Tae Dalles Daily Chronicle.
 $\xrightarrow{\text { Adarese all communication to "THE CHRON }}$ tole The Dalles, Oregon. $\frac{\text { THURSDAY, - - FEBRUARY } 7 .}{\overline{\text { THE STATE MILITIA. }} .}$ There being some talk of reducing o doing away with the state militia, by Lewis, recentily of the land office bere, and an old soldier who esw service both during the late war and on the frontier,
and who is by rasson thereof thoroughly and who is by raason thereof thoroughly state militis, hae written a letter in defense of the system as follows :
 Dear Sir:-Obedient to the demand of the people for retrenchment in the
expes of the state government, I note that several bills have been introduced in the asembly touching
tion of the state unititia.
True principles of economy demand
the same rigorous examination and distinet approval of all measures involving
the sppropriation of the public money, as is required in matters of a private nature, but, in the laudable endeavor
to reduce expenditure, may not reduction be made in the wrong direction
What is the militia? Theoretically, it it the organised power of the state. Prac-
ticaliy it is just what the roluntary efforts of the officers and men composing it, supplemented by judiciona laws, are
able to make it. The militia bave always taken a prominent part in the
different ware, eepecially those of the frontier in early times, that have afflicted this country since its first settlement. The men who, in the early days of New with them when they gathered together on the Sabbath to worship God, were
militiamen, and Captain Church, who Was one of the bravest and most successful fighters of his fime, and did more
than any other one mian to conquer peace from the red men of those daye was a militiaman, pure and simple.
John Smith was a militiaman, and George Washington was a militia colonel
when, with his Virginia militia, the remnants of Braddock's regular sll that was saved from that disastrous
field on Laurel bill, in 1755 , aster leld on Laurel hill, in 1755, after the
death of the brave, but too rash and confidant commander of his majesty's
regulars who disdained to take advic from the millitis colonel. The minute men of the revolution were militiamen, man of his time, and when the lights in town warned bim that it was time ton ride, the tocsin sounded by him as he
dashed through the coantry side that memorable night, was nobly responded
to by the milhtiamen who gallantly met and defeated the King's regulars on the historical 19th of April, 1775 .
The same spirit his time, pervaded the the militia of miftia of the next generation, and when ington Old Infantry," a Kentucky itia company, went as an organization to
join St. Clair in his diaastrous canapign against the Indians and left their bones
on the banks of the river When the first call was wade in 1861 for 75,000 ment, one Massach 2 eette regiand 1,400 of that organization offered their services to the government. The famous Seventh regiment of the New "crack" militia regiment of that state,
went in a body at the first call to arm to the defence of the nation's capital,
and daring the civil war its members Won distinction in every battle for the
union from the first "Bull Ru" pomattox. Some of the most able and
efficient members of our own National Guard of Oregon were formerly mem-
bers of that organization, and should oc. casion arise, our own guard would be as and as faithfol and efficient in diecharge of their duty, whether to repel a foreign cestors have been in former wars.
The freedom of pur state from the
troubles that obtained in other eecti, of the union, Incident to the many strikes of the labor organizations las
summer, was largely due to the efficien organization, the drill and discipline o the guard, and the prevalent feeling
among the people at large that the offcere and men composing it could be depended upon in any emergency to do their daty in nupport of law and order. The yearly cost to the atate of the prea-

000 , which is surely a cheap insurance latter rule would cost more than the whole year's expense of the militia organization.
Much of the success of the rebels in the early part of the civil war was due
to the vastly auperior drill awd diacipline of the militia of the southern atates, which was generally reorganized a few years before the war with the dis-
tinct end in view of it being used us a tinct end in view of it being used as a
nuclens for an army to oppose the nanucleus for an army to oppose the na-
tional government ehould the repnblican party or "the north," succeed in elect-
ing their candidate for president, while the organizations in the north, with a ated into "corn stalk militia." One of
the best drilled and most strictly discithe best drilled and most strictly disci-
plined organizations that ever came nder my observation was a battalion o the atate guard, under command of Col,
R. W. Hanson (afterwards a brig.-gen' R. W. Hanson (afterwards a brig.-gen')
in the rebel army, and killed at Stone's river), encamped at Loxington, Ken
tucky, tucky, in the latter part of 1860 . company, known as the "Rifles," was "crack" company, and was commande
by Capt. John H. Morgan (during th civil war known as the great cavalry rader.) This company furnished some 112 to 115 commissioned officera to the
rebel army during the war. A rival company, the "Chasseurs," was com wards colonel of Twentieth Kentucky Union Regiment.) This company als farnished more than 100 commissioned No No such use of armed forces is antichope never; but the same efficiency which told so plainly in the civil war would surely be worth much more in foreign foe.
The O. N. G. should not be shorn its efficiency.
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sickness and a doctor bill to pay, 18 any
thing but pleasant for a man of a family hing but pleasant for a man of a family contemplate, whether he is a labore
mechanic, merchant or publisher. Ja . Jones, pablisher of the Leader
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