

The Dick bill for the reorganization and nationalization of the militia has been passed. It is not just quite the measure, in some of its provisions advocated by the National Guard Association, but it is a long stride in that direction, and may easily be perfected as time and experience may suggest.

After the close of the civil war, when the several states began to reorganize their militia, it became the purpose to nationalize it. The experience of that contest had demonstrated the actual necessity for such measures as should render the militia of national value as a reserve force from which troops might be drawn enough efficient in discipline, drill and equipment to be placed in the field at once.

All the appeals made to congress were futile. The states were either unable or unwilling to undertake the work. The burden fell, in a large measure, upon the active militiamen themselves working in their own states. Fortunately, these were men who had gained their knowledge and experience in actual warfare. Their first effort was to infuse the organized militia with a national spirit. To this end it was named in the several states The National Guard. North and South, as the militia was organized it adopted this designation.

The next step was to nationalize the organization in the several states after the regular army. This was exceedingly difficult. The national government gave it scant encouragement. It gave the states such ordnance and equipment as it had discarded for the army, or such as it was believed the army would never require. Regular army officers looked askance upon militiamen and militia organizations.

Nothing deterred, the National Guard Association persisted. Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Illinois and other states successively organized, armed, equipped, drilled and disciplined their troops upon regular army models. So fully had this been done in some of the states that at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war they could answer the call of the national government with troops ready for the field, and, with the exception of arms, quite as efficient as those of the regular army.

Oregon made up her most excellent regiment by a sort of eclectic process—by appropriating the best available material throughout her whole organization.

That war, however, emphatically demonstrated the necessity of more efficient national organization of the militia. The Dick law is for this purpose. Oregon must reorganize her guard. The adjutant-general has suggested two methods of doing this. One is by forming six additional companies of infantry. This would give the state a brigade of two regiments of infantry, each of twelve companies, one troop of cavalry and a battery of field artillery.

The other method is to disband all the infantry companies in excess of twelve and abolish the brigade organization. This would give the state one regiment of infantry, one troop of cavalry and a battery of artillery.

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The flat salary law is now up before the members of the legislature. It appears to us that if those advocating the flat salary for those officials are really sincere they need not wait longer, as the constitution provides in language so plain just what their salaries shall be that it cannot be misunderstood. The only legitimate way to raise the salaries of state officials is to amend the constitution.—Prineville Review. That's just the size of it. But those who advocated "flat salaries" so strenuously during the last campaign, had "flat salaries" in contemplation. They knew what salaries the constitution provides. If these are not adequate, the proper thing to do is to amend the constitution and make them so.

The Salem Statesman, the only republican paper in the state, by the way, that is supporting Mr. Geer for United States senator, now admits that the next senator from Oregon will be Charles W. Fulton "or a Portland man." Benton county prefers Mr. Fulton.

The Albany People's Press has succumbed to the inevitable. It ceased publication last week. It was conceived by Populism several years ago, and, upon the death of its parent, became the foster child of Socialism. It died of inattention and lack of sustenance.

Representative Hayden is fathering a bill to give county courts discretion whether or not to appoint roadmasters. The present law requires them to appoint such officers.—Oregonian. The law is not so construed in Benton county.

A Good Roads Suggestion.

Nearly every paper you read nowadays, says the Pacific Homestead, contains some reference to the poor condition of country highways. Here's a sample editorial from a Middle-West exchange, and in it is a suggestion which may be of value to Pacific Northwest farmers:—

