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FORT DODGE ITEMS.

Christmas passed rather quietly at the Fort, except at the Post Trader's establishment, where a liberal supply of egg nogg was distributed to the boys.

Dr. Tremaine paid a flying visit to his family on Christmas day. He has gone to Fort Leavenworth, but is expected home about the middle of January.

A few cases of scarlet fever have been reported among the children here. All the little patients are however doing finely now.

Col Lewis has been ordered to New Mexico to investigate the trouble reported from that country.

Capt. Bradford has returned from court martial duty at Fort Union, N. M., and has resumed command of his company.

Sergt Hamilton, the well known driver of our mail wagon, has gone on a visit to his friends in Topeka. During his absence his job will be attended to by the attentive Sergt Collins of Co. F.

A photograph gallery has been in operation in the yard of the hospital for several weeks and some good work has been turned out. The beauty and fashion of Fort Dodge has been very punctual in their attendance at the gallery, and their pictures adorn the numerous albums of this vicinity.

Capt. Henton is in command of the Post now, and his genial smiles expand more over his countenance than ever. The boys like the bluff hearty captain and he knows it.

Ordinance Sergt Johnson announces in a letter to Mrs. Johnson his safe arrival at Fort Abraham Lincoln. His successor Sergt Denning is daily expected.

Chaplian White, who was stationed here a few months ago and went on leave of absence on account of ill health, has been ordered to Fort Larned, Ka, and so the place, after having the benefit of one night's religious service, has been left to the tender mercies of mankind once more.