

PLAN MOBILIZATION OF CIVILIAN ARMY

War College Heads Prepare for Handling of Great Volunteer Force.

RAPID TRAINING PROPOSED

Special Attention Given to Selection of Officers Qualified by Experience to Lead Men Properly.

Washington.—The war college division of the general staff of the United States army has complete plans prepared for the mobilization of a citizens' army.

"Under existing laws and under contemporaneous conditions therewith," says the war college, "it has heretofore been assumed that in the event of a war with a first-class power the United States would require not less than half a million of men for the first line, behind which could be prepared the greater army of citizen soldiers upon whom our main reliance for national defense is conditionally placed."

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CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- February 20-21—Nebraska Clothiers Association Meeting at Omaha. Feb. 21—Annual Meeting of State Opticians at Omaha. Feb. 22-23—Nebraska Jewelers' association Meeting at Omaha. Feb. 26 to March 3—Omaha Automobile Show.

The Fifth regiment of the Nebraska National guard has returned to Fort Crook, near Omaha, after a stay of seven months on the Mexican border.

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One year in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., was the sentence imposed upon C. M. Thompson, former banker at Newcastle, Neb., found guilty of conspiracy to defraud through the mails in the famous Arizona "wild horse" case, which was held at Omaha recently.

One of the most brutal murders in the history of Nebraska occurred at the home of J. J. Parkos, a prominent farmer, residing ten miles west of Ord last Wednesday night.

D. E. Couchman of Lyons has returned from Denver, where he had on exhibition a carload of his grand Hampshire barrows at the Denver fat stock show, winning first in their class and championship and grand champion over all breeds.

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THE SALARIES BILL

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS \$876,920 FOR GOVERNMENT OF STATE.

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Carrying a total sum of \$876,920, the general salary bill for twenty-six departments of the state government has been introduced in the house as H. R. 794, by chairman Rieschick and other members of the finance committee.

No provision is made for the hotel commission, whose consolidation with the food, drug, dairy and oil commission is likely to be consummated, in accordance with Governor Neville's recommendation to the legislature.

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Many Differences of Opinion

Differences between the various dry factions on the prohibition bill indicate that a thorough discussion of that document is ahead, and that some provisions are yet to be amended.

The prime objection heard around legislative halls is that of limiting the amount of liquor to be used as a beverage in any one month.

Furthermore, for the person who wants to lay aside a supply before the state goes dry, the law makes no provision. Under the paragraph cited he would be liable for fracture of the law.

For Relief of Worthy Blind. The house committee on miscellaneous subjects has recommended for passage a bill for the relief of the worthy blind of the various counties of the state.

It provides for the relief of worthy blind free from vicious habits and destitute of useful vision. To receive help on the passage of the act they must have been residents of a county one year and the state five years.

Blind people feel exceedingly sensitive because they are denied the chance of making their living on the same terms as those who are blessed with sight.

Capitol Again Settling. With the house chamber crowded in Saturday morning session, a window pane in the office of the board of control on the first floor split with a loud report.

A settling of the east wing of the capitol is the only explanation of the break. Members of the board jumped to their feet to examine the break, which extended from the left upper corner of the upper pane in the north window of the extreme east office across to the lower right hand corner.

Passed Women's Suffrage Bill. By a vote of 73 to 24 the house passed the women suffrage bill. It provides that every person of the age of twenty-one years and upwards shall be an elector and shall have the right to vote for all officers to be elected to public office and upon all questions and propositions submitted to the voters, at any and all elections authorized or provided for by the constitution of Nebraska.

House Favors Suffrage Bill. The house in committee of the whole Saturday recommended for passage H. R. 222, by Norton—the bill granting statutory suffrage to women.

The measure provides that women may vote for president, municipal and county officers and every public official not mentioned in the state constitution. Quite a crowd of women were present to witness the action of the house.

For a New Hog Barn. After a debate that lasted for two and one-half hours and after two roll calls the house in committee of the whole recommended for passage the bill appropriating \$80,000 for a new hog barn at the state fair grounds.

Presentation of Bills at End. The end of incipient legislation has been reached in the legislature—bill introduction coming to a close in the senate Friday at 2:45 p. m.

Want More Railway Stations. A bill introduced in the senate by Tanner of Douglas requires railroads to establish stations and stop trains at points two miles or more from present stations when the railway commission is petitioned by 100 legal voters of the neighborhood.

The Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of Table Rock paid over \$4,000 in dividends to the patrons in 1916.

With hands and feet frozen, Walter Gwinn, a Fremont farm hand, was found in a haystack near Hooper.



E. R. DANIELSON, new secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, succeeding W. R. Mellor.