### DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE. The Present Organization-The Staff Officers-Names of Posts and Their Commanders.

We received yesterday the new schedule of this Department, and it contains information which will be of interest to many of our readers. At the present time the troops stationed with-in its limits are the 9th, 13th and 14th regiments of infantry and eight com-panies of the Second cavalry. We learn also that the Third cavalry is coming here to take the place of the Fifth, which was a few weeks since sent to Arizona.

Brig. Gen. E. O. C. Ord commands the Department, with the following STAFF OFFICERS:

Major George D. Ruggles, Assistant Adjutant General U. S. A. Major Alex. J. Perry, Q. M., U. S. A Chief Quartermaster.
Captain J. W. Barriger, C. S., U. S.
A., Chief Commissary.
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Medical Director.
Major Jacob E. Burbank, Paymaster
U. S. A., Acting Chief Paymaster.
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Capt. Wm. A. Joaes, Corps of Engin-eers U. S. A., Engineer Officer. Captain John R. McGinnes, Or-dinance Department, Chief Ordinance

First Lieutenant Hugh G. Brown, 12th Infantry, Alde-de-Camp. QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Captain Charles A. Reynolds, A. Q. M., Depot Quartermaster, Cheyenne, Captain William B. Houghes, A. Q. M., Depot Quartermaster, and Depot Commisary of Subsistence, Ogden,

Captain John H. Belcher, A. Q. M. Depot Quartermaster, Omaha, Neb-Captain Gustavus A. Hull, M. S. K., Post Quartermaster, Fort Saunders, W.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT. Surgeon E. P. Vollum, U. S. A., Post Surgeon, Camp Douglas, U. T.
SurgeonlW. C. Spencer, U. S. A., Post
Surgeon, Fort Banders, W. T.
Assistant surgeon, R. M. O'Rielly, U. S. A., Post Surgeon, Fort Laramie

Assistant Surgeon Frank Meacham, U. S. A., Post Surgeon, Omaha Bar-racks, Nebrasks. Assistant Surgeon C. L. Heizmann U. S. A., Post Surgeon, Sidney Bar-racks, Neb. Assistant Surgeon F.Le B.Monroe, U.

A., Post Surgeon, Fort D. A. Rus-

sell, W. T.
Assistant Surgeon A. D. Wilson, U. A., Post Surgeon, Fort Fred. Steele, Assistant Surgeon J. K. Corson, U. A, Post Surgeon, Fort Bridger, W.

Assistant Surgeon F. W. Elbrey, U. S. A., Post Surgeon, Fort McPherson, Neb. Assistant Surgeon J. M. Dickson, U. S. A., Ass't. Post Surgeon, Omaha Barracks, Nebraska.

PAY DEPARTMENT. Major Robert D. Clarke, Paymaster U. S. Army, Omaha, Nebraska. ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Second Lieutenant Almon L. Varney, Ordnance Department, Depot Ordnance Officer, Cheyenne, W. T. POST CHAPLAINS.

Post Chaplain, Alpha Wright, Post Chaplain U. S. A., Fort D. A. Russell, Post Chaplain Zachariah Ragan, Post Chaplain U. S. A., Fort Fred. Steele, W. T.

Post Chaplain Thomas W. Haskins,

Post Chaplain, U. S. A., Camp Dou-

The following are the names of the posts with their commanders: Omaha Barracks, Col. J. N. Palmer; Fort Mc-Pherson, Neb., Capt. W. H., Jordon; Sidney, Capt. G. S. Carpenter; Fort A: D. Russell, W. T., Col. J. A. King: Depot Fort D. A. Russell, Capt. D. W. Burke; Fort Saunders, W. T., Lieut. Col. Luther P. Bradley; Fort Steele, W. T., Col. P. R. Trobriand; Fort Bridger, W. T., Maj. R. S. LaMotte; Camp Brown, W. T., Capt. R. A. Torvey; Camp Stambaugh, W.T., Maj. Jas. S. Brisbin; Camp Douglas, U. T., Lt. Col. H. A. Morrow; Fort Laramie, W. T., ICol. John E. Smith; Fort Fetterman, W. T., Lt. Col. Geo. A. Woodward. North Platte, a sub-district of Fort McPherson is commanded by Capt. James Egan. POSTS AND COMMANDERS. James Egan.

By General Order No. 1., dated January 8, Capt. H. G. Litchfield, 2nd Artillery, is announced as Aid-de-camp to Gen. Ord. Yesterday Maj. C. M. Torrell, of the Pay Department, arrived from Texas.—Omaha Herald, Jan. 11.

LATER.

## OUR GIRLS.

Between the eras of swaddling bands and corsets and crinoline, there used to be a period of a few years when arms and limbs could climb trees and scale heights like their progenitors mentioned by Darwin, and muscle, sinew and blood bade fair to hold their own. The little bareheaded, tanned girl of ten years, astride a bridleless and saddleless horse, or paddling down the stream on a raft of her own constructing, had on a raft of her own constructing, had a season of pure animal enjoyment, and it was thought enough if she grew plump and roey, was "early to bed and early to rise," and could sing the "fives" to the tune of Yankee Doodle. She must have been far in her "teens," or out of them, before she caught a glimpse of the model young lady with tapering waist, pinched feet, fastidious specific, and a general air of languor pervading every movement and utterance. She looked upon the lay-figure with admiration, and forthwith commenced remodeling herself, but with indifferent success. "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined. "Nature had a good start, and she would not yield to art without a hard struggle. The few robust women of fifty to-day are the ones whose young lives were free and careless as the birds whose clothing never fettered limbs nor pressed lungs, whose impulses and instincts were never checked nor killed outright by Mrs. Grundy's strictures.

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