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THE NATION'S DEFENDERS

Letters from Joe Clark and Stanley Evans With News

Quantico, Virginia.

Got your letter some time ago, and also the papers. Thanks for both. Always tickled to death to hear from Monmouth and hope everything is moving along all right.

The week of August 6 to 12 I spent on the rifle range at Winthrop, Maryland, and I improved quite a bit from the shooting I did at Mare Island. I qualified as sharpshooter, making 246 points out of a possible 300, which is the highest that can be made, and I will receive \$3 a month besides my regular pay. If I had made 6 points more I would have qualified as expert rifleman with \$5 a month more pay. Had a fine time there and liked the place real well. It is six miles from here toward Washington, and on the other side.

We got back from the range early Saturday morning of the 12th and our commanding officer lined us all up and wanted to know how many wanted a furlough. Of course I told him I wanted one as I can get home from here in a little over a day, and as there is quite a lot wanted furloughs the office force went to work on them immediately and had them ready for us by 3 o'clock. I got from the 12th to the 20th inclusive of both dates so you see that gave me a full week at home. I was certainly glad to go and had a fine visit with my mother and other relatives.

Best regards to all,
Joe Clark.

La Grande, Oregon.
August 27, 1917.

Dear Editor, People of Monmouth:

This evening as the calm refreshing breezes glide gently o'er the beautiful Grande Ronde valley memories of home overflow ones mind. Today's experiences, scenery and associations seem but a dream of yesterday. Every living thing seems to blend harmoniously into nature's plan of beauty.

Our trip from Clackamas to La Grande was one of extreme pleasure. We covered the distance in less than twelve hours on a through train. Especially do I wish to emphasize the beauty of the Columbia highway.

Looking thousands of feet over our heads great mountains of solid stone towered in gigantic beauty. The "Pillars of Hercules", "Horsetail Falls", "Angels Rest", "Multnomah Falls" certainly are wonderful. The broad Columbia dashing along in its splendor adds to the beauty of all.

Passing out of view of the Columbia a great contrast greeted us, large sandy areas of barren prairies came into view. The most common living thing seen is Mr. Jackrabbit whose life seems to be full of contentment. Onward and onward we seem-

ed to go until at last, out in the seeming desolation a light, gleaming rays of joy, greeted us.

Somehow all seemed to grow quiet; the sun sank below the horizon and many tired soldier boys drifted into the land of nod only to awaken at 1:34, a. m. (Tuesday) in La Grande.

We are camped in the fair grounds. This is to be Company L headquarters from which detached men are to go out on guard duty.

At present I am working in the Y. M. C. A. building here and it is one of the finest looking buildings in the city.

There is a magnificent reading room, pool rooms, rest room and best of all, a large swimming tank. Co. L boys sure make use of it at every opportunity.

Stanley Evans.

Found a Frisky Burned Stump

The members of the Hyas Lockit Lamontai club returned from their annual hunting trip Friday. The club this year included J. B. V. Butler and G. T. Boothby of Monmouth, Dr. O. N. Butler of Independence and Dr. W. D. Butler of Wilsonville. At Riddell the were joined by Millard Gilbreath who last year was a student at the Normal and who acted as guide. Riddell is a quaint thrifty little city in a very fertile fruit and stock valley in Douglas county. Leaving Riddell a drive was made into the Cascades where permanent camp was struck and the real fun was on. The hunting ground proved fine for deer and the different members of the party at one time or another during the stay, had forty three deer as targets although only a small portion of that number were brought down. The fishermen found the fish few but managed to get enough to alternate with the venison.

G. T. Boothby was one of the mighty hunters of the party and had a good run of luck. In one of his peregrinations along a famous buck ridge one day, he was so intent on securing a buck of proper proportions that he forgot for the time being that there were other animals in the woods. As he neared the top of the ridge he thought a convulsion of nature was taking place before his eyes, for a burned saw log ended up perpendicularly and ambled toward him. Some black object seemed to be steadily approaching and the next thought that flashed through his throbbing brain was that it was a man. But it was a bear and he soon realized it although his teeth were chattering considerably and it never occurred to him that a rifle was designed for just such purposes as this. Before he could compose his startled nerves the bear turned in its course and was off in the brush.

The members report a splendid time and royal treatment at the hands of the people of Riddell.

Prune prospects are drooping in the dry weather. Much of the crop is ripening prematurely.

TWO GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Fiftieth Anniversary of Two Couples Within the Week

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Butler of Monmouth celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, Saturday, August 25th, surrounded by thirty of their children, grandchildren and great grand children besides a number of friends.

Lycurgus M. Butler and Mary E. Witherspoon were married in Carroll county, Arkansas, August 25, 1867. To this union were born ten children, five boys and five girls: Laura C. Butler, deceased, Milton J. Butler of Scappoose, Oregon, Mrs. Allen Short of Turner, Wash., Mrs. J. W. Beals of Snohomish, Wash., Mrs. J. N. Armstrong of Lake Stevens, Wash., Mrs. G. L. Archibald of Wheeler, Oregon, Monroe A. Butler of Scappoose, Oregon, Jonathan H. Butler of Portland, Oregon, Theo E. Butler of Spokane, Wash., and William A. Butler of Portland, Oregon. All those living were present except Mrs. Allen Short who was unable to attend on account of illness.

