

IN THE PANOPLY OF WAR

Omaha Crowded with the Citizen Soldiers of Many States.

COMPETITORS IN THE COMING DRILLS

Hearty Welcomes Extended the Visitors—Short Sketches of the Crack Companies—Arrangements Filled with Interest to Military Men—New Arrivals.

With all the military pomp that nearly 100 companies of the national guards of the various states of the union can "muster" up to the encampment of the National Competitive Drill association will open at the old fair grounds tomorrow. It will be a grand military tournament and will continue until Monday, June 20.

The list of the military companies, the details of the encampment and everything pertaining to the tournament have, from time to time, been published in THE BEE the past few weeks.

The old fair grounds in its new mantle of spring, which has witnessed many a festive sight, will never view anything prettier than the military encampment. There is an indefinable charm about a military encampment and the present one, which will be made up of the crack companies of the various sections of the country, will be richly endowed with everything calculated to please the eye and attract the fancy.

The various companies come here for the purpose of competition in the different military maneuvers, not for experience, as is the case of the annual encampments of the state militia everywhere. Their practice drills are thorough and arduous.

The white tents have all been pitched and are ready for occupancy by the blue-coated soldiers. The appearance of a military encampment. Still, there is one thing lacking and that is a name for the camp.

The guards are conjecturing what name will be given it. Some are in favor of calling it Camp Omaha, while others desire another name. This will be decided later.

On the arrival of the companies One of the features of the coming day will be the street parade. Each company as it arrives at the Union depot will be received by a squad of the Omaha Guards, who will assist and care for the luggage.

escort the visitors to headquarters, preparatory to the parade through the principal streets.

The companies that will arrive today and tomorrow will have splendid opportunities for "horse play" in camp until the tournament opens. Then they will have a check up upon their capacity, and become known down to the serious responsibilities of their mission and the contemplation of unsatisfactory ratings.

Many people have no idea what it is to be in a military camp. This week, however, a good opportunity will be afforded all to see a military camp in reality, and not instructed with the privations and vicissitudes of war at all, but under the rigid discipline of military government.

Mutual strength of the United States. There are now in the United States about 115,000 enlisted and commissioned militiamen, and they, as guards, embody Washington's recommendation to the governors of the original thirteen states.

He says that the companies that will be here this week will assure an encampment that will be a credit to Omaha and an attraction which will bring thousands of visitors to the city, all of whom will leave with what they have seen and with peace but words of praise for the city.

The companies that will be here and which met the Omaha Guards last year at Indianapolis have only one thing in common. A few of the records are as follows:

Some of the Crack Companies. The Branch Guards of St. Louis, Mo., company A, C. Sinclair, were organized in June, 1877, as company G, First regiment, Missouri National guards, and have attended regional and national camps.

first prizes in Rockhouse, Ill., in 1855; Jacksonville, Ill., in 1866; Louisville, Ky., in 1884; at Jacksonville, Ill., in 1885; at St. Louis, Mo., in 1878, 1879, 1884 and 1885; at Galveston, Tex., and at Galveston, Tex., in 1886; at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1891.

They took second money at Dubuque, Iowa, in 1882; at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1883; and second interstate at Kansas City, in 1884. They were awarded third place at Dubuque in 1884, at Philadelphia in 1885, and at Kansas City in the maiden class in 1886 and the fourth place at St. Louis in 1888, and at Galveston in 1889.

The Belknap Rifles of San Antonio, Tex., company B, Thirteenth regiment, Texas volunteers, Captain Robert B. Green, were organized in September, 1884. This company represented the state of Texas at the centennial celebration at New York in 1889. They have attended state encampments each year and in addition have won first place at San Antonio in October, 1887, at Galveston in July, 1889, second money at Lampasas, Tex., in June, 1885, at Galveston in June, 1886, at Austin, Tex., in 1888, and at Indianapolis, Ind., in July, 1891.

