

The West.

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The habit of the West is one of push, energy, pluck. It is the news granary of these mountain slopes.

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Much has been said of late regarding the proposed revision of the field maneuvers and the expected alterations of various technicalities in the soldiers' drillbook, but the fact that there will undoubtedly be new evolutions for the gun has so far been kept from the public. The regular army officials of the war department, who alone have the privilege of debating the proposed changes, regard the manual of arms as the least important part of tactics and therefore talk little about it, whereas that portion of the instruction appeals most to the public eye and to the National Guard which practices the science of warfare on a smaller scale.

The long bolt used for opening and closing the cartridge chamber of the new Krag-Jorgensen gun protrudes on the right side of the stock just beside the trigger guard. This position of the bolt prevents the execution of the time-honored "carry," it being impossible to place the wrist over this protuberance and at the same time grasp the guard in the thumb and forefinger, as long since prescribed by tactics.

But the loss of this position of the piece will not disturb the framers of the new manual, although the lovers of the pretty rather than the practical drill will miss it. It is one of the few attitudes of the rifle which has no precedent code without any real utility. It is an intermediate position which may be assumed after almost every placing of the piece, therefore breaking the monotony of the long movements across the body. It is the most uniform of all positions, the gun being held against the side at the shoulder and hip, which parts of the anatomy the soldier can always hit with accuracy and little difficulty. On account of its brevity it may be executed with more perfect cadence than any other shifting of the arm.

But the "carry" is the most uncomfortable of all attitudes assumed on the march. Before the "left shoulder" was inaugurated by the last tactical board, the "carry" was valuable as a change of position to relieve the "right shoulder" on a long tramp, but now the two shoulder movements appear to be sufficient alternates.

A further change must necessarily be made in the instructions for loading. The new rifle will repeat a fire five successive times, whereas the Springfield is a single shooter. The long bottle-shaped cartridges will be inserted very much as usual when the arm is used for a single fire, but there will no longer be any boxes to open or lids to slam. The bolt will be turned and pushed over like the bolt on a door. Hence, also, the command "open boxes" must go.

The new bayonet with its various functions as an attachment for the rifle, a hand weapon, an interesting tool, a camp-knife, etc., will probably necessitate a revision of the bayonet movements, introducing some exercises with the hand. The elimination of the "carry" will also do away with the present rifle salute, executed by placing the arm across the body when the musket is at that position.

These changes, together with the many others bound to follow, will bring the present code still further toward the simplicity which tacticians are striving for, so the eye of the parade-lover who complains of the so-called awkwardness of the present manual, must suffer all the more.

A Washington correspondent to the Philadelphia Times gets it from good authority that, in all probability, the next board will very closely follow the simplicity of the latest German manual—the most modest and homely and yet the most serviceable of all. The German "Reglement für die Infanterie," compiled in 1890, prescribes but three

TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES.

An Important Land Decision Rendered.

The Wife of Bismarck Passes Away at Varsen.

Robbery of \$1100 at Baker City—Big War Scare at Washington—Death of a Former Resident of Lane County.

IMPORTANT LAND DECISION.
 ROSENBERG, Or., Nov. 26.—A very important case has been on trial before the United States land office at this place for several months past, involving the title to a very large body of timber lands in Jackson and Josephine counties. The special agents for the government allege in their complaints that one Julius E. Minor caused a number of settlers to secure title to timber lands with the understanding that the lands should be transferred to him upon the receiving of title. The contract was carried out until Mr. Minor had secured title to nearly 60 claims, containing many thousand acres of valuable lands. The scheme worked well until a special agent of the United States land office from Washington took up the matter, and cited Mr. Minor to substantiate his title. One of the cases was taken up, and it was finally determined to make it a test case, and it was fully tried, taking up the time and attention of the local officers of the land office for about four months. It is upon this case that Register Robert M. Veatch and Receiver R. S. Sheridan have just decided. In their decision they hold that the government has fully sustained their case, and that the title to the lands revert to the United States. The case will be appealed to the commissioner of the general land office, and from him, no doubt, to the secretary of the interior. That the litigation consequent upon the case will cost Mr. Minor a large sum of money, and that he will no doubt eventually lose the lands, there can hardly be a reasonable doubt.

