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THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Wilmington Star.

The mobilization test came too sudden for the National Guard, although the nucleus from Maine to Texas, from Washington to Florida, showed its patriotism and eagerness to serve the country at the President's call. However, the National Guard is not a unit in organization, as it is composed of 48 different state organizations.

Mobilization for prospective or actual service is something new for this purely volunteer organization. In some of the states the companies have not been kept up to the minimum much less to the maximum membership. Therefore, the companies will be compelled to recruit before they can be mobilized.

Augusta, Ga., has three companies, but the call for mobilization finds all three unprepared to report with even the minimum strength of officers and men. They have been doing some aggressive recruiting but still have failed to get enough for a single one of the three companies to enter the service.

That is going to be one of the troubles with a reserve force entirely voluntary during times of peace. The boys are patriotic enough but the system is one that has to be greatly improved under the new army act just passed by Congress. In willingness the men of this country are ever ready to serve their country, but in preparedness it is observed that

something else has to be done. The present mobilization will help to disclose that, so that a year from now the National Guard ought to be able to entrain and go straight to the field of service.

This refers to the National Guard as a whole. In some states the organization is better maintained than in others, while the discipline, possibly may be of 48 different kinds. The future system depends upon the new law, so that the present mobilization is not a fair test, such as the Guard will be prepared for a year hence.

The Tragedy of Lost Time.

Biblical Recorder.
Lost time is irrecoverable. The dissipated hour can never be returned; the squandered day is never again presented; the frittered year is gone forever. Drop overboard the pearl of the present moment; your ship halts not for you to recover it nor passes that way again. Wealth inherited or earned may be wasted through idleness, dissipation, mismanagement, or misfortune, yet by industry and prudence one may win back more than was lost. A robust and vigorous health, weakened by exposure and imprudence, may be regained by careful regard for its laws. A fair reputation, stained with misdeeds for perhaps years, may in large measure be restored by an unvarying and persevering course of well-doing. But lost time—who can restore it? Lost once, lost forever.

SUMMER SCHOOL NOTES.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHAPEL HILL, June 26. — All parts of North Carolina are represented in the 1916 session of the summer school, as statistics of registration, which have been recently compiled, show. All the counties in the State, excepting seven, have delegations here. Eight other States are represented, while two foreign countries have students.

Orange county leads in number of students, with a total of 47 already enrolled. Wake comes next with 39, and Robeson third with 35 students. Alamance, Columbus, Durham, Guilford, Granville, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Sampson and Wayne counties have more than 20 here now, while the following counties have 10 or over: Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Carteret, Catawba, Cleveland, Cumberland, Duplin, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Halifax, Iredell, McDowell, Montgomery, Northampton, Person, Randolph, Rowan, Surry, Union, Vance, Warren.

The total enrollment now is very close to the 950 mark, and the registration continues to go on. It is almost certain that over 1000 will attend during the session. The summer law school, with 50 already enrolled, surpasses in size all former ones. This school is independent of the regular summer school.

Last week was an unusually busy one on the campus. Classes settled down to steady work, and there was a general air of business and study. Special attractions were numerous. R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh, began his series of lectures on North Carolina History. Rabbi George Solomon, of Savannah, Ga., delivered a series of most interesting lectures on Representative Jews of the Christian Era, closing the series on Friday night. Mrs. B. B. Valentine, of Richmond, a noted suffrage orator, spoke to a packed house on Thursday night. The joint musicale given by Miss Dicie H. Howell, formerly of Scotland Neck, and Miss Emilie Rose Knox, of Raleigh, brought to Chapel Hill two of North Carolina's most talented artists in the world of music.

Plans are now rapidly taking shape for a most interesting and instructive Fourth of July celebration. It will include scenes from the early history of North Carolina, presented by students and teachers in the summer school. Prof. A. Vermont, of the Smithfield schools, is in charge of the entire celebration.

