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DUR MEST VIRGINIA MILITIA

ts Organization and Needs-An Offi cer Outlines What Some of the Provisions of a New Militia Law Should Br-Captain Page's Novel Sugges ti to Increase the Efficiency of the Brigade-National Guard Notes.

The centennial celebration in New York of the first inauguration of Washington astonished a million spectators by the sight of over thirty thousand soldiers, well armed, drilled and equipped, not more than two thousand of whom were in the service of the United States; a force of soldiers, too, whose general present condition of excellence is the result of hardly more than a dozen years of well directed

The states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are conceded to have the best uniformed, drilled, equipped and disciplined militia force of any of the states, and these five states appropriate more than five times as much for the support of their citizen soldiery as do the twelve southern states of North Carolina South Carolina tipogia Floring the twelve southern states of North Carolina. South Carolina, teorgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee; West Virginia, Kentucky, Artansa, Lodisiana and Texas, whose population is approximately the same. The cost per unit of population in the first group is almost eight cents, as against about one and one quarter cents in the second group. In the last mentioned group of states more than one-half the financial support the militia force receives comes from the national government.

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The organized milita numbers about 109,000, of whom 9,000 are officers. The 109,000, of whom 9,000 are officers. The unorganized or passive force is said to number more than \$,000,000, which, however, is but a statistic of the number of able-bodied men liable for military due.

The annual cost of maintaining a mar in the United States army is about \$1,000. The organized militia of the various states costs annually on an average a little less than \$24 per man. Of this amount the national government contributes about one-sixth and the states five-sixths.

The largest expenditure in proportion to reconst

to population is in Connecticut, where the cost per unit of population is almost fifteen ceuts. This state is considered by litteen cents. This state is considered by rome to have the most efficient national guard of any. Under the law in Connecticut the assessors enroll the militia of the state, and then tax all who do not enlist in active service a certain sum (\$2 it is thought) annually per man, for the benefit of the active militia. This would perhaps be a good law for raising funds for the support of West Virginia's national guard. If the passive militia were taxed even \$1 per year, a fund of from one hundred to one huna fund of from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars ought to be realized from this source. The government contribution men-

ought to be realized from this source. The government contribution mentioned above can be drawn only in arms, equipment, equipage, &c., and not in money.

The objects for which the militia is maintained, so far as the national government is concerned, are clearly defined 'a the constitution, viz: "to execute he laws of the union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions." The militia thus has a double allegiance, first to the state government to assist in taining order, and second to the good. Igovernment to suppress insurrections and repel invasions.

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So much for the militin, its cost, and uses. Now for a consideration of the lest Virginia National Guard" and its roseds. The "W. Va. N. G." consists of two regiments of infantry with a total strength of about eight hundred men, which comprise the First brigade, commanded by Brigadier General B. D. Spilman with headquarters at Parkersburg. General Spilman is a graduate of West Point, and a competent commander. The First regiment is commanded by Colonel R. E. Fast with headquarters at Morgantown, and the Second regiment is commanded by Colonel Thomas E. Hodges, with headquarters at Morgantown, and the Second regiment is commanded by Colonel Thomas E. Hodges, with headquarters and second regiments of the second regimen onel Thomas E. Hodges, with headquarters at Huntington.

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The necessity at times of an armed force to aid in the execution of the laws of the state is recognized by all. The state of Pennsylvania can mobilize 8,000 well armed and well drilled men at any point within the state on notice of fay-eight hours or less. The mere fact that the state has a force of well armed and disciplined soldiers to rely on will often hold the unruly and turbulent element in check.

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This state is much is need of a new hilltary law. An officer thus cutlines that should be some of its provisions:

It should provide for the taxation of the passive militia for the benefit of the active. The active militia should also be excupt from jury duty. It should provide for enforced attendance at drill, unless a reasonable excuse is given, and for the proper collection of fines imposed, for absence from drill or camp without excuse.

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"Captain William N. Page, commanding Company C, of the Second reciment, stationed at Ansted, is the author of a novel suggestion. It is that every enlisted man of the active militia be paid a certain sam, say \$2, monthly, or 50 cents for each drill. It would appear that the adoption of this idea would certainly bring all the men out to drill, and thereby a high standard of effective is to make it attractive to the best young men of the state, who, while they may be the equals of their officers socially and otherwise, will realize that while they are serving as soldiers they must submit to the orders of their superior officers, and to that discipline which is necessary to make effective any body of men, either armed or unarmed.