Washington, D. C., in June, 1887. The Sealey Rifles of Galveston, Tex., company C, First regiment, Texas volunteers, Captain Worthley Boyd, are but a few months older than the Belknap Rifles, having been organized in May, 1884. Their prize list reads as follows: First prize at Galveston in 1885; first at Lampasas, Tex., in 1886; second at the same place in 1887; second at Galveston in 1888; third in the maiden class in 1889; the same place; second at Paris, Tex., in 1887; second state and third interstate at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1891.

From Far Off Georgia. The Southern Cadets of Macon, Ga., company F, Second Georgia regiment, Captain Hoff Simms, organized May 12, 1858, and from that time down to the present have been hustling after the first money at all the drills. They wanted everything in sight at Indianapolis last year, and a great many thought they would get it, too, but they didn't take a thing back to Georgia with them except fourth place and a determination to take the first money next year. From the Branch Guards in Omaha in 1889. The list of prizes is a credit to any military company. At Macon, Ga., in 1887, they got second place; second at Nashville, Tenn., in 1888; first at Augusta, Ga., in 1889; two first prizes at Columbus in 1889; first place at Jacksonville, Fla., in 1890; and at Macon, Ga., in the same year. At Atlanta, Ga., they did themselves proud and walked away with the first interstate, first state, first captain and first squad prizes.

The National Fencibles of Washington, D. C., Captain C. S. Damer, have taken first place at all drills on their home grounds, second place at Kansas City in 1889, and fifth place at Indianapolis in 1891.

The McCarthy Light Guard of Little Rock, Ark., company G, First regiment, Arkansas National guards, were sworn into the service of their state in January, 1887, and since then have each year attended encampments. Under the leadership of Captain J. M. Dungan, they have taken third place at Galveston, Tex., in 1889; second place at Nashville, Tenn., in 1890; and sixth place at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1891.

Tennessee's Representatives. The Chickasaw Guards of Memphis, Tenn., company A, Second regiment, National guards of the state of Tennessee, Captain Henry Allen, have the distinction of being the originators of prize or competitive drills. The "Chicks" were organized in July, 1874,

and soon after that time, owing to the friendly rivalry between the cities of Memphis, Nashville and the frequent boasts of the military companies of the two cities, Captain Allen's command arranged for a series of drills for the sake of the prize, and of determining as to which city held the better company. Since that time the Chickasaw guards have been adding some new prize to their list all the way down to the present. In proportions that it is too long for publication. Captain Allen says the "Chicks" will be in it all at Omaha this year, and there will be another prize added to their belt when he returns. Unfortunately the Chickasaw came in for seventh place at Indianapolis, and second money at Galveston, pushing them hard for that place, but obtaining place No. 8 in the estimate of the judges of the drills.

The Fletcher Rifles of Little Rock, Ark., Captain John A. Mitchell, is a private military organization, organized in June, 1850, and armed, uniformed and supported by Hon. J. G. Fletcher, whose name they most proudly assume. Indianapolis was their first experience in camp life and they were the happy winners of ninth place at the free-for-all class and took second money in the maiden drill. The Devlin cadets of Jackson, Mich., Captain H. Devlin, were organized in 1858, and is composed of young men attending the Devlin business college at that place. This company took second place at the first drill at Detroit, Mich., and the Omaha Guards taking first place. At the drill at Indianapolis they captured first money in the maiden class and will enter in the interstate class in Omaha in 1892.

Passed Through the Late War.

The Floyd Rifles of Macon, Ga., company C, Second regiment, Georgia volunteers, Captain J. L. Hardean, is one of the oldest military companies in the United States. It was organized over fifty years ago and was in active service for the Confederate government through the late war, taking part in many of the battles. The history of this company would fill volumes and would make good reading for soldiers both old and young. Of late years the rifles have attended encampments at Cambridge, St. Simons, Fla., at Chatham, Ga., at St. Simons, Fla., and at the second place at St. Simons in 1885 and third at the maiden drill at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1891.

The Pugh Victories of Columbus, O., Company A, Fourteenth regiment, Ohio National guards, Captain E. G. Bailey, were organized in 1857 and have attended all regular state encampments. They had never attended an interstate or national encampment until they went to Indianapolis, Ind., in 1891, where they won the maiden class and were awarded fourth place.

