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DISAPPOINTS TEST

Discrimination Against Uniform of Army Unpunished.

OTHER WASHINGTON NOTES

Judge Decides Proprietor of Place of Public Amusement May Debar Soldier in Uniform-Clark Would Sell Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 .- The recent many who believed it would be a part utterances of the President that the of wisdom to dispose of the Phillpuniform of the army and navy should pines and rid this country of the innot be discriminated against any- cubus and its consequent burdens imwhere in the country, and that to do posed by the results of the Spanish so was a crime, have not seriously im- war. Representative Clark of Florida pressed at least one court where this has voiced this sentiment in a bill be matter has been tested. The incident has introduced which directs the Preshas aroused great interest in army ident to sell these islands to Japan of and navy circles, especially in view any other power that will pay what of the importance attached to this dic- they originally cost and the subseques tum of the President during the de- expense entailed in retaining them. hate in the Senate over the Brownsville affair. Interest in this matter, more gratuity, the sum of \$29,000,000 which the President first called to the at the close of the war. It would reattention of the country from Oyster quire some very calculating work to Bay last summer, has been sharply re- reach any definite idea as to what the vived by an incident taking place at islands have cost the people of the Plattsburg, New York. United States since. Counting the

Sergeant William Higgins, of the cost of the army of pacification and Fifth infantry, stationed at the mill- of occupation and the funds expended tary post there, went to a skating rink in developing the islands since, and in and was denied admittance because of innumerable other ways, the grand his uniform. Bearing in mind the in- total would run up into hundreds of junction of the President, Sergeant millions of dollars. It is doubtful, Higgins engaged a lawyer, caused the public men say, if there is a sation arrest of the proprietor of the skat- on earth that would find it convenient, ing rink and brought suit under the even if it desired these islands, to come civil rights act of the state of New anywhere near reimbursing this coun York, a drastic piece of legislation try for its outlay on account of its that is supposed to protect the per-frecently acquired possessions in the sonal rights of every citizen, regardless of race, color, etc. It was shown that the soldier had frequently been admitted when in civilian dress and all the indications pointed to a successful prosecution of the case. Here in Washington, among military men there was general approval of the promptness with which the soldier actmany hope to see the islands set adrift ed to resent the affront to the uniform such a policy is not that of the adhe wore.

Unfortunately, however, and here is where the army officials are astonished, the judge of the city court befor which the case was brought, held there was no violation of the law, that the proprietor of the rink acted within his they are amazed at the ruling of the the theory of our form of government New York court. The case will be ofthat in case of war the government must reply on its citizen soldiery for ficially reported to the department, but just what it can do to remedy matdefense, and that a large standing army is not, and never can be necessary. ters is not clear. If there is any way That being the theory it would natuthrough which congress could act rally occur to the least observant that there is no doubt that the President the militia should constantly receive would send a ringing message on the the approbation and encouragement of subject, but Congress is powerless to the government authorities. Until withinterfere in such matters which good in a comparatively few years Congress lawyers say come clearly within the has been very remiss in its treatment power of the several states. It is anof the militla. Except in most of the ticipated now that there will be a wars with the Indiana and our recent general denial of the right of admiswar with Spain, it has been the volsion to men in uniform in places of unteers and not the regulars that did unusement throughout the country. most of the fighting, not that the regulars did not fight well, but because they Legislation was suggested this week. comprised but a small portion of the forces of the government. In all the the general principle of which unwars the government has been engaged. doubtedly will meet the approval of a in it has been handleapped very greatgreat many of the people, but its ly by the want of a well organized and practicability will not be so readily trained militia. admitted. For years there have been

Congress very early recognized the need of an organized militia, and took some steps toward encouraging such an organization. But, in the early his tory of our government lack of mean made these steps very small and inalequate for effective work. The first law on the subject will prove a curiosity in these days of great achieve cents One section reads as follows:

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artrideos, suitor the the borst of his musket or firelock, each carifldge to contain a proper quantity of powder and ball; or with a good riffe, knap sack, shot pouch and powder horn

twenty balls, suited to the bore of his rifle, and a quarter of a pound of now ler."

This act was passed in 1789 and f will be seen that the militiaman was ly at his own expense. In those days, Astoria, Ore. nearly every man had a rifle or musket as it was necessary for the defense of his family and the community against Indian raids. But the section in regard to the arms and equipments of the officers is more of a curiosity than he other, and refers to some equipments the National Guardsman of today would be at a loss to know the use Toppenish, Washington."

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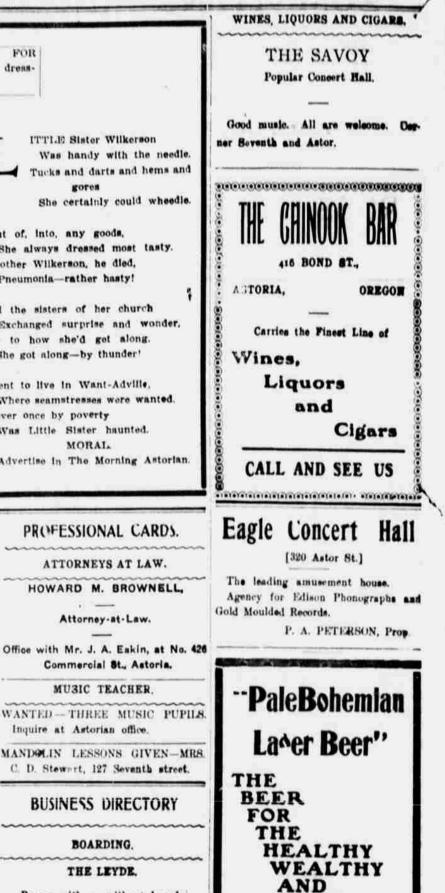
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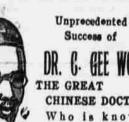
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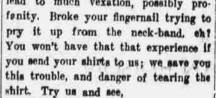
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