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SCRANTON, MARCH 7, 1902.

To his credit it may be noticed that Major Meach Jenkins is not serving a word.

The National Guard.

WILL the Fifty-seventh Congress follow the example of its fifty-six predecessors by failing to enact a militia law under which a body of well-drilled and thoroughly efficient citizen soldiery will always be available for national defense?

We need go back only four years to see an example of the feeble, costliness of having an organized body of drilled, disciplined, armed, and equipped citizen soldiers, ready for duty.

It is true that the first congress enacted a militia law in 1792, but it did not meet the constitutional requirements and soon became the subject of more ridicule and less respect than any other piece of legislation that was ever put into the national statute books.

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is about the number required for a representative in congress from the states. She has been a territory for over half a century. Oklahoma had 235,000 inhabitants in 1900, or enough to entitle her to two votes in the house of representatives, though she has been a territory for only a dozen years.

Arizona is the smallest of all the territories, having only 122,000 population at the time the census was taken two years ago. As her growth in the decade, however, was 105 per cent., the chances are that she has in the neighborhood of 250,000 people now.

Maryland has taken a step towards placing a check upon the cruel practice of "docking" horses' tails by enacting a law that makes the operation a criminal offense in that state.

Prosperity of the Pennsylvania.

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The success of the efforts of the Filipino Munchausen, who states that this country is in the throes of civil war, and that a bloody battle has just been fought at Chicago, should not occasion much surprise.

The Cigarette Habit.

D. H. Fish, the head of the preparatory department of the Northwestern University, one of the leading institutions of learning in that progressive section, says the Washington Post, is convinced that the cigarette habit results in both physical and moral deterioration.

The Post does not profess to be an authority on the question raised by this striking incident, but no intelligent mind can fail to be seriously impressed by the course which Dr. Fish has taken, and in many minds hitherto undecided firm conviction is likely to result from the statistical facts which Dr. Fish presents.

ALWAYS BUSY.

We place on sale today—200 pairs of Men's Enamel Bals and Bluchers Double sole—styles you like. The Shoe you need—just now—\$4.00 and \$5.00 grades Our Low Cash Price, \$3.00

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Headquarters for Incandescent Gas Manifes, Portable Lamps.

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Some, if a trial argument were to start at night from some point in Northern Mexico, and land a hundred thousand dollars' worth of jewelry somewhere in Texas, where an agent of New York or Chicago jeweler was waiting to receive it, no possible vigilance of custom house officials could prevent him.

As in the other case, we are very far from advising anyone to import his goods in such a manner, but it can do no harm to point out that serious deal to the voice of wisdom should be given to the consequences would be for the speedy banker of all, or nearly all, the jewelers in the United States not concerned in the conspiracy, for the obvious reason that the continental dealer, having a 60 per cent. advantage over their competitors, would soon have all the trade.

ILLUSTRATING THE LAW.

There has been told of a Supreme court judge of one of our Western states a story which, whether true or not, whether commendable or not, has been widely disseminated.

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FINLEY'S

Spring Dress Goods, Fine Wool Fabrics, Silk and Wool Novelties

Opinions expressed by the leading designers and fashion modistes indicate that of the prevailing materials for this season's wear the sheer and soft clinging plain fabrics will hold first place, close-shedded fabrics hair materials, and silk and wool fabrics with small figures and stripes will comprise the novelties.

Our assortment of crisp, show materials is large and very complete. They comprise all the new coloring in plain and novel effects. Many are brought out in single dress cuts and can not be duplicated. We would call attention to the following weaves which we are showing in a line of new colorings and black:

- Crepe Melange Etamine, Voile Melange Slamoise, Crepe du Nord Hapsacking, Voile Mouchet Eolienne, Broche Pointe Venetians, Crepe de Paris Canvas Cloth, Peau de Grant Amazon Cloth, Rayure Chemise Vigoreux, Grenadine Soie Albatross, Crepe de Chine Prunella, Biarritz Cord

Sample dress patterns of some of these materials are displayed in our show window this week at 510-512 Lackawanna Avenue.

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GOLDSMITH'S G. B. BAZAAR

A New Store at the Beginning of Every Season...

