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Yours truly,
JAMES S. BRISIN,
(Major Third Cavalry, U.S. Army.)
Omaha, Neb., April 4, 1874.

RIFLE COMPETITION.

(New York Correspondence.)

RIFLE MATCHES AT CREEDMOOR—ARMORY PRACTICE—FENIANS AND THE FOURTH.

New York, July 7, 1874.

A few weeks since and it was hard work to raise a team who would bother themselves to go out to Creedmoor and try their skill at the targets. The challenge to the Irish Eight and their acceptance has, however, changed all this and each recurring Saturday not only finds a number of crack shots at the ranges but the number of interested spectators has been remarkably augmented. The members of the Amateur Club and of the National Rifle Association are keeping hard at work and as a result the scores improve on each public trial.

LONG RANGE MATCH.

On Saturday, June 27, the third competition for the Amateur Long Range Badge took place. Five shots each at 800, 900, and 1000 yards. The badge consists of a cross bar of polished gold with enamel centre, to this is attached a pendant of gold with an eagle and camel in frosted silver. In the centre of the badge is the monogram A.R.C. and surrounding it the motto "Pulma non sine pulvere." The whole is a very tasteful piece of workmanship and cost \$50. The shooting commenced shortly before noon the wather at the time being very raw but the atmosphere clear with a slight north-west blowing. Distance—800, 900, and 1,000 yards. The following is the score of the seven best shots:—

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| | Total. |
| John Bodine..... | 45 |
| J. P. M. Richards..... | 44 |
| A. J. Roux..... | 44 |
| Henry Fulton..... | 42 |
| John Trageser..... | 42 |
| Geo. Crouch..... | 34 |
| L. M. Ballard..... | 32 |

An unfortunate dispute arose owing to the carelessness or incapacity of the markers. On the second shot at the 800 yard range, Mr. Richards' bullet was heard to strike the target, but the marker failed to signal it and a miss was recorded.

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The practice of employing inexperienced markers has caused great annoyance hitherto and the Range Committee are making arrangements so as to have none but practical hands in the butt on match days.

200 YARD MATCH.

On the same day the sixth competition for the Turf, Field, and Farm Badge was held there were 47 entries. Distance—200 yds., 5 shots, position standing. The shooting was unusually good, the winner scoring 18 out of a possible 20. The following are the leading scores:—

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| | Total. |
| E. H. Madison..... | 18 |
| R. B. Lockwood..... | 17 |
| A. Wood..... | 15 |
| G. W. Wright..... | 15 |
| N. G. McCook..... | 15 |
| F. M. McMillan..... | 14 |
| Gen. T. S. Dakin..... | 14 |
| N. V. Davis..... | 14 |
| Col. Gildersleeve..... | 14 |
| N. J. Hennion..... | 14 |
| C. F. Deboist..... | 14 |
| J. T. B. Collins..... | 14 |
| H. B. Dominick..... | 14 |
| A. J. Roux..... | 14 |
| W. F. Edmondston..... | 14 |
| J. L. Price..... | 14 |
| J. McEwen..... | 14 |
| P. Klein..... | 14 |
| F. P. Fairbanks..... | 14 |
| G. Crouch..... | 14 |
| F. F. Millen..... | 14 |
| H. B. Smith..... | 14 |

The days' practice on the whole shows a very marked improvement, but much has yet to be done before a team can be picked out that will have a chance against the Irish Eight.

ONE THOUSAND YARD SWEEPSTAKE.

On Saturday July 4th, the Amateur Rifle Club celebrated Independence Day by a Sweep-stake Shooting Match, twenty shots each at one thousand yards. There were 17 entries, but three of the competitors retired before the match was completed. Below is a summary of the shooting.

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| | Total. |
| Gen. T. S. Dakin..... | 54 |
| J. P. M. Richards..... | 51 |
| Thos. Lloyd..... | 48 |
| Henry Fulton..... | 47 |
| Leon Becker..... | 47 |
| A. V. Canfield, Jr..... | 45 |
| John Trageser..... | 45 |
| L. M. Ballard..... | 44 |
| H. Tolloy..... | 44 |
| Geo. Crouch..... | 44 |
| Col. H. A. Gildersleeve..... | 42 |
| Geo. Wood..... | 34 |
| P. G. Simlford..... | 30 |
| Jas. L. Price..... | 25 |

A high wind prevailed during the entire match. The score of the winner, General Dakin, 54 out of a possible 50 is a remarkably high one.

NATIONAL GUARD PRACTICE.

The different regiments of the National Guard Practice are each in turn ordered to do a day's shooting at Creedmoor. The practice commenced last week and has been

followed daily since. The scoring made has not been very great but considering that previously to the establishment of these ranges the militia never had any practice at target shooting the progress is creditable.

Many of the regiments have targets fitted up in their armories at such ranges as the buildings will admit of. The 22nd Regiment, the first to inaugurate this system have a 50 yard range. The 23rd regiment, Brooklyn, have recently erected a rifle range forty feet long and twelve feet wide. Any member missing this target will hardly be eligible for the International Team. The 8th Regiment have just completed in their armory a range 45 feet long. The target is eight by four feet, is made of pine one foot thick backed by boiler plate, so that a bullet striking is imbedded in the wood and all "splash" prevented.

FENIANS ON THE RAMPAGE.

The Fenian element celebrated the "Glorious Fourth" in a (to them) peculiarly appropriate manner. A picnic was held at Jones' Wood where the 69th (Irish) Regiment turned out in all the gorgeousness of their uniforms, the pompous of the shakos being the "Green above the Red." The ancient order of Hibernians, the men who are responsible for the Orange riots here in 1870 and 1871 were also present in large numbers. When the whiskey began to circulate the spirits of warriors rose proportionately. It needed but a trivial pretext to start a free fight during which some of the gallant 69th used their bayonets. The police who arrived were badly beaten and several are hors de combat. Several members of the regiment were arrested and escorted to the police stations. Col. Cavanagh the commanding officer of the 69th drew his sword and rushed into the thick of the melee slashing out and left with the flat of his weapon. He returned from the field covered with glory and rags.

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THE 47th BATTALION.

Captain Hewton made himself so agreeable to the men of the battalion that they yesterday presented him with the following address accompanied by a handsome walking cane and meerschaum pipe:

To Captain Robert Hewton, No. 1 Company, 47th Battalion.

Dear Sir—As the camp is about drawing to a close we, the non commissioned officers and men of No. 1 Company, desire to express our sense of the kindness and consideration we have always experienced at your hands. Although you have caused us to be attentive to our duties as soldiers and have been strict when duty required, we have always felt that we had in our Captain a firm friend. We beg in conclusion to tender you the accompanying walking stick and meerschaum pipe as a slight mark of our regard, and we trust that you will long continue to command this company in the future as successful as in the past.