their employes will not fare so well, Saturday being a busy day with them.

The Hussars will be the first to go out this morning. They will assemble at their armory at 8:15 o'clock, in regimental uniform, campaign hats and leggings, and will proceed to the rifle range, where the contest for prizes will begin at once.

A number of the veteran and honorary members of the corps are expected to attend. The Hussars have accepted an invitation to eat oysters with the Guards, but will not go out come back with the battalion.

The Guards will assemble at the arsenal at 9:15 o'clock and will leave for Avondale shortly after, fully uniformed, armed and equipped. The men will wear campaign hats and leggings.

The battalion will take the cars at Jones and Habersham streets and will proceed thence to the rifle range.

The Guards have a number of prizes to contest for. A battalion medal is offered for the best score at the Avondale rifle range, 200, 300 and 500 yards. Each company will contest for the company medal, and there is also a medal to be contested for by the commissioned officers.

There are ten batallion prizes to be awarded to the ten men making the best combined scores at the 200 and 300 yard ranges, and also a prize to the uniformed class, to be shot for at the same ranges. In addition, one prize will be offered for the best score in each company, the commissioned officers not contesting. There will also be a prize of \$15 awarded to the company making the best average score by active members, exclusive of officers.

All prize awards will be based on the scores made at the rifle range, with the exception of the battalion range medals, which must also be shot for at 50 yards.

The Guards will have an oyster roast and plenty of sandwiches. The battalion returns to Tybee depot at 12 o'clock, and the train. The day will be target shooting for prizes and an oyster roast at the club house. There will be target shooting for prizes and an oyster roast at the club house.

The Chatham's will assemble at their armory at 9:15 o'clock, and will march to Tybee by the 12 o'clock train. The day will be target shooting for prizes and an oyster roast at the club house.

The First Regiment will assemble at the parade ground at 10 o'clock. The companies will be fully uniformed, and will march in "heavy marching order."

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NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS.

The Fire Commission Recommends a Location on the Bay.

The erection of a new engine house for the Fire Commission yesterday. The quarters now occupied by the company on West Broad street are rented property and in bad condition. Chief Maguire was instructed to address a communication to the city council, requesting the setting aside of a portion of the ground owned by the city on the north side of Bay street between Barnard and Jefferson streets for the erection of an engine house and headquarters for the department.

The space requested by the commission is 60x60, which would leave a street fifty feet in width in the rear, which would be a continuation of Williamson street, and a block of Jefferson street of the same width in the rear. The plan is under the impression that this ground is a public common, but such is not the case, the ground having been purchased by the city a good many years ago for the purpose of widening Bay street. The title to the land are in the possession of the city.

All the members of the commission are in favor of the location. Chief Maguire, in a talk with a Morning News reporter, stated the arguments in favor of the location.

"It is the only available spot in that locality," he said, "where the location of an engine house and headquarters for the fire department is desired. The ground is owned by the city, and the location is desirable for the fire department. The ground is owned by the city, and the location is desirable for the fire department.

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WILL APPLY FOR A CHARTER.

THE MAY FESTIVAL IN THE HANDS OF THE STOCKHOLDERS.

They Will Hold a Meeting Monday Afternoon and a Charter Will Be Applied for at Once—The Subscription Committee Reports Nearly \$11,000 Raised, and Guarantees to Reach Fully That Figure—To Be Called the Military Interstate Association of Savannah.

The functions of the general committee which met for the purpose of arranging for a May week festival have practically ceased, as it has been decided to organize permanently. For this purpose a meeting of the subscribers and stockholders of the organization has been called for 4 o'clock Monday afternoon in the rooms of the Commercial Club.

The committee on organization and subscription both made reports at the meeting held in the long room of the city exchange yesterday afternoon. The report of the committee on organization was made by Col. Wm. Garrard, chairman of the committee. It is an important one and is as follows:

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 20, 1896.—Col. W. W. Gordon, Chairman General Committee: Sir—The committee on organization respectfully submits the following as its conclusions:

1. That this matter should assume corporate shape, and be organized as a corporation to be filed to the superior court, using the names of the committee on subscription as the subscribers. The proposed name to be "Military Interstate Association of Savannah," the capital stock to be not less than \$100,000, to be increased at the organization meeting, if desirable, to a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, and after the organization meeting, to be increased, at any time, to a sum not less than \$100,000, and to be decreased, at any time, to a sum not less than the amount of the capital stock then outstanding; the capital stock to be divided into shares of one hundred (\$100) dollars each, to be paid in as stated in the subscription agreements.

2. That so soon as eleven thousand (\$11,000) dollars have been subscribed, a meeting be called by this committee of the subscribers to this stock, so that a temporary organization may be effected.

3. That, if this report be adopted, and the above course be followed upon the meeting of the general committee, then and in such event, the functions of the general committee on subscription shall cease when the temporary organization above referred to shall have been perfected. Respectedly submitted, William Garrard, Chairman.

Alex. R. Lawton, Jr., Secretary.

After this report had been read and explained by Col. Garrard it was received, and adopted by a large majority of the committee on subscriptions. The committee on subscriptions, which was organized by the committee on organization, and which had been organized by the committee on organization, and which had been organized by the committee on organization.

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INCENDIARIES' FOUL WORK.

Attempt to Burn A. S. Bacon's House on Gwinnett Street.

An attempt to burn the house, No. 64 Gwinnett, corner Lincoln, was made last night. No. 64 is a large frame residence, owned and formerly occupied by Mr. A. S. Bacon. It has been vacant for some time.

Shortly after 7 o'clock passers-by on the street saw smoke issuing from and under the house. Some one ran to W. A. Bishop's drug store, at Gwinnett and Price streets, and telephoned the facts to No. 4 engine house. About the same time Mounted Officer Floyd came up and turned in an alarm from No. 42, the corner near the house. At the same moment someone else turned in an alarm from box 53 nearby.

The two alarms going in at once caused a confusion, and the result was a different number was registered at each engine house. The firemen there made a double-check run for the Central cotton press, and were much surprised to find that there was no fire in the neighborhood, and that no one had turned in an alarm from that box.

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President Eugene V. Debs of the American Railway Union arrived in Savannah from Charleston about 8 o'clock last night. He was met at the depot by a committee from the Savannah Trades and Labor Assembly, consisting of C. B. Patrick, W. H. H. Young and Jas. L. McCosker, and escorted to the Pullman house, from where he went immediately after supper to the Odd Fellows' hall to lecture.

President Debs was expected to arrive earlier in the day, and preparations to give him some entertainment were under consideration provided he had the time for it. His train, however, was several hours late, and the hall was pretty well filled when he arrived. The lateness of the train necessitated his being a little late, where over 500 workmen and others were gathered to hear him.

There were on the stage with him President W. S. Harris, of the Savannah Trades and Labor Assembly, President John Driscoll of the Longshoremen's Union, Mr. S. Krouskoff and W. H. H. Young of the Typographical union, who introduced the lecturer.

In the first part of his address Mr. Debs gave a very graphic account of the life of the workingman at Pullman, Ill., the scene and starting point of the great strike of 1894. It was a place, he said, where the workingman is actually mortgaged to the Pullman company, and where his wages and his living expenses are so adjusted to each other that every dollar that he earned found its way back into the coffers of the Pullman company. He spoke of how the employes had borne the brunt of the strike, and how they had been reduced to a state of starvation, and how the committee of forty-two went to Mr. Pullman himself, only to hear him say: "You don't get any more money from me."

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