The Avon Rifles of Cincinnati, O., Captain F. M. Joyce, were organized as a zouave company in 1858 and changed into a regular company in May, 1891. This company and their large drum and bugle corps are competitors in the prize drills of Cincinnati, and are the pride of the city. They had never been in a prize drill until they entered in the maiden class at Indianapolis in 1891, where by the exercise of their drill, they won for themselves fifth place.

The Lima City Guards of Lima City, O., company C, Second regiment, Ohio National guards, Captain P. Bell, have some more of actual service than prize drills and encampments, as they have been called out repeatedly to protect the interests of citizens in their state. Their regiment, the Second Ohio National guards, took first regimental prize at the centennial encampment at Philadelphia in 1876. In 1878 they won regular state encampments, this company has attended national encampments in New York, Washington and Cleveland, and in their first contest for a prize in the maiden class at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1891, they were set down for the sixth place.

Some Prize Winners.

Governor's Guards at Indianapolis, Ind., company E, Second regiment, Indiana Legion, Captain M. V. Scott, organized March 17, 1889, has attended state encampments at Indianapolis, South Bend and Fort Wayne, Ind., and so far disposed the judges of the maiden drill at the national encampment at Indianapolis in 1889 as to be given seventh place.

Company A, Second regiment, Indiana Legion, Captain J. France, were organized in 1882 and have captured prizes as follows: First, at Mobile, Ala., in 1884; second at Atlanta, Ga., in 1886; and third at Evansville, Ind., in 1887, but were unable to attend the drill at Indianapolis last year as their former captain had resigned shortly before the time.

The Aurora Zouaves of Aurora, Ill., Captain G. A. Hurd, were organized in September, 1887, and is composed of representative business men of that city. They have taken money at each place they have entered the competition, having got third money at Kansas City in 1889, first in Chicago in Chicago in 1890, and first at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1891.

Walsh Zouaves of St. Louis, Mo., Captain William H. Walsh, were organized in June, 1886, are named after their patron, Rev. Father Walsh, priest of St. Bridget's church, St. Louis. They have taken first prizes at Austin, Tex., in 1888; at Galveston, Tex., in 1889, and second place at Kansas City in 1890, and Indianapolis, Ind., in 1891.

The Dulles Light Artillery of Dallas, Tex., Captain A. P. Walzencraft, the Rockville Light Artillery of Rockville, Ind., Captain F. E. Stevenson, the Dickason Light Artillery of Dallas, Tex., Captain J. H. Dickason, and the Second A. of St. Louis, Captain F. M. Kambold, the winners of the first, second, third and fourth prizes at Indianapolis in 1891, and the famous Indianapolis light artillery, Captain James B. Curtis, under whose auspices the national encampment was given at Indianapolis last year, have all won prizes at state and national drills.

Roster of the Companies Present.

Yesterday was a busy day for the Omaha Guards who did escort duty for the arriving companies and the officers at headquarters were also kept busy receiving the troops.

Below will be found a complete roster of the companies now on the grounds. Dallas Artillery—Captain F. V. Byrthe, P. A. Logan, S. H. Tabor, P. S. Roberts, W. B. Blawie, E. S. Eberly, S. M. Hart, H. B. Freeman, C. J. Evans, A. S. Latrop, M. Logan, M. K. Logan and W. V. Neily. H. Pierce, P. Rogers, C. Haehele, W. O. Sawyer, G. W. Hays, J. H. Hays, General G. M. Devlin, E. C. McLane.

Devlin Cadets of Jackson, Mich.—Captain, H. C. Devlin; first lieutenant, G. H. White; second lieutenant, J. H. White; sergeant, J. W. Main; sergeants, W. Sparks, Bartles, Frost, B. Huckleby, B. Davonport, P. Wright, quartermaster, G. Smith. Privates—B. Smith, F. Waldo, J. Porter, L. Swick, E. Nowicki, H. Boyle, F. Glass, H. Coltrin, E. Weber, W. Hanna, W. Curtis, F. Kelly, L. Cory, G. D. Slifer, F. Lockwood, S. King, J. Dovers, H. Townley, J. Echlin, H. Phillips, W. C. Sanderson, W. H. Allison, W. Anderson, F. Hilton, E. Thomas, W. Jewell.

