

Shankland Scores State's Patriotism

In a letter received this week by the editor, from Albert Shankland of Currinsville, now stationed with the Supply Company, 3rd, Oregon Infantry at Palm City, California, he says—"I would like to say just a few words about the recruiting up in Oregon. It is a shame, yes, almost a disgrace that the State of Oregon could only raise 152 recruits when a call to arms is made. It may seem foolish to the boys to come down here but it seems to me that when the call is made, more should respond. Yes, they say that if war was declared they would come, but the country don't need or want that kind of soldiers, because it requires a great deal of training to make a well drilled or efficient fighting army."

Albert's letter was descriptive of the daily routine of the state troops and explaining the pleasant conditions under which the men are living. In closing he sends his regards to his school-mates and friends here and would greatly appreciate receiving letters from the boys back home.

Mrs. H. E. Worden and children, Robert and Elsie, of Portland are visiting at the home of Miss Maud Sturgeon of Estacada.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter H. Nugent and children, after an extended visit at the home of Mrs. Nugent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Whitcomb of Garfield, left early this week for their home at Newburyport, Mass.

Mrs. Ellen Pennell, Instructor in English and Art at the University of Oregon, was a guest at the Wash home in Estacada the early part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Drill of Estacada returned Monday from a weeks auto trip and vacation at the shore resorts.

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Hogs Bring 9c At Estacada

Livestock Buyer Givens of Estacada made another carload shipment from the Estacada yards Wednesday, comprising offerings from Eagle Creek, Currinsville and other sections. Buyer Givens contemplates making another shipment in about two weeks and asks that parties having stock for sale advise him in the meantime.

J. P. Woodie and family of Estacada returned home this week from a ten days outing and visit among relatives at Troutdale.

An exodus of Estacada people is occurring this week, with many leaving for the hopfields in the Willamette Valley. Several parties of young folks from Currinsville and other points are also contemplating an outing in the hop yards.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Givens of Estacada and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Currin of Currinsville returned early this week from a few days auto tour of the coast resorts.

Value Of Higher Education

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the enjoyment of books, art and the beauties of nature and the self-confidence gained, are but a few of the rewards.

As a rule it is an easy matter to distinguish the college graduate, although often the distinguishing marks are incurred from other phases of the college course than educational. Aside from a certain amount of conceit, which ultimately wears off, there remains an amount of self confidence, an educational training and ability, which usually lead to success in after life.

The same spirit of self assurance, self respect and a tendency towards higher ideals is found in the high school graduate, this tendency often causes him or her to continue through a college course.

The present high standards of the schools of this community are a direct reflection of the strong desire on the part of the parents to give their children the best of educational facilities and as a rule those parents, who owing to circumstances, were unable to obtain higher education themselves realize the need of it for their children.

Today, the requirements for entrance into many of the business colleges and trades schools, demand the equivalent of a high school education and the average employer in the business world, first asks the applicants for a job, whether or not they are high school graduates.

In some instances fault has been found with the class of studies taught in the average high school course, with the large proportion of the work, dealing with Latin, Greek, Chemistry, Higher Mathematics etcetera; but each year the high school curriculum is taking on a more practical aspect, with closer attention given to Domestic Science, including cooking, sewing, canning and the duties of the housewife; with the boys obtaining instruction in Manual Training, Agriculture, Dairying and kindred practical subjects.

Scientists state that the brain is merely a muscle and like any other muscle, only develops by exercise. Much of the value of higher education lies in developing the brain and if the study of Latin, Greek and other more or less foreign subjects was of no other value, it materially aids brain growth.

A generation or two ago, when the cost of living was lower and when the choicest cuts of meats could be had for half of their present value, the need of economy in household management was not felt, as now. Consider, how much better off today is the girl, who has learned to make up palatable dishes from the cheaper cuts of meats and cheaper articles of food? The course in Domestic Science in the high schools is primarily aimed to teach practical economy, coupled with habits of cleanliness in person and household.

The boy or girl who today, unless forced by circumstances, refuses to continue schooling further than the grammar school, is to be pitied and will surely live to regret that lack of education.