The patriotic exercises will begin at 10 in the morning, when the different delegations will parade the town and campus. Finally they will gather around the big flag-pole on the campus, where the National hymn will be sung and the flag raised with appropriate ceremony. The usual reading of the Declaration of Independence will then take place, after which a Fourth of July oration will be delivered by some well-known speaker. At 3 o'clock the summer school and the law school will cross bats. This baseball game will be followed by the historical pageant. In the evening a play will be presented by the students.

FACTS REGARDING THE CHIMNEY ROCK HIGHWAY.

The road is three miles long extending from the Charlotte-Asheville Highway in Hickory Nut Gap actually to the base of Chimney Rock. It is 18 feet wide, 4 to 7 per cent grade with 2 per cent grade on hairpin curves, with diameters of 75 on all switch-backs, the whole sanded throughout. The entrance feature is the work of the Landscape Department of Biltmore Estate. There is a formal entrance, the road passing between two massive piers built from the native granite. In reaching the opposite bank of Broad river it traverses a very beautiful island, a veritable primeval forest, to and from which are two very substantial and beautiful rustic bridges. The first mile of the highway rises by easy curves in the direction of the bottomless pools, thence turning sharply to the right, the second mile occupies the crest of the Eleasium ridge where some wonderful views are obtained. The third mile is a series of marvelous and interesting switch-back reverses rising one upon another out of the solid rock till at last it reaches actually the base of the "Chimney."

Among the interesting things to be seen are Chimney Rock, Hickory Nut Falls and the Appian Way, a narrow bench on the face of the precipice leading from the base of Chimney Rock to the top of the Falls. In the vicinity, the Hickory Nut Gap itself is one of great beauty. Other points of interest locally are Bat Cave, Rumbling Cave, the Bottomless Pools, Silver Falls, Rain Bob Falls, not to mention Rocky Broad river itself with hundreds of cascades unnamed.

A GROWING DEMAND.

The demand for young North Carolinians whose education and training qualify them to take responsible places in the State's advancing development in Agriculture, manufacturing and other productive enterprises, grows apace. Of the ninety young men who were recently graduated from the Agricultural and Mechanical College, practically all had positions waiting for them on the day of their graduation. These young men are taking their places not merely as leaders in the State's material growth, but in its solid progressive citizenship as well. The announcement of this great technical institution appears in this issue.

Jerry: "I have traced my ancestry back to an Irish king."
Pat: "Sure, that's aisy. What chance has a dead man to defend himself?"

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War and the Meerschaum Pipe.

Kansas City Journal.

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Eski-sehr is a city of 20,000 people which lies 200 miles to the south of Constantinople, on the banks of the Pursak Su, in Asia Minor.

Meerschaum, which derives its name from the fact that particles of it were discovered floating on the Black Sea, giving rise to the belief that it was petrified sea foam, has been dug from the alluvial deposits in the plains near Eski-sehr for 1,000 years.

Here 400 Kurds and Persians, in groups of from 3 to 15, burrow through yard-wide holes to depths of from 20 to 200 feet. The lumps of mineral clay which they seek is commercially valuable in nodules as small as a hazel-nut, while occasionally pieces as large as an apple are found.

When the meerschaum is first brought to the surface it has a grayish or yellowish tinge and is so soft that it can be scraped with a knife. In summer it is left to dry in the sun, but in the winter it is placed in ovens, where it is subjected to a steady temperature day and night for nine days, when it becomes snow white and loses two-thirds of its

weight.

After being rubbed with flannel and polished with wax it is wrapped in cotton and sent to Austria or America to be re-soaked in water until it is so soft that it can be cut like cheese, after which it can be sawed into convenient shape, elaborately carved if desired, and fitted with amber stems from Germany. Before the war the value of Eski-sehr's meerschaum exports was more than \$1,300,000 annually.

Only One of His Kind—Hence the Sorrow.

Judge.

"I once knew an eccentric man," stated old Festus Pester, "who when he got the desired number on the telephone did not demand fiercely, 'Whizz ziss?' Instead he invariably said civilly, 'This is John J. Poppendick wishing to speak to Mr. Buck-over.'"

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