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Local Brevities

Teachers' examination is being conducted in the high school auditorium the last half of this week. There are 116 taking the examination.

Miss Maude Beckley, who has been visiting her father in Roseburg, was a visitor this week with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Haley.

A. N. Halleck made a business trip to Lewisville Tuesday and found all in that section busy and calling for more help.

Grain in this section of Polk county is beginning to show the effects of dry weather and rain is needed to insure a full crop.

Mrs. C. G. Griffa gave a reception to her summer school roomers, 33 in all at her home on Knox street last Friday evening. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening spent with a program of songs, music and readings. All report a fine time.

NEWS OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Stanley Evans Writes of
Happenings at Clackamas

Camp Withycombe,
June 22, '17

It might be of interest to the Herald readers to hear from us boys through the columns of your excellent publication. I am saying frankly to the general public that the arrival of a Herald in camp brings joy to many Monmouth boys longing to hear home news.

Our army experience thus far has in a measure proved our inefficiency in many ways. A good soldier has many lessons to learn and many characteristics to acquire. He represents a government whose ideals stand for uprightness and justice toward all men regardless of their nationality. He learns to be careful for his own welfare, physically, mentally and spiritually. He learns to respect the authority of his superiors, and, by the way our officers are men representing a high type of character, very just and at all times considerate of the welfare of the men. A soldier acquires traits of courtesy, friendship, loyalty, courage and manhood. Two words, courage, manhood, should be foremost in the soul of every person. A friend in time of joy, happiness and trouble is an obvious necessity in the fight of life of any person. Courage to die, give ones life, for the sake of the down-trodden, is one of the highest missions of life.

Hours of daylight are not wasted in Camp Withycombe. We jump out of bed at five forty five each morning. One half hour, gymnastics, eat breakfast, by the way, Cook Miller of Co. L certainly understands the culinary wants of "soldier boys". Our food is excellent abundant and varied. Monmouth people surely haven't forgotten their boys from the way they responded with fruit. Many thanks dear people.

From eight to eleven we drill. Then comes a period of rest, dinner over we drill until three o'clock. Our clothes, guns, phys-



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ical properties must be cleaned for retreat in the form of battalion drill. After supper our time is occupied by mock drill in the adjacent woods. Ten o'clock the bugle rings clearly, notes familiar to every man, tattoo "Go to sleep, soldier boy, Good night".

After all, we live a strenuous life in preparation for any emergency, which to my mind is not in the far distant future. Be what it may, every man in the third Oregon is ready. Oregon ought to be proud of such a fine body of men, representing all vocations of life, mostly students of colleges and high schools of the state. Oregon is surely doing her part in the interest of American freedom. She has furnished nearly her quota of men, money and a very important issue indeed is the Red Cross drive for money to care for us should we lie dying on fields of untold misery and desolation. No person should shirk this almost sacred cause.

Dear friends, this must be growing rather tiresome so I shall close for this time, extending to all our regards, thanking you sincerely for your thoughts and actions toward us.

We are sincerely yours,
"Monmouth Boys" Co. L 3rd,
Oregon—By E. Stanley Evans.

Monmouth Heights

W. H. Mack of Monmouth was through here in the interest of the Red Cross society.

Ervin Stewart of Monmouth was in this vicinity one day last week.

A large delegation from here was in attendance at the Rick-reall picnic Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Fishback and daughter Leona of Carlton are visiting relatives here.

Jess Johnson of Elkins was a Sunday guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Johnson.

Walter Johnson is assisting his brother Jess in the hay field at Elkins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shipley visited in Falls City Sunday.

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