Lycurgus M. Butler is a veteran of the Civil war, having served as a bugler in Company K First Arkansas Cavalry Vol. With his wife and four small children he crossed the plains with an ox team in 1875, settling in southern Idaho, afterwards moving to Oregon. At present there are twenty three grand children and six great grand children. The only death that has ever been in the family was that of their oldest daughter Laura C. who died an infant.

Lycurgus M. Butler was born in Carroll Co., Arkansas, March 12, 1847.

Mary E. Witherspoon was born in Jackson Co., North Carolina, May 12, 1850.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith observed their golden wedding anniversary with a modest celebration Tuesday, August 28th. A few friends were invited in to join with the sons and daughters in wishing the venerable couple many more years of wedded life. The Smiths are pioneer residents of Polk county and the whole of the fifty years spanned by their wedded life has been spent in this locality. Mr. Smith is a veteran of the civil war, having been a member of the Oregon guards. Children present at the wedding anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith of Corvallis, Mrs. Eugene Noble of Heppner, Mrs. Sylvester Goodnight and children of Vancouver and Miss Rose Smith and Roy Smith of Monmouth.

The secretary of the Interior announces that a sale of land and timber in the Siletz Timber Reserve will begin Sept. 25th. The land has been cruised and timber and land will be sold separately. The minimum price for fir and spruce is \$1 per M and on cedar and hemlock 50 cents per M. The minimum price on the land is \$1.25 per acre. This land is located in Lincoln county.

She Likes Idaho

Mrs. W. C. Cochran of Juliaetta, Idaho, is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. S. R. Smith. Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Smith are pioneers in Oregon, having crossed the plains with their parents in 1852. Mrs. Cochran was married at Amity but has been a resident of Idaho for some years past. She thinks Idaho the finest state in the Union and Juliaetta is a lesser edition of Paradise. Crops of all kinds are good there. Mrs. Cochran says she has Lambert and Bing cherries which yield her \$20 per tree.

Water Rises 70 ft. in New City Well

A promising vein of water was struck in the well being sunk by the city, at seventy feet. With the first inflow the water rose in the pipe until it overflowed two feet above the ground and then settled back to eighteen inches below the surface of the earth. Later the well was drilled to ninety eight feet and the water maintains a level in the pipe about even with the ground. A pump of proper proportions is being sought to test this well and if it proves up to indications no further drilling will be done at this point although another well may be sunk in that neighborhood.

For the first forty feet mud was found, and it was necessary to case it to keep it from caving. Below forty feet the drill went down through sand and rock until it reached a depth of ninety eight feet where a bed of muddy shale was encountered. The probability is that drilling further would require casing which would shut out the water encountered above, which is the reason a halt was called.

Women are Eager to Serve.

Mrs. Frank A. Vanderlip, wife of the president of the National City Bank in New York has been extremely active in war relief work, both as a worker herself and as a director of the thousand and one new occupations that are open to women at this time.

Writing in the September issue of Harper's Bazaar now ready, Mrs. Vanderlip makes this statement: "Women are eager to serve. They have always served at home. Now our government needs their work outside their homes. They will be ready for every sacrifice. I believe that the idea of democracy with its promise of opportunity for every child is a clear and definite belief in the minds of women, and that we are ready to give of our utmost to create a world democracy."

Among the great things done by women thus far, Mrs. Vanderlip mentions the development of the Red Cross, the Increase and Conservation of Food Supply and the taking of the Military Census of Resources, and helping to raise our recent Liberty Loan.

The Misses Butler are back from a week at Newport and report a splendid time.

ITEMS OF THE NORMAL

No Increase in Attendance Expected. Faculty Notes.

Miss Todd, Dean of Women, requests that all householders, who wish students, fill out a blank which she has prepared, and mail to her by Sept. 1. She has endeavored to send a blank to each householder, but, in case a householder has not received one, one can be secured by either writing to President Ackerman or calling at his office. No householder's name will be placed on the list who does not fill this blank.

Both the Normal and the Training School will begin work Monday, September 24th. The building of the addition to the Normal is progressing fairly well and the cottage is rapidly nearing completion.

The registrar reports that in all probability the enrollment will not be quite so large as last year, owing to the war conditions and also to the fact that for the first time in the history of the school there will be no freshman or sophomore classes.

President and Mrs. Ackerman returned last Saturday from a two-weeks' outing at the beach and report a very pleasant trip.

Miss Arbuthnot has rented the Macy cottage at Independence and is moving into the same today. The people of Monmouth are sorry to lose Miss McManama and Miss Arbuthnot, but what is Monmouth's loss is Independence's gain.

Miss Hoham returned from Portland last Tuesday and her many friends are very glad indeed to see her.

Miss McIntosh, who spent a part of her vacation in Portland returned last Tuesday night and is planning to spend the remainder of her vacation at her home in Monmouth.

Mr. Butler leaves Sunday night for Klamath Falls where he is to assist in the Klamath County Institute, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Pittman is in Curry County this week where he is in attendance at the Curry County Institute and also visiting country schools.

Mr. Ostien has returned from his fishing trip east of the Cascades. He reports a splendid catch. Some of his friends have had no tangible proof that he got any fish. However, as Mayor of the city they think his statement of the matter should be accepted.

Mr. Gilmore is enjoying himself in directing the threshing operations of the Lorence threshing outfit.

Miss Marvin, a member of the Board of Regents, spent part of the day last Wednesday in inspecting the cottage, in which she is deeply interested.