

# GUARD SUPPLEMENT.

## Enormous Pigeon Roost.

There is a pigeon roost in the neighborhood of Augusta, Mo., on the Memphis Extension, about sixty miles from Springfield. The birds occupy a piece of very densely timbered wood between five and six miles in length and between two and three wide, and every limb is covered with nests, while the woods are full of fluttering and fighting birds, from those of mature age to the squab in the nest. The continual going and returning of the thousands of birds seeking and returning with food for their young presents a very remarkable as well as bewildering sight. Every instant crowds of them can be seen coming from every direction, and at the same time as many going, and where, no one knows, nor does any one know whether all those that have gone forth return, but certain it is millions do. This going and coming is kept up while daylight lasts, and all through the night there is a constant noise from the fluttering, cooing, and fighting.

Thousands of these birds are caught daily and nightly and sent to the distasteful cities. St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Cincinnati, New York, all come in for large shipments from this apparently inexhaustible source of supply.

The shipments are so large they require a large number of different kinds of packing vessels, boxes, and coops. To furnish these employs a large number of men. It requires the time of many men and boys to catch and kill the number of birds wanted, and they find in it a bonanza, and while the pigeons remain their inhabitants will make the stay profitable to themselves.

Some idea may be formed of the immensity of this new industry in southwestern Missouri when it is known that one day last week the enormous amount of 5,600 pounds composed one shipment of these birds dead and alive.

This being the first year the pigeons have selected this as their nesting place, no one knows how long they will remain, nor does anyone know whether they will return should they leave here this fall. They do no damage here, and seek their food at a distance. What they may do when the wheat is ripe is to be seen.

David Davis when last heard from was at a horse race in California. The moral philosopher of the Indianapolis Journal regards this as a bad start for a young married man.

## Twenty-four O'clock.

The Railway Reporter says the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railroad Co. has recently issued a new time card, based on the twenty-four system—that of numbering the hours of the day from one to twenty-four, instead of making two divisions of twelve hours each designated or distinguished as ante-meridian and post-meridian—A. M. and P. M. At present still another designation is used—that of M. 12 when midday is to be distinguished from 12 P. M. The Reporter says that this company is the first to employ this continuous system; but in reality the method is a very old one, coeval with the history of clocks, and is still in use in some parts of southeastern Europe. The reporter adds, the day begins at midnight, as under the common system, but there is no possibility of confusion between forenoon and afternoon hours. The great advantage of this scheme in a railroad time-table will be seen at once: 7 A. M. and 7 P. M. are frequently misprinted or misunderstood, but no one will confound 7 o'clock with 19 o'clock. A watch or clock can be adapted to the system by simply putting the extension of the hour in a circle just inside of those already on the face. The exterior numbers will then be consulted up to 12 o'clock (noon), and the interior ones for the remainder of the day.

A military company has been formed at Waitsburg, to be known as the Waitsburg Guards.

Snohomish has \$10,133 in the treasury. Machinery for the flouring mill at Alpowai is being purchased.

The body of Walter Pohl, recently drowned at the mouth of the Columbia, has been found on the Quinalt reservation coast.

A correspondent of the Spokane Chronicle desires that Hangman creek shall be called by its proper name which he says is Latah.

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