The Dalles Daily Chronicle The only Republican Daily Newospaper on FAsTERV ORETCE Court, N. Y. City. E. KATZ, Agen TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 30,1897
INTERESTS OF THE ARMY. Military affairs, apart from the doings of the local militia, usually command little attention in thi country. People know there is standing army, of course, just as they know there is an Akhoond of Swat, but they seldom have any more prac tical reminder of the existence of the one than of the other. They see rew army officers on ceremonial oc casions and hear of the work of the roops now and then in the repressio Apaches or Debsites. But that bout all. The army is of as mucb real value as the navy, yet the latter by ten times as much popular atten bly ten times as much popular atte on as the former. The develop has now, haverer, says the Tribune, begun to set people to thinking more hout the army, and may well move be government itself to adopt more liberal policy toward that im portant branch of the public service.
The annual report of the secretary of war and the letter from the major general commanding the army, just facts. One is that the construction of coast and harbor defences is belig pushed to excellent effect. The pubhe has probably little idea how well this harbor and other importan ended. that when the works now ir band are completed New York will be practically impregnable to any hos tile fleet that might be sent against it, and so will the other great ports of both coasts. Large sums are asked for the completion of these works. But in comparison with the II thts at stake they are mere trifes, All that is asked for the insuring of New York against invasion is not a wan of what any prudent business fire or other disaster.
This refers, however, solely to the material equipment. The still more important personal factor is another matter, and these, same documents eficient. Individual writers and peakers, and so important a body a the chamber of commerce of New York, have called attention to the need of more skilled soldiers to man the fortifications. NCw the same need is omicially emphasized by the highest military authority in the land. A modern fort, with its elaborat nechanism, is an establishment that no matter how brave and willing they may be, any more than the engine oom of a great steamship conld b aken in charge by a Gloucester fish rua. Trumed mathematicians au gineers are needed, and of such nough to $m$ the whole army alace. It is evident that all theady in ifications in the world will offer enst and harbors no protection less there are competent man ot han o work the guns. It is equally ev ent that to build elaborate fortifica lons and leave them without suc ne ships and provide no enginers o navigate them.
The commanding general acke, and he secretary spproves the request or two more regiments of artillery The request is a modest one, and ayy well be granted at once. If it fions , lie construction of fortitien Better have fewer forts and guns and Iof them properly manned, than rent and costly sriay of them and ot enongh men to them in orking order. Nor are the request Bo be considered extravagant. The
army is now notorionsly overworked
and the opening up of Alaska an other enterprises are
The army is at present so swall as to , be insignificant. If increased to the moximum suggested by General
Miles, it would still be a mere handal. One soldier to every two thou and of population would not be to large a national police force for the service required of it. One soldier to every one thousand of population would be no menace to free institutions nor the slightest approach to military despotism.

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