It has been one of the cardinal rules of this firm ever since we embarked in the Retail Dry Goods business to have a new store. What we mean by a New Store is a New Stock, because our Clearing and "Mill End" Sales serve to cleanse our stock of everything that is "passe" and unseasonable.

Over \$100,000 worth of new and desirable spring merchandise is now within the four walls of the building we occupy. As carefully selected and as appropriate to the requirements of our ever increasing trade as can be found in any store in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

To show our goods is always considered a pleasure. Whether you purchase or not, the treatment will always be exactly the same, because our salespeople are instructed never to coerce an unwilling purchaser.

Special attention is called to our stocks of Dress Goods, Silks, Wash Goods, Laces, Trimmings, Ladies' and Misses' Ready-to-Wear Garments

Such as Tailored Costumes, Separate Skirts, Waists and Petticoats.

We specially request you to save your checks from this day on. See that they are properly dated and when they reach the amount of \$10.00 or more we will present you with a beautiful Steel Engraving, neatly framed and ready to hang. It is our desire and intention that every home in this City, County and adjoining Counties be adorned with some of these excellent pictures, which are exact reproductions of paintings executed by the world's famous artists.

SCRANTON'S BUSINESS HOUSES.

THESE ENTERPRISING DEALERS CAN SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS OF EVERY CHARACTER PROMPTLY AND SATISFACTORILY.

FOR SALE

BUGGIES and WAGONS of all kinds; also Houses and Building Lots at bargain prices. HORSES CLIPPED and GROOMED AT M. T. KELLER, Lackawanna Carriage Works.

E. JOSEPH KUETTEL

rear 511 Lackawanna avenue, manufacturer of Wire Screens of all kinds; fully prepared for the spring season. We make all kinds of porch screens, etc.

PETER STIPP

General Contractor, Builder and Dealer in Building Stone, Cementing of cellars a specialty. Telephone 3292. Office, 527 Washington avenue.

J. B. WOOLSEY & Co

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS. Dealers in PLATE GLASS AND LUMBER OF ALL KINDS.

THE SCRANTON VITRIFIED BRICK AND TILE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Makers of Paving Brick, etc. M. H. Dale, General Sales Agent, Office 229 Washington avenue. Works at Say Ave., Pa. E. & W. V. R. H.

Have You Thought of the Advantages of Buying Dry Goods Here?

This new store of ours is a wonder in its completeness. Fashions of the freshest, stocks of the stockiest, the assortment perfect in every detail; that's what you'll find here. It is something, much, to lead in variety; it's more, a great deal more, to lead in values and prices. Put both together—have you any doubt where the dry goods business of the central city will be done?

Harbingers of the Coming Season Are Here in Plenty

Examine at your leisure, buy at your pleasure. It's easier to buy where varieties are largest. It's pleasanter to buy where attention is spontaneous. It's safer to buy where experience is ripe. It's economy to buy where high quality is cheapest. That's here.

See the Silken Silks

Home-made, foreign-made; chosen from wherever the choicest could be had, and the prices adjusted to the purses of those who are economically inclined. The silken buds have blossomed for the spring. In all their shimmering elegance they bloom upon our counters, and in bewitching variety.

Bright as the sun at mid-day, pleasing as the hues of the rainbow, attractive as the prospect of plenty.

Foulards, Imperial Taffetas, Black Satins, Cashmere Taffetas, Peau de Soie, Peau de Chevre, Moire Velour, Moire Antique, Fancy Taffetas in Lace, Hemstitched and Open Work Effects, Crisp Guaranteed Black Taffetas at modest prices.

Make the acquaintance of this silk stock and you will want to continue it. You are very welcome.

THE NEW DRY GOODS HOUSE.

McConnell & Co.

400-402 Lackawanna Avenue.

MOOSIC POWDER CO.

Rooms 1 and 2, Com'lt Bld'g, SCRANTON, PA.

Mining and Blasting POWDER

Made at Moosic and Bush's Works.

LAPLAIN & RAND POWDER CO.'S

ORANGE GUN POWDER

Electric Batteries, Electric Exploders, exploding blasts, Safety Fuses and Repaune Chemical Co.'s EXPLO-IVES

IOWA FARMS

CASH BALANCE 1 CROP TILL PAID, CROPPERS