

ANOTHER SOLDIER BOY.

Some of our older inhabitants will remember that Roscoe C. Fletcher enlisted in the regular army, company L, 20th Infantry, last June. Well he was sent at once to Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, Ga., where he remained till early in September; his regiment was sent to Leavenworth, Kansas, where he remained till his discharge Monday last, the 24th inst.

Like so many of our Illinois boys and others he saw no service in Cuba, though at the time while at Fort McPherson his regiment was ordered to be ready to move to the front, in fact most or all of the men were on the cars, waiting for the conductor to cry out "All aboard" when the order came to disembark and wait further orders. When these orders finally came it was for a move on Kansas, and not on Cuba. Ross says his food was fairly good down at Fort McPherson, except at one time when the mess cook got to cutting the boys short, but complaint to the proper officer soon brought everything all right. At Fort Leavenworth they had barracks, of course, and lived like civilized folks, plenty to eat and pleasant soldierly surroundings.

At one time they were expecting to be called up to the Indian trouble in Minnesota, almost anywhere or anything, to be rid of the monotonous life of camp or barracks. When told they would remain in Leavenworth all winter, he and some others took their honorable discharge as provided by a recent law, rather than live in idleness. Ross speaks well of his associates as a class, some very fine men and a very few scaly ones.

We have read his discharge; it is an "honorable" one, the law authorizing it cited, his record while in the service noted and marked "excellent" both by his captain and the Lieut. Colonel of his regiment and he was never disciplined for unsoldierly conduct. The Park is a bit proud of her boys who went to the front and came home with such a record as that. His health is good and has been all the times, save a few days once when he was a little off in his appetite—a touch of the fever. The

Park's soldier boys are: John H. Jennings, First Illinois; Robert Wrenn, Rough Riders; Irving Palmer, Third Cavalry and Ross C. Fletcher, 20th Infantry. The three first were at the front and saw hard service, the others wanted to go, but were not permitted to do so. All honor to them.

The Baptist meeting house is being repainted by Brand Bros.

Our druggists all have a fresh stock of Boston's famous molasses candy velvet.

Robert Raffin and some others think of a hunting trip up to Koshkonong, Jefferson county, the last of next week.

The Republican town committee has appointed W. J. Obee, Charles Patchen and R. C. Raffin a committee on elections.

Election comes a week from next Tuesday, Nov. 8th, when our county officers and Congressman Foss will be elected besides several other folks.

The best evidence of the coming boom in real estate is that D. M. Erskine is having his real estate office repainted. The shrewd ex-mayor don't waste his shekels with no prospect of a return.

About forty or fifty of her friends and neighbors met last night at W. Tilman's and then went down en masse for a birthday surprise visit with Mrs. Mayor Evans, taking the family completely by surprise. Capn Tilman had the company in charge and saw to it that there was coffee, sandwiches, cake etc, in abundance. One thing these west side folks never fail on, that is choice refreshments in abundance.

The immediate neighbors are sorry to learn that the J. H. Moore's family leaves the Dr. Babcock house next week for Chicago. But then, they will be back again next summer we trust.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

TO MY FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC:—

Having been nominated for the office of county clerk of Lake county, I have decided to make a clean, honest, non-partisan effort to be elected. My farm work prevents my making a thorough canvass of the county; but I hereby solicit your votes and if elected will faithfully perform the duties of the office in a competent manner.

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