

for the test. His father, who is still living and is about 60 years of age, is a veteran of the Civil war while his mother, a full-blooded Indian, is a decendent of the famous Pottawatomie chief, Pokagon. So the blood of warriors courses through his veins and not the slightest fear exists that his mettle will prove unequal to the test.

Paul Knapp is 19 years of age. He was born near Hartford, Michigan, in 1886. When he was 2 years old his parents moved to Benton Harbor where they have resided ever since. His father had a common school education and his mother can read and write and, in his own words, is "good salt."

The greater part of the newly appointed cadet's education was received in the public schools of Benton Harbor. He then went to the Haskell institute, a school for Indians at Lawrence, Kansas, where he remained until August 14, 1905.

The rules of the school require that pupils take both the literary and industrial courses, each day's session being equally divided between the two. In addition to this strict military discipline is maintained. The literary course goes ahead as far as the first year in the high schools, while the industrial department turns out full-fledged tradesmen.

Knapp's first taste of military discipline was at Haskell. He seemed to take to army tactics naturally, and his record in this branch, as well as in the literary and industrial branches, is creditable in every respect. It is not available in Washington, all the records being preserved at the school, but a letter from Commissioner Leupp brought a ready and very favorable reply from the Superintendent of Haskell.

The young Pottawatomie carpenter left the Indian school last August determined to go to work at the first opportunity, if not at his trade then, at something else. So, after spending a short time with his parents at Benton Harbor, he went to work for a half brother, picking peaches instead of building houses. It is possible that his disposition to do the first thing that came to hand is more largely responsible for the enviable appointment to West Point than any other one thing. Commissioner Leupp was deeply impressed by it.

From the peach orchard young Knapp went to work as a carpenter in the vicinity. Then one position followed another, and at every point he left behind a good impression. At the time Knapp wrote to Commissioner Leupp he was working for the firm of Thayer & Co., which has a factory at Coloma, Michigan. One of his brothers is a member of the firm.

Several letters are on file at the Indian office from persons who sponsor Knapp. A sample letter states that "Paul Knapp is of good character, upright and of forward principles." And this is the story in brief of all the others, from that written by the Superintendent of Haskell institute to the letter from his last employer.

Knapp stands 5 feet 8 inches in his stockings and weighs 169 pounds. He already has been picked for gridiron honors, and undoubtedly will be able to protect himself from the bazers.—Ex.

A GOOD RULE TO FOLLOW

"There's so much good in the worst of us,

And so much bad in the best of us,
That it ill behoves any of us
To talk about the rest of us."—Ex.