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#### BIG ARMIES

The great hosts that stand in battle array in Manchuria makes it pertinent to recall that the United States in times past has put some goodly sized armies in the field as appears from the muster rolls filed in Washington city. During the Revolutionary war, which began with the battle of Lexington April 19, 1775 and ended April 11, 1783, there were enrolled in the army and navy 369,791 names allowing for reenlistments it is estimated that 184,038 individuals did service in that war on land and sea.

In the war with England the rolls show the names of 576,622 soldiers and seamen from the beginning, June 18, 1812 to the end, August 19 1814, and after allowing for names duplicated by different enlistments the number of individuals that did service is estimated at 286,730.

War with Mexico began April 24, 1846 and ended May 30, 1848 during which the rolls show the names of 112,230 soldiers and seamen. The estimate for individuals that served are placed at 78,718.

In the war of the Rebellion the rolls of the land and sea forces show 2,778,304 names, and the estimated number of individuals is 2,213,363.

In the war with Spain that lasted from April 21, 1898 to April 11, 1899 there were 312,523 names enrolled and 312,000 individuals engaged.

Last night closed the three engagements of the Williams Opera company in this city and if the preceding productions are to be judged by last night's performance, the writer not having witnessed the others, it is well. The children are certainly well trained and do their parts well but the management is certainly subject to the severest criticism for the low moral tone pictured. When in this day of pure literature there is no excuse whatever. This class of plays as a whole are not permitted in many states for the reason these these children should be in school, but we pass that, but the press is making a mistake in permitting the char-

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acter of these plays to go unmentioned when the same ability could be used for higher ideals. The children are not to blame it only reflects the mistaken idea of the management with reference to the demands of the public. To illustrate the third evening the attendance was not anything like the first. With such an attraction, the third appearance, in a city of this size should have been to a crowded house. The fact is few parents would care to take their children the second time, and this character of plays naturally appealed to families, as every child in the city desired to see the little folks on the stage, and the productions should have been such that thinking parents could have indorsed.

Do not forget the business mens meeting at the Commercial Club tomorrow evening. Matters of importance will come before the meeting.

Every one who can should attend the High School commencement exercises at the Opera House tonight and tomorrow. The La Grande public schools are rated with the best in the state and our citizens should attend these exercises and see for themselves just what the school has accomplished.

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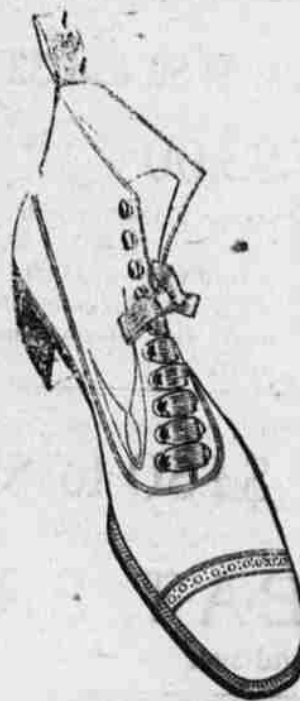
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