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"What the national guard now needs is an appropriation sufficient to meet their needs, and a law that will enable the necessary discipline to be enforced; a law that would be both simple and effective, and about any, point of which effective, and about any point of which there can be no dispute. Such a law could best be formulated by a council of officers of the national guard with those versed in the best wording to make the law effective. There should consult the militia laws of other states whose military force is considered the most effective in point of discipline and efficiency, all if from these a law should be formulated to meet our needs. The law could specify the manner in which revenue for the support of the national guard should be raised and the manner in which the same should be expended. "Such a law should put our national."

"Such a law should put our national guard, small though it be in numbers, on a par with any in point of disc! Pitcher's Castoria.

pline and efficiency in time of need, and should receive the hearty and unanimous support of every member of the national guard and their friends and I hone the next legislature will lose no time in passing such an enactment. An inefficient militia is worse than usoless and,the money spent on it is wholly wasted. If it is to be maintained at all it should be kept in the best state of efficiency consistent with it being a voluntary organization of young men who cain their livelihood by other means."

Sergennt J. M. Fellows and H. M. Stalnaker have been nominated first and second lieutenants respectively of ompany K, Second regiment, stationed at Charleston. Company K is composed of good material and should make one

of good material and should make one of the best companies in the state.

Celonel Hodges, of the Second, has been ordered to preside at an election of captain and first and second houtenants for company A, Second regiment, stationed at Buefield.

At the next session of the legislature a new militar law will probably be presented, with a more liberal apprairie.

sented, with a more liberal appropria-tion for the support of the national Gen. B. D. Spilman, brigade com-

mander, is spanding a portion of the winter months in the land of Ponce-de Loon.

Lieutenant-Colonel Casteel has been
absent from headquarters of his battation at Buckhannon on necount of
serious sickness in his family.

It has been suggested that there be

no encampment this year, and the money that would have been so used be expended in the purchase of over-coats for the calisted men.

THE TARIFF BILL.

Not Reported at the Full Committee on Account of Some Errors. Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The

Democratic members of the senate finance committee tailed to present the tariff bill to the full committee at 10 o'clock this morning as they had intended to do. The committee met promptly at 10 o'clock, all members present except Senators, Harris, Vance, and Jones, of Navada, who are absent from the city, and Senator McPherson was there to take his place, however. The committee remained in the finance committee room only a few minutes when the Democratic members came out and went into the Democratic caucus. It was given out as a reason for the failure to prosent the bill, that there were some errors in the bill as it had come from the printer, and it is understood that some matters have not yet been tended to do. The committee met that some matters have not yet been decided upon by the sub-committee. The committee was consequently re-The committee was consequently re-quested to meet again at 10 o'clock to

WIMAN ARRAIGNED.

He Enters a Plea of Not Guilty-Not Known When he Will be Tried.

New York, Feb. 26.-The published statement this morning of the attorneys of Erastus Wiman, claiming his inno cence of the charge to which he was bound over in \$25,000 bail to appear in criminal proceedings instituted against him, foreshadowed his plea of "not guilty," which he advanced this morning in the court of general sessions. When brought to the bar to-day Mr. Wiman appeared a trifle pale, but cool and collected, and as soon as his plea had been made Judge Martin ordered his release, continuing his original bail. his release, continuing his original bail. It has not been decided when the case will be brought up for trial.

Mr. Wiman refused to be interviewed. It is said his counsel will take advantage of the treaty of 1812 between the United States and Canada which permits six of jury that is to decide his fate.

A FRIGHTFUL RIDE.

A Motor's Mad Bush Down an Incline Nobody Killed.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 26 .- Early this morning, while passing down a steep hill on Seneca street, the brake chain on a south side motor broke and the car dashed down the incline at a trichtful speed. The motor kept the track until the Cuyahoga river bridge was reached. When it struck the bridge the car jumped the track and was dashed against the iron girders of the structure with terrific force. The motor was completely demolished. Motorman Grimm stuck to his post and was badly but not fatally injured. Conductor Bon ternim stack to his post and was badly but not fatally injured. Conductor Bon was painfully bruised about the body. One of the two passengers on the cur re-ceived slight internal injuries, while the other escaped without injury.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON Starts for California to Deliver His Course

of Law Lectures.
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. President Benjamin Harrison and his party left this morning at 11:25 for California via the Pennsylvania, Santa Fe and Southeran Pacific railroads. number of friends of the ex-President gathered at the station to see him off on his long journey. The party will spend next Sunday at San Jose, Cai., and on Monday will go out to Palo Alto, where General Harrison will remain during his course of constitutional law lectures at the Leland Stanford Uni-versity.