"The average farmer is by no means stingy with his family or himself when it comes to purchasing the little luxuries that apply to his home life and providing for his farm all those modern inventions that tend to economize labor and time, but when it comes to dishing out money for improving the roads of his county, or even his own township, he is close-fisted in the extreme. Advocates of the free rural delivery system claimed that its introduction would see the country roads question solved. Rural delivery has penetrated the country, but to date has not brought about the end prophesied. The service has not been in vogue long enough, however, to have accomplished such a gigantic task as improving the rural roads, so judgment should not be passed upon it. The farmer should not rely upon outside help to pave his own highways. The benefits therefrom, while of course shared by the general public, accrue directly to the man near whose place the well built roads pass. All the money spent in constructing a firm-bedded highway is returned to the farmer in a single year through the increased valuation of his land. Every one knows that a farm with a broad, hard road leading to some depot or shipping station is worth several dollars an acre more than the same place with nothing but a dinky, mucky hog path leading to the same destination. A prominent farmer talking on the subject declared that it was not so much an aversion to building good roads as it was an aversion to paying taxes for the same that made the average farmer hold back when the proposition of constructing county roads came up. He also said that were the tax question eliminated and a law passed that every man must build one substantial hard-bed road through his farm so as to connect with a public highway or county road, there would be no strenuous objections raised from any quarter and a few years would see the road problem settled for good. If such be the true situation, the sooner each farmer follows the suggestion, the better."

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Lost, Strayed or Stolen From the E. E. Wilson place, three miles north of Corvallis, about December 15th, one red two-year-old Shorthorn bull, dehorned. Reward will be paid for his return, or information regarding his whereabouts, by the owner, J. B. KIRK.

The Facts of the Case. First: M. A. Goodenough can sell pianos and organs as cheaply as anyone. Second: He is right here to make good his guarantee. Third: Having no store rents, clerks' hire and needless freight bills to pay, he is in a position to give you better quality of goods for the same money than any piano drummer. We handle the Steinway, A. B. Chase, Emerson, Needham and several other makes. Small instruments of every description. Residence, 6th street.

Cows and Stock for Sale. Owing to accumulating increase of stock, M. S. Woodcock, of Corvallis, Or., offers for sale from 12 to 16 milk cows, in prime condition. Some of them fresh and others soon to become fresh. Prefer to sell them at once sale. The above are good cows, not registered. Three full-blood Jersey bulls, old enough to breed—from No. 1 milk cows. Some young Jersey bull calves, sired by Grand Coin; dropped by good dam. Grand Coin, one of the best bred bulls in the United States, was from sire Golden Grand and dam Golden Glow, both imported from the Isle of Jersey. Golden Glow made 18 pound and 3 ounces of butter in 7 days. There are but few of these fine bull calves to be had. Ten Durham steers dropped last spring and winter. One large span of heavy, good, true and healthy draft horses. With security ample time will be given and partial payments will be negotiated to suit purchaser. For further information, address M. S. Woodcock or H. A. Wicks, Corvallis, Oregon.

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Corvallis & Eastern Railroad. TIME CARD. 2 For Yaquina: Train leaves Albany 12:45 p. m. " Corvallis 2:00 p. m. " arrives Yaquina 6:25 p. m. 1 Returning: Leaves Yaquina 6:45 a. m. Leaves Corvallis 11:30 a. m. Arrives Albany 12:15 p. m. 3 For Detroit: Leaves Albany 7:00 a. m. Arrives Detroit 12:05 p. m. 4 Returning: Leaves Detroit 12:45 p. m. Arrives Albany 5:35 p. m. Train No. 1 arrives in Albany in time to connect with the S. P. south bound train, as well as giving two or three hours in Albany before departure of S. P. north bound train for Portland. Train No. 2 connects with the S. P. trains at Corvallis and Albany giving direct service to Newport and adjacent beaches. Train 3 for Detroit, Breitenbush and other mountain resorts leaves Albany at 1:00 p. m. after the arrival of S. P. north bound train from Portland, reaching Detroit at 5:45 p. m. For further information apply to Edwin Stone, Manager, H. H. CROSBY, Agent, Corvallis. J. TURNER, Agent Albany.

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Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that T. L. Charman has been duly appointed by the probate court of Benton county, Oregon, as administrator of the estate of L. Diller, deceased, who died in Seattle, state of Washington, leaving real estate in said county of Benton. All persons having claims against said estate will present them with proper vouchers to me at my office at Oregon City, Oregon, or at the office of M. S. Woodcock at Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from this date. Dated January 29, 1903. T. L. CHARMAN, Administrator.

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