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The elegant engraving of Mount Hood which accompanies this number of THE WEST SHORE, is printed in eight colors and embossed. The artistic work was done by the regular staff artists of the magazine, and the printing on the new twelve-ton Hoe lithographic press. The picture is sent free to all regular subscribers, and all who subscribe now for 1887 will receive it and this holiday number as a premium. Extra copies will be sent to any address upon the receipt of fifty cents each.

A MAP of Pierce county, W. T., has been published by George W. Traver, a prominent dealer in real estate in Tacoma, and for years closely identified with the business interests of that city. The map is an excellent one, being executed by the West Shore Lithographing and Engraving Co., and contains on the back a complete plat of Tacoma, as well as a smaller map showing portions of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, giving a good idea of the city's position with reference to the country tributary to it.

THE recent competitive drill between Company G, of this city, and Company B, of Seattle, can not but have a beneficial effect upon the entire militia of Oregon and Washington, as well as raise the militia as a whole in the estimation of the people. The importance of having a body of trained men upon which the civil authorities can rely for aid in times when the ordinary machinery of government is inadequate to protect life and property

and preserve the peace, can not be overestimated. What would have been the condition of Portland last spring had there been no military organization here? What would Seattle have done had not the militia been at hand to afford protection until the government troops arrived? In that crucial time both of the companies which have lately met in friendly competition, responded to the call of duty and proved their value in the only practical way. There is a general disposition to look upon the militia as only "play soldiers," and smile with an air of amused tolerance whenever they are mentioned; but when the time of trouble comes, the smile disappears and a look of anxious appeal takes its place. Oregon needs all the militia companies she has now in her service, and should do her share to place them in a good and serviceable condition.

THE December number closes the volume of THE WEST SHORE for 1886, and the next will begin the thirteenth year of its existence. The publisher takes this opportunity to announce the perfection of plans long maturing, by means of which the magazine will be radically transformed in its appearance, enlarged in its contents, improved in its artistic and literary features, and in every way made better and more attractive. It will then appear in the standard magazine size and form, enclosed in a handsome cover printed in two colors, and printed from new type throughout. The quantity of reading matter will be more than doubled, and the number of illustrations will be largely increased. Numerous illustrated articles, describing in an entertaining manner the varied industries of this region, will be a marked feature during 1887. Every section of the great Northwest will receive attention. Original stories, descriptive articles, and papers on topics of interest by the best writers of the Pacific coast, as well as special departments devoted to the ladies and the youth of both sexes, will contribute to render THE WEST SHORE superior, as a family journal, to any publication on the Pacific coast, and the best in the United States at the same subscription price. Owing to the great additional expense of publishing a magazine so much larger, and maintaining an increased artistic and editorial corps, the subscription price will be raised to \$2.50. All old subscribers who renew before the first of July, 1887, and all new subscribers previous to that date, will receive the benefit of the present rate for one year. The publisher has no apology to make for this increase in price. He is anxious to make a larger and better magazine, one that can do better work for the Northwest and more fitly represent it abroad, and this can not be done at the present extremely low subscription price. THE WEST SHORE will be cheaper at \$2.50 in its new form than in the old at \$2.00.