

## **Two New Members of Soldiers' Home Board**



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Soldiers' Home Board of Managers.



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The two recent appointments which Governor Bliss has made for positions upon the governing board of the Michigan Soldiers' home are of particular interest at the present time because of the contest which is on for commandant of the home. The balance of power seems to be in the hands of these two recent appointees, D. B. K. Van Raalte of Holland, and Louis Kanitz of Muskegon, but neither will commit himself as to his choice for a successor to Colonel Judd.

D. B. K. Van Raalte, the Holland appointee upon the board of managers, is himself a soldier. He has been very prominent in his home city's affairs and has also taken an active part in state and national G. A. R. movements, the

Holland post being named after him. He is particularly connected with Holland because of the fact that his father, Dr. A. C. Van Raalte, was the leader of the band of Dutch immigrants who first settled the hustling little city at the head of Black lake and laid the foundation for its future success and growth.

Louis Kanitz of Muskegon, the second appointee of Colonel Bliss, is well known throughout Michigan because of his Grand Army of the Republic connections. He claims Germany as his birthplace although he has lived in America since 1852. During the fierce struggle of 1860-65, Kanitz served in the Union army with much distinction. At the close of the rebellion he chose Muskegon for a permanent home and since that time has been one of the most prominent promoters of the interests of his city.