THE OLD VETERANS.

GRAY HEADS AND GRAY BEARDS IN REUNION.

THE GALLANT OLD BOYS TURN OUT
In Large Force, Talk Over the Days of the War, and Have a Good Time.
Regimental Meetings and Election of Officers.

The gallant Veterans of the Twenty-third and Thirty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry are in the city to-day in force to attend the Reunion, and by common consent they own the town. The welcome of the citizens is generous and spontaneous. Everyone is glad to see these old boys and take them by the hand in warm greeting. Their ranks have been thinned by death since their last coming together, and many who are with us to-day are tottering in feebleness under the pressure of years and the physical effects of their exposure on the field during the dark days from 1861 to 1865. All honor to these gallant men — all hail, and the warmest welcome to them.

The Twenty-third Regiment was organized and mustered into the service for three years, at New Albany, on the 29th of July, 1861, with William L. Sanderson as Colonel; DeWitt C. Anthony as Lieutenant-Colonel; William P. Davis as Major; Eugene Commandeur as Adjutant; Isaac P. Smith as Quartermaster; John D. Rogers as Chaplain; Thomas R. Austin as Surgeon, and Robert Kay as Assistant Surgeon. The Captains were Frederick Pistorius, Company A; Wm. W. Caldwell, Co. B; David C. Kay, Co. C; George S. Babbit, Co. D; Thomas Clark, Co. E; John S. Davis, Co. F; Alonzo Tubbs, Co. G; William E. Abbott, Co. H; Henry C. Ferguson, Co. I; Vincent Kirk, Co. K.

Many changes took place in the officers before the final muster out. George S. Babbit, as Lieutenant Colonel, commanded the regiment from August 11, 1864, and was promoted Colonel and mustered out with the regiment July 23, 1865; W. P. Davis being Lieutenant-Colonel, Alonzo Tubbs Major, Shadrick K. Hooper Adjutant, Jacob Graves Quartermaster, John D. Rogers Chaplain, John S. McPheeters Surgeon, James Calderwood Assistant Surgeon.

The regiment took part in the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson and fought at Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, in the siege of Vicksburg and in all the battles preceding the capture of that place. Its bloodiest fight was at Raymond, Miss., where it lost heavily, but routed the enemy, capturing many prisoners. It also lost heavily at Champion Hills and Jackson. It was in the front line during the siege of Vicksburg, losing five officers and fifty men killed and wounded.

It took part with Sherman in his raid through Mississippi, was with him in the march to the sea, and from Acworth to Atlanta was every day
engaged in battle or skirmish. It was on the march through the Carolinas, marched from Goldsborough, N.C., to Washington, and from thence was sent to Louisville and mustered out July 23, 1865. Its record is a glorious one of gallant deeds from the day it took the field till its final muster-out.

The Thirty-eighth Indiana also made an illustrious record during the war. It was organized and mustered into the service for three years at New Albany, on the 18th of September, 1861. It was with Buell’s army in its campaign against Bowling Green and Nashville in February, 1862, and up to August of that year had many fights with the enemy. It was with Buell in the historic race after Bragg into Kentucky and marched with Buell’s army to Louisville. It fought at Perryville, Stone River, (where it lost heavily), Hoover’s Gap, Chicamauga (suffering heavy loss), Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge. It marched with Sherman to the Sea, took part in nearly all the engagements on that march, and fought its way to Goldsborough, N.C., whence it marched by way of Richmond and Alexandria to Washington, 192 miles, in six days. From Washington the regiment was sent to Louisville, where it was mustered out on the 15th of July, 1865.

The original officers of the Thirty-eighth were Benjamin F. Scribner, Colonel (brevetted Brigadier General Aug. 8, 1864, which he declined); Walter Q. Gresham, Lieutenant-Colonel; James B. Merriwether, Major; Daniel F. Griffin, Adjutant; John R. Cannon, Quartermaster; Lewis E. Carson, Chaplain; William A. Clapp, Surgeon; Lod. W. Beckwith, Assistant Surgeon. The original Captains were Wm. C. Wheeler, Co. A; Charles B. Nunemacher, Co. B; James C. Fouts, Co. C; John B. Glover, Co. D; Wm. L. Carter, Co. E; Wesley Conner, Co. F; James Secrest, Co. G; Gabriel Poindexter, Co. H; Henry L. Williams, Co. I; John Sexton, Co. K.

Like the 23d there were many changes in offices in the 38th. At its muster-out David H. Patton was Colonel; Isaac Brinkworth, Lieut.-Colonel; William C. Shaw, Major; Pennell M. Keepers, Adjutant; Simpson C. Graham, Quartermaster; Silas Rawson, Chaplain; Eli D. Whittaker, Surgeon, and John D. Nicholson, Assistant Surgeon. George H. Devol, of this city, succeeded Daniel F. Griffin as Adjutant, and James V. Kelso succeeded John R. Cannon as Quartermaster.

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There are also present Maj. J. B. Merriwether; Surgeon Dr. W. A. Clapp; Adj. George H. Devol; Quartermaster J. V. Kelso; Mrs. Daniel Griffin, honorary member; D. C. Axline, C. M. Milligan, Band.

This evening the veterans will be banqued at the Windsor Hotel, and tonight will hold a camp fire at the Opera House.

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