The Kearsarge Inquiry.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 26.—The cost of inquiry into the loss of the United States corvette Kearsarge convened at the navy hard here to-day. All the officers were present and sworn in, after which the court adjourned. To-day's proceedings were only formal. The real business of the court is to be commenced to-morrow.

A Fair Proposition.

Ded Moines, Ia., Feb. 26,-In the house to-day Representative Davis introduced a resolution asking postponement of the final vote on the Wileon bill in Congress until after the next election, to give the people of the United States a chance to vote on the question. The resolution was adopted by a party vote.

Fears of a Great Flood.

POMEROY, O., Feb. 26.—Eighteen in-ches of snow fell here since yesterday morning and is still snowing. It is the greatest snowfall since 1884. Business is at a standstill, railroad and highway travel are greatly impeded. Fears are entertained of a reposition of the great flood in the Ohio valley ten years ago.

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BASE BALL MAGNATES

Meet to Consider the Proposed Change in

the Rules. New York, Feb. 26.—The annual spring meeting of the magnates of the national base ball league was to have been called at noon at the Fifth Avenue hotel, but it was just an hour later when the delegates went into session.

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Shortly before noon the committee on rules, consisting of Messrs. A. J. Reach, Philadelphia, Chris Von Der Aho, St. Louis, and John T. Brush, Cincinnati, went intosession at the Hollman House, and discussed the proposed changes in the rules. In their ruply it is understood that they proposed an auditional rule, by which, if it is adopted, a batsman can be called out on a "trapped" ball when

by which, if it is adopted, a batsman can be called out on a "trapped" ball when men are on the bases.

Among those at the meeting are President Nick Youne, John T. Brush, Cincinnati; James A. Hart and A. C. Anson, Chicago; A. J. Reach and John A. Rogers, Philadelphia; Cornolius Van Cott and Edward Talbott, New York; A. H. Soden and W. H. Connan, Boston; Chris Von Der Ahe, St. Louis; F. De H. Robinson, Cleveland; G. R. Bucksteil and W. Barnle, Louisville; C. li. Byrne and W. Barnle, Louisville; C. li. Byrne Chris Von Der Ahe, St. Louis; F. De II. Robinson, Cleveland; G. R. Bucksteil and W. Barnie, Louisville; C. II. Ilyrne and F. A. Abell, Brooklyn; F. S. Elliett and George Wagner, Washington; W. E. Kerr, Pittsburgh; H. R. Vanderhorst and Edward Hanlon, Baltimore.

The Pittsburgh club, being chartered under the laws of New Jorsey, held a meeting in Jersey City to-day and elected the following officers: W. W. Kerr, president; P. L. Auten, vice president; W. J. Toner, treasurer; Frank Ballief, secretary.

dent; W. J. Tene Balliet, secretary.

PHINCE COLONNA ANGRY, He is Dissuaded from Challenging a New York Editor.

Pauls, Feb. 26,-Prince Colonna has

returned to this city from Naples and has been in consultation with a distinguished American lawyer. The latter told him that the only possible way to regain possession of his children was to go to the United States and bring the matter before the courts in America. Prince Colonna is furious at the man-

Prince Colonna is furious at the man-ner in which he has been referred to in some of the New York papers and has expressed the wish to challenge the pro-prietor of one of the leading newspapers of New York. The American lawyer re-ferred to, however, succeeded in dis-suading the prince from challenging the American newspapers reprinciples. American newspaper proprietor.

Pisa, Feb. 26.-During a performance of "Othello" at the Teatro Nuovo yesterday evening a petard was thrown into the auditorium through a window into the auditorium through a window on the rear of the stage. The missile burst with a loud report and created the greatest excitement, but did not injure anybody and did not damage the theatre. After the explosion the people made a rush for the exits, but the conductor of the orchestra shouted that there was no danger and ordered the orchestra to strike up the national and orchestra to strike up the national an-them, and, later, the Garibaldian hymn. The police are investigating the out-rage, but up to the present no arrests have been made.

They are surprised.

Panis, Feb. 26.—The members of the coming sanitary conference express surprise at the attitude of the United States, saying that its representatives oppose every measure intended to lighten quarantine regulations and claim to believe that their object is to invoke such regulations as will prevent their innovation.

The Queen in London. London, Feb. 26.—Queen Victoria, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and a large suite, has arrived in London in order to be present at to-morrow's drawing room. Crowds of people lined the route from the railroad station to Buckingham palace and heartily cheered her majesty.

Ten Harges of Coal Sunk.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 26.-The tow boat Coal City, which was thought to have passed here Friday night all right, proves to have struck the bridge pier and sunk ten boats of coal. She made a landing fifty miles below and sent the information by a passenger boat.

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