

BRYAN WOULD BE A SOLDIER

Commissioned to Raise a Regiment of the Nebraska National Guard.

GOVERNOR NAMES HIM AS THE COLONEL

Conservator of the Sacred Ratio Finances and Patriotism Beyond Restraint, Nebraska's Chief Troops Have Actually Gone.

LINCOLN, May 17.—(Special.)—The criticisms and jibes that have aimed at W. J. Bryan by the newspapers of the country during the last two months have at last had their effect. Mr. Bryan has decided to advertise himself as a volunteer soldier, and to this end had a long consultation with the governor today, to see if some arrangement could be made whereby he could hold a commission with some good safe regiment. The result of the conference is shown in the following statement issued by the governor:

Hon. W. J. Bryan has been authorized to organize a third regiment of Nebraska volunteers, which will be organized provisionally under the National Guard law of the state and the two regiments being organized in the United States volunteer service at any time a call therefor may be made by the president.

It is desired that all portions of the state be represented in the regimental organization as far as possible, reference being had to the location of the companies composing the two regiments already in the volunteer service.

The location of the different companies will be announced as rapidly as determined upon. The officers to be appointed have been selected: Lancaster county, one company; Douglas county, one company; Polk county, one company; Adams county, one company; Harrison county, one company.

This issue Mr. Bryan's to secure a commission and become a soldier after Nebraska quota has been equipped and ordered to the field is not unique. Previous to the call for troops there were probably 50,000 men offered to the governor. After the call had been made and the quota was filled, the two regiments needed nearly a thousand additional men the recruits came in very slowly and the 20,000 who had so valiantly offered failed to put in an appearance. In fact, the two regiments were begging for men for nearly three weeks at the present time.

Mr. Bryan's offer is a most timely number. Last Saturday it was advertised that only forty-one more men were needed and that they would all be secured before Sunday morning. On Sunday nearly a thousand men came to the camp and offered themselves to fill places that they knew were no longer vacant. There was a great deal of "grand stand" play about the patriotism of these people.

His Audience Marched Away. There is also a humorous feature to this scheme to give Bryan a regiment. Yesterday morning the wheat-silver orator got on a box to make a speech to the first battalion, which was lined up ready to start for the train. The speech began back in the dark recesses of American history and in a matter of two or three minutes had come down as far as Alexander the Great, when the lieutenant colonel marched his men away, leaving the orator standing on the box, apparently much astonished that the soldiers did not obey orders and remain to hear the balance of the speech. The orator would eventually have reached the present period. It is now suggested that Bryan wants a regiment which he can compel to stand and listen while he talks.

It is not known to a certainty that this new regiment is to be organized on strict political lines, but the action of the governor in regard to the commissions in the First and Second regiments would indicate that all new commissions must be held by populists, or at least populists. It has been ascertained that of the fourteen or fifteen officers, who were rejected in the first round, that they were "physically disqualified," all were republicans, with one exception, and that one had of late been halting in his old faith of populism so much that he was decapitated to make room for Stoltenberg, whose politics were of the rankest populistic sort. It has already been made public that all of the unaccepted promotions made by the governor—men who were lifted up over the heads of those who outranked them, and who were given commissions for "gallant conduct in camp," were all populists or of the professional politician class. And as the friends of the governor stand that politics over the matter of commissions, in some instances where the places were desired so that friends of the administration could be promoted, the statement that the officers had failed because of physical defects was absolutely false. Investigation of the findings of the medical board established this, particularly in the cases of Major Scharrman, Major Decker and Colonel Bischof. It developed that the men were marked for the slaughter long before the examination took place, and that "physical disqualification" was a convenient way to perform a political purpose.

It will also be noticed that Governor Holcomb has forgotten the promise made to Major Clarkson some weeks ago, that in case of additional troops being called for, Clarkson would be commissioned to lead them.

Literary Contest at Bellevue. BELLEVUE, Neb., May 17.—(Special.)—The annual literary contest between the Adelpian and Philomathean societies of Bellevue college was held last evening at the college auditorium, with the patriotically decorated for the occasion with the national and Cuban colors. Prof. F. N. Nostenstein presiding. The program opened with a piano solo by Misses Currens and Lucas, after which Rev. J. M. Wilson, D. D., of Omaha, offered prayer. Miss Josephine Palmer recited "Old Time Happiness," and her rival, Miss Estelle, recited "The Polish Boy." The orations succeeded the declamations. H. L. Denton spoke very earnestly on "Opportunities and the Need of Improving Them," while Miss Emma Linquist, who had chosen the subject "Loose Stones in the Foundation," impressed upon her hearers the need of careful, conscientious character building.

A brief intermission was followed by a piano solo by Miss Ella Maxwell. Then came the most important part of the program, the debate: "Resolved, That the English cabinet system of government is superior in form and operation to the congressional legislative system of the United States." Affirmative, John Handy, Ira B. Brown; negative, Harry McClanahan, Lloyd Cunningham. Brief addresses were then made by Judge Edgar Howard Papillon, Hon. John L. Kennedy of Omaha, and Rev. J. M. Wilson, D. D., Omaha, who acted as judges in the contest. The decision of the judges awarded the honors in declamations to the Adelpian Philomathean society, and the Adelpians won the laurels in debate and orations.

Addition to Normal School. FREMONT, Neb., May 17.—(Special.)—Work has been at the Normal school on the addition of 50 feet to the west wing of the young men's dormitory, which will contain rooms for thirty-two students. The building is of brick and will be completed about July 1. The excavation for the new college building which is to be of the same material as the present building has been completed and the building will be erected this season. There are over 600 students enrolled at the present time.

The new military company recently organized here now numbers fifty-eight men and under the efficient work of Captain Lambertson is fast getting into good shape.

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Northwestern Section. Clay—Week has been generally favorable for all kinds of vegetation; small grain looks fine; good prospects for all kinds of fruit.

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