Branch Guards, St. Louis—Captain, Clarence A. Sinclair; first lieutenant, Adolph Marks; second lieutenant, Charles H. Cricknell; sergeants, W. S. Robinson, A. B. Cricknell, E. G. Stecker, Robert C. Fath, E. H. Lott, Charles Dalton, Jr., corporals, H. Stecker, A. F. Itter, Charles Specht; privates, A. Alphonse, G. W. Applegate, J. H. Butler, W. S. Brown, C. H. Chausse, W. C. Hart, T. P. Hart, G. H. Dodge, John Durphy, Charles Durphy, B. E. Elder, August Prizan, J. W. Gerhart, G. K. Holley, G. B. Jackson, S. P. Jones, B. Knechtson, H. Kerone, John Loredon, W. McPherson, H. Nast, G. A. Nees, G. J. Pettus, W. E. Karam, C. J. Karam, J. H. Karam, C. Steinhilber, E. P. Somers, C. J. Sullivan, W. T. Thompson, E. B. Vasquez, H. Venne, A. H. Worthen.

Branch Guards—Guests: Captain C. M. O'Connor, Eighth United States cavalry; Brigadier General John A. Wickham, adjutant general of Missouri; Captain B. E. Spokerman; Lieutenant B. E. Kreidler, First Missouri infantry; Major Bertero, Governor Francis and staff will be the guests of the Branch Guards during their stay.

Shaffer Light Artillery, Denver—Captain, R. A. Kincaid; lieutenant, George Board; sergeant, C. F. Hollingshead; privates, W. H. Holtzman, A. H. Thacker, C. W. Clifton, C. L. Southard, J. A. Stevens, George Crager, J. C. Atkinson, R. T. Wilson, Theodore Lewis, Fred Rable, E. H. Worthen, Frank Greenfield.

Cincinnati Light Artillery—Captain, Fred J. Herman; lieutenant, Charles W. Roller, lieutenant, Charles W. Roller, sergeant, J. L. Hagemeyer, quartermaster, D. F. Agnew, trumpeter, E. H. Mosier, trumpeter, F. Grillo; corporals, Daniel Smith, Corporal Harry Wilder, Corporal Harry Rollins; privates, Bidcock, Bennett, Draper, Datham, Dunlap, Fizer, Gannett, Kissane, Little and Patton.

Indianapolis Light Artillery. The Indianapolis Light Artillery, which is conceded to be one of the finest drilled companies in the country, will arrive in Omaha about noon and proceed at once to the camp. The history of the battery follows.

At the organization the battery was named the Indianapolis Light Artillery. It at once secured the services of Lieutenant Hamilton, U. S. A., an instructor. It had made such decided progress in drill by the spring of 1883 that it entered in four classes of contest at the encampment of A. S. Thacker, a prize in each drill, which was a powerful incentive to the members.

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In 1885 the Light Artillery entered three drills at the Lafayette encampment and won first prize in each. Perhaps no other company ever made a similar record in one week. In 1887 the great national encampment at Washington was announced. The men had been looking forward to a visit to the capital and were naturally enthusiastic. They had had no previous experience in a prize in each drill, which was a powerful incentive to the members.

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As already mentioned, the Indianapolis Light Artillery has made but few changes in its officers. George W. Johnston was the first captain to succeed Hamilton. He was succeeded by Captain Curtis in 1884. Captain Curtis has been an enthusiastic artilleryman for years, having commanded the famous drill team in its victorious career. He is a man of high standing in the community, being a lawyer and having gained prominence as a politician. He has been twice elected to the general assembly. Dr. D. A. Thompson, the senior first lieutenant, has long been an active militiaman and president of the civil organization of the Light Artillery. He is also a lieutenant of the First Regiment Artillery. He was unanimously elected to his present position to succeed Lieutenant J. D. Witt, who served the battery faithfully for several years, but did not remain on account of business affairs. Dr. Thompson is prominent in social life, being a member of several organizations in the state. He has attained eminence as an oculist, his specialty he practices in connection with his military duties.