WAR SCARE IN WASHINGTON.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—As a result of a conference at Woodley between the president and Gresham, preliminary orders were cable to the cruiser Columbia, which has been for several weeks at Kingston, Jamaica, to proceed at once to Bluefields for the protection of American interests. Gresham's visit to the president's country home followed immediately upon an interview with the Nicaraguan minister. All officials acquainted with the affair refuse to divulge the reason of the hurried orders to the Columbia, or to confirm the statements from Panama in regard to the refusal of Great Britain to recognize the Nicaraguan government. It is learned on excellent authority not only that the Columbia and the Marblehead, which arrived at Kingston Wednesday, will remain at Bluefields continuously this winter, but that the Montgomery may be sent there from Mobile, and that preliminary orders have been sent to New York to have all ships in commission of the North Atlantic squadron prepared for a West Indian cruise at the earliest possible moment. In addition to sailing orders for the San Francisco, the New York, which was to leave December 15 to become the flagship in European waters, has been withheld, and she may be sent immediately to the Gulf of Mexico. The Casline's cruise to the South Atlantic, which was to commence early next month, will in all probability be interrupted when she reaches the West Indies. Instructions to prepare the Minneapolis for sea at once have also been issued by the navy department chiefs. There seems to be, in fact, almost a war scare pervading the navy, brought about by diplomatic rumors to the effect that Great Britain, which several months ago expressed a willingness to recognize the full jurisdictional rights of Nicaragua over the Mosquito coast, had shown a disposition to resent what appears to be a practical annexation of that territory and its complete incorporation as a portion of Nicaragua.

BUCKED THE TIGER.
 BAKER CITY, Nov. 27.—One of the most daring robberies ever committed in this section occurred in this city this morning at 2 o'clock. A party of six men, heavily masked, and armed with rifles, shotguns and revolvers, entered the Hotel Warshawer. The employees and bystanders were placed under cover of arms, while two of the robbers relieved the saloon bar till and faro game of cash amounting to about \$1100, which they placed in a sack and departed. A fire alarm was turned in by an officer a few moments after the robbery, which drew out a large number of people, but the robbers had made good their escape, and were not to be seen. There is no clew whatever.

PRINCESS BISMARCK DEAD.
 BERLIN, Nov. 27.—Princess Bismarck, wife of Prince Bismarck, died at Varsen at 5 o'clock this morning. Count Herbert was present when his mother passed away. Although it is feared the effect of his wife's death upon the prince will be serious, the ex-chancellor has been in better health of late and has resumed his daily drives. Prince Bismarck is completely stricken down by the death of his wife. Bismarck today apprised the emperor of his affliction, and the latter sent him a long message of sympathy. The Princess Bismarck will probably be buried at Schonhausen.

POST-INTELLIGENCER SOLD.
 SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 3.—An agreement has been drawn up and signed by Mrs. Grant, Mr. Hoge and the late editor's brother, binding themselves to sell their shares to Judge Hiram G. Bond for \$150,000. The elder Mr. Hoge, father of Mrs. Fred Grant, who supplied part of the money for his son-in-law to purchase a majority of the stock from Mr. Hunt, telegraphed Judge Bond yesterday he had started that day from his home in Ohio to close the deal. He has arranged to remain but three days. A special to the Tacoma Ledger from here says: The next result of the transfer will kill the bargain by which Levy Ankeny was to receive the vote of the King delegation in return for \$60,000 advanced on the Post-Intelligencer to the present owners. Judge Bond is bitter against the methods of the Walla Walla banker, and exerting himself for "anybody but Ankeny." His argument is that the election of a candidate whose first recommendation is money would be an inexcusable blunder.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A PRINTER.
 SALEM, Nov. 27.—William Alexander, member of the typographical union of this city, and an employee of the state printing office, died suddenly this morning of heart failure, aged 38. The remains will be taken to his home in Eugene. He leaves a wife and one child. [Mr. Alexander served his apprenticeship and became a journeyman in Eugene. He was one of the founders of the Eugene Guard. After selling his interest in that paper early in the 70's he went to San Francisco, where he obtained employment on the Morning Call. After a residence of three or four years he came back to Oregon, and was at one time employed on the Oregonian. From Portland, late in the 80's, he returned again to San Francisco and was there employed upon the Call, where his brother, Edward, holds the position of assistant foreman. About one year ago he came back to Portland, where he worked a short time, and returned to his old home in Eugene. Late this summer he obtained employment in the state printing office. Mr. Alexander was well and favorably known on this coast, an excellent workman, a faithful member of the typographical union, a good citizen and was always held in the highest estimation alike by fellow-craftsmen and employers.]

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