

Promise of Activity at Ft. Sheridan.

Within the next thirty days, if present plans are followed, Fort Sheridan, which has been practically deserted for a year, will see more life than ever before in its history. The new volunteer troops will have to be armed, equipped and drilled, and Fort Sheridan will be used as the post of mobilization for all the country about Chicago. The work cut out in the Philippines next fall and winter will be of a character to require well-trained soldiers. As far as possible veterans of the late Spanish war will be selected by the recruiting officers, and hence company and regimental drills will be easily managed.

The fighting in the Philippines is with a semi-barbarous enemy, over rough country, and in swamps, so the regular formation is seldom maintained. The aim will be to teach the new soldiers the skirmish drill in its most perfect form, but above all, they will be put through a course of sprouts in the use of the Krag-Jorgensen rifle and smokeless powder. The target ranges at Fort Sheridan will echo to the sound of whistling bullets every hour during the day, and the recruits gathered at the fort will see plenty of theoretical soldiering.

It is probable the number will far exceed the capacity of the barracks, in which case tents will be pitched on the beautiful bluffs overlooking the lake, and the people of the Park will have a chance to see a regular camp of instruction with all the bustle incident to preparations for actual service. Squads will be drawn off from time to time and sent to San Francisco, but the Highland Park people may look for a rough and tumble boom within the next few weeks, and blue uniforms will again be in the neighborhood.

Colonel Cornelius Gardener, will be commanding officer of the new Thirtieth Infantry, being recruited, with headquarters at Fort Sheridan. He is a Michigan man, although born in the Netherlands. He went to West Point in 1869 and has served with the Nineteenth Infantry ever since except during the Spanish war,

when he was appointed Colonel of the Thirty-first Michigan Infantry. His new command will be recruited from Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and his selection was due to the policy of having regular officers command all the new regiments, but at the same time to select men who would be in sympathy with the rank and file, both from residence and from service with volunteers.

Sewing machine supplies of all kinds at Schneider & Cooke's.

The engagement is announced of Miss Hopkins to Mr. Max Butter.

The engagement is announced of Miss Millard to Dr. Fisher of Chicago.

Mr. Walker of Boston and connected with the Pope Mfg. Co., spent Sunday with Mr. W. W. Flinn.

If you wish a sewing machine or have one in need of repairs, drop a card to Schneider & Cooke. They will call for, make repairs, return and guarantee the same.

Lieut. Robert C. Williams went last week to his new station at Wallace, Northern Idaho. Mrs. Williams is spending a couple of weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Yoe, but expects to join her husband in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Meade and children have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Coale. Their home is at Oak Park, but they are so charmed with Highland Park they intend making it their permanent home in the future.

Quite a number of beach parties have been held lately by the young people. Great quantities of Frankfurters have been consumed. The other evening while one of these affairs was in full blast, two sailors in search of the body of Holmes, beached their boat and intimated that they were hungry. The party fed them until they could eat no more. The sailors then embarked, and as their boat left the beach the one in the stern turned and, making a Chesterfieldian bow, said: "Your kindness will never be forgot."

A fine line of jewelry at Chicago prices at Schneider & Cooke's.

This week's experience of muddy streets emphasizes the need of paving St. John's and opening and paving Vine west under the Northwestern tracks and the relocation of the electric road at that point.

Waukegan boasts of its factories, its harbor and docks, courthouse and jail and lots of other things, but we have \$2,500,000 more property than she has. It is "money that makes the mare go," gentlemen.

Mrs. Ford Hall leaves soon for Fort Robinson, Neb., where she will make a lengthy stay with her daughter, Mrs. Lieut. Davis. The climate of Nebraska has been of great benefit to Mr. Davis, who was in poor health when last in the Park, having contracted fever while in Cuba.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First United Evangelical Church held their regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Richard Tillman. A fine programme had been arranged and there was a large attendance. Coffee and cake was served by Mrs. Tillman.

Summer residents complain, and with good reason, that our streets are not marked with "guide boards" at the street corners. They say when they inquire where some prominent man lives, and are told it is on Dale avenue, they can't find the street, and if they ask a youngster, all the reply is "dunno." If we want summer residents to fill our homes and rent our vacant houses, we certainly should mark our streets, as they do in Evanston.

Some idler has tried to start the report that the City Council would object to the North-Western moving the old passenger depot up to their vacant lot on the west of the track. Our aldermen may not all be Solons, but they certainly are not simpletons. They are as much pleased as any one over the new depot and the improvements. Does anyone suppose sensible men would do such a thing as that after the North-Western people have begun improvements here involving an outlay of some \$50,000.