Its Drill Team. The Omaha drill team of the battery will be composed of Captain James B. Curtis, Corporals Edward Johnson and James Boswell, Sergeants J. H. Hays, J. H. Hays, Christian, Homer VanWit, Harry Callan, Edward Miller, William Myers, Decatur McCallister, Charles Garvard, Robert M. Nevin, Smith, Starnes, A. L. Willard.

Echoes from the Camp Ground. Several hundred people visited the camp yesterday.

The Bee headquarters are in the center of the parade ground.

Lieutenant Colonel Mulford commanded the camp last night.

The Seely Rifles of Galveston attracted considerable attention.

Secretary Atchison was the busiest man on the grounds yesterday.

Lieutenant Colonel S. A., one of the judges, arrived yesterday.

All of the visiting companies are well pleased with their reception.

Governor Boyd and staff will be present at the opening of the national encampment.

Captain Richards, U. S. A., commandant of camp, arrived this morning.

Will Cray will arrive this team of educated buffalo around the track Tuesday afternoon.

It was a hard day's work for the detachment of Omaha Guards who did escort duty.

The Texas boys brought their overcoats. They thought they would need them in Omaha.

Each officer of the local executive committee wears a handsome pale blue, gold lettered badge.

The Omaha Guards have named their company street "Cook Avenue" in honor of High Private Edward Cook.

Reville was sounded yesterday morning at sunrise and from that time on the calls were sounded regularly.

The Indianapolis Light Artillery, commanded by Captain Curtis, will arrive at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

The Belknap Rifles, under command of Captain Green, will arrive at headquarters at 10 o'clock.

The Sealey Rifles are nicely located in "Atchison's grove." The boys would not take their chances at the mess hall, and so brought their food with them.

All of the Second United States infantry soldiers, now at the Bellevue rifle range, have been ordered to Fort Omaha for duty during the encampment Tuesday evening.

Mr. A. Dupre, a reporter of the Evening Herald of San Antonio, accompanied the Belknap Rifles and will keep the folks at home posted on the company's movements.

The Hale Zouaves will arrive at 7:20 o'clock this morning and will be met at the depot by a detachment of the Omaha Guards and Chief Galligan with a half dozen horse companies.

The city fire department, and several members of the city council will accompany the Zouaves.

Beecahn's Pills for a bad liver. National Encampment Grand Parade. Tuesday, June 14, 1892. Decorate your buildings with flags and all kinds of bunting at Max Meyer & Co.'s.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Advertisement for Dr. Betts & Betts, featuring their 'Kings of Specialists' and 'The Kings of Specialists' for various ailments like Nervous, Private, Skin, and Eye diseases.

Advertisement for 'Syrup of Figs' by California Fig Syrup Co., featuring an illustration of a woman and the text 'ONE ENJOYS'.

Advertisement for 'SYPHILIS' treatment, claiming a permanent cure and mentioning 'Cook Remedy Co.' and 'Omaha, Neb.'

Advertisement for 'DR. J. E. MCGREW THE SPECIALIST', focusing on 'PRIVATE DISEASES' and 'GONORRHOEA'.

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Large advertisement for 'REPEATED' suits, stating 'Two weeks ago Saturday we advertised a grand special sale of men's all wool suits at five dollars a suit.' It lists various suit styles and prices, ending with '\$5 SUITS.'

Advertisement for 'A Five Dollar Bill' by 'Nebraska Clothing Co.' featuring an illustration of a man and the text 'We guarantee them all wool. Need—we say—more?'.

Advertisement for 'TENNIS SHOES' by 'New Jersey Rubber Shoe Co.' featuring an illustration of a man's face and a list of retail prices for various shoe styles.

Advertisement for 'DR. J. E. MCGREW THE SPECIALIST', focusing on 'SKIN DISEASES' and 'LOSS OF BLOOD'.

Advertisement for 'Save Your Eyesight' by 'ALOE & PENFOLD CO.', featuring an illustration of an eye and text about eye treatments.

Advertisement for 'MEN'S HATS' by 'STETSON'S' and 'AULABAUGH FUR CO.', featuring an illustration of a hat and text about fur goods.