

RIVERSIDE ITEMS

Miss Bessie Bell and brother, Dana, are camping at Cascadia for the rest of the season.

Mrs. Gourley returned Wednesday from an outing at the coast.

The Orleans Red Cross Auxiliary met at the chapel Wednesday with twenty-five present. This auxiliary has a membership of forty-eight. Anyone interested in the work is welcome to join.

Mrs. Frances Masterson entertained the ladies club Thursday afternoon at her home. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in conversation and needlework. Those present were Mesdames Atkeson, Miller, Will Caldwell, Jas. Caldwell, Roberts, Dent Stewart, Eastman, L. P. Stelmacher, Burbank, Gourley, Shew, and Misses Mary Jameson, Sada Bell, Bertha Swander, Dora Stewart, Emma Laitner, Olivine and Florence Eastman, Melba Roberts, and Bertha Beck, and Masters Howard Atkeson and Henry Stewart.

Roy Stewart is home from the officers' training camp at Frisco for a few days' visit.

Will Caldwell has sold his Chevrolet to a man who will drive it to Colorado. Mr. Caldwell will purchase

a new Chevrolet when the 1918 shipment of cars arrive.

Mrs. F. B. Roberts and Bertha Beck motored to Philomath Friday.

Miss Dora Stewart entertained a number of young people at a party at her home Saturday evening.

Frank Roberts was a business visitor in Portland the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Roberts returned to their home at Philomath Sunday evening after a few days visit with their parents.

The Misses Emma and Edna Laitner motored to Cascadia Sunday for a week's outing.

Mrs. W. H. Truax went to Salem Tuesday morning.

NATION, STATE AND FARM FOR BIG GRAIN ACREAGE

President Kerr, O. A. C., Asked to Name Delegates to Food Conference

Corvallis, Ore., Aug. 13.—Two Oregon farmers have been appointed by President W. J. Kerr, of O. A. C., to join the college representatives to the Northwest grain growers' conference to be held at Spokane August 27, and 28, to consider the best means for securing the maximum fall sown acreage of wheat and rye. This was done at the request of Secretary Houston, who says that the need for the increase is imperative because of the

world shortage of food materials.

President Kerr has named W. W. Harrah, the Umatilla county wheat farmer, and A. S. Roberts of The Dalles, to represent Oregon.

Notice of Oregon's share of the fund appropriated by congress to conduct the food control work under the new food laws, is expected to reach the College immediately. Just what the amount will be now after the changes and delays in enacting the measure is not known, but the sum originally agreed upon was \$50,000. It is evident, President Kerr says, that there will be the greatest difficulty in financing the work in Oregon on the appropriation, but that by coordinating closely all the various agencies of the state interested in the work much can be done to add to the nation's food supply.

Conferences of leaders in the Oregon conservation movement are now under way in Salem and Portland, and as soon as the word to go ahead is received from Washington the campaign will be started with a rush and carried on with definite aims and methods.

Combination Shop Moves—

Beginning Monday, Aug. 13, the Combination Barber Shop, formerly in the Cusick Bank building, will be located in the Globe theatre building.

A-11-15.

HOME READING COURSE FOR CITIZEN SOLDIERS

This course of thirty daily lessons is offered to the men select for service in the National Army as a practical help in getting started in the right way. It is informal in tone and does not attempt to give binding rules and directions. These are contained in the various manuals and regulations of the United States Army, to which this course is merely introductory.

Lesson No. 3

Nine Soldierly Qualities

(Preceding Lessons: 1. Your post of Honor; 2. Making Good as a Soldier.)

The three basic qualities, Loyalty, Obedience, and Physical Fitness, were treated in the preceding lesson. There is another group of three soldierly qualities that are especially needed during the periods of training, marching and waiting between combats. They are:

Intelligence,
Cleanliness,
Cheerfulness.

Although these qualities are associated chiefly with camp life, they are, of course, scarcely less helpful in all other phases of military service.

Intelligence

Intelligence does not necessarily mean education, but rather quick observation and willingness to learn. There is plenty of need for intelligence in modern warfare. The National Army will be forced to absorb within a few months a training which would ordinarily extend over a period of two or three years. Those who intend to fit themselves for promotion should study thoroughly the manuals and the drill regulations which affect their duties. In time they should learn something about map-making and map-reading, the construction of field entrenchments, training and care of horses, signalling, the handling of complex pieces of machinery, and many other subjects.

Any practical knowledge that you may now possess will, surely, be useful and helpful to you in the army. Capt. Ian Hay Beth, of the English Army, points out that in the first British forces of the present war the previous trade or training of every soldier was sooner or later utilized.

Cleanliness

Cleanliness is important everywhere, but most of the army where large bodies of men are brought together. In its true sense, it includes not only keeping your body clean, but also your mind and your actions. Fortunately, it is a virtue in which Americans generally rank high. There should be little difficulty in setting a satisfactory standard in the new army. This is a subject more fully treated later in this course.

Cheerfulness

Cheerfulness is always a prominent trait of good soldiers. Here again Americans may be counted upon to make a splendid showing, even in the face of any unexpected hardships, or difficulties that may be ahead of us. There are numerous episodes in American military history to justify this confidence.

In January, 1865, the Union army lay in camp at Falmouth, Va. About a month before had occurred the disastrous and bloody defeat of Fredericksburg. In the North it was the darkest hour of the war. Everywhere outside the army there was depression and fear. On January 21 the commanding general ordered the troops to break camp and move forward. At the same time "a cold drizzling rain set in; the ground speedily became like a sea of glue; everything upon wheels sunk into the bottomless mud; it took twenty horses to start a single caisson; hundreds of them died in harness; but still the general persisted. But the rain persisted also, and it soon became a simple impossibility to go forward." After two days of effort it was necessary to have the men struggle and flounder "through the wilderness of mud back to their camp."

Picture the situation: Recent defeat with heavy losses; retreat; a cheerless mid-winter camp; rain; cold; mud; discouragement at home; a long march under the most trying conditions ending in a return to the same camping ground from which the troops had started. A little grumbling might reasonably have been expected. But the men of 1863 were too good soldiers to draw long faces. The historian goes on: "The march was made in high good humor, the soldiers laughing and joking at their ill-luck

with that comical brightness characteristic of Americans in difficult circumstances."

Three Qualities of Battle

Finally, there are the three battle qualities of the good soldier:

Spirit,
Tenacity,
Self-reliance.

Unless a man has these three qualities—even though he possesses all the other six in good measure—he is after all only a camp-fire soldier.

Spirit

Spirit—fighting spirit—is far from being mere hatred of the enemy or blind fury, on the one hand; nor is it mere passive obedience to orders, on the other. It means cool, self-controlled courage—the kind of courage which enables a man to shoot as straight on the battlefield as he does in target practice. However, it even goes a step beyond that point. Decisive victories cannot be won by merely repulsing the enemy. "Only the offensive wins." Infantry Drill Regulations, paragraph 511.

Like all the other qualities of a soldier, spirit can be cultivated. An untrained army seldom possesses it. But it can be developed. You can and will develop it until it becomes as much a part of yourself as any of your easygoing civilian habits are now.

Tenacity

Spirit carries a body of soldiers forward. Tenacity is the quality that makes them "stick." The thorough soldier is never ready to stop fighting until his part in the battle is won. Tenacity was never better expressed than in the words of John Paul Jones. Standing among his dead and wounded on his sinking ship which was "leaking like a basket," he replied to his adversary's invitation to surrender, "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight." Two hours later the battle came to a sudden end when the colors of the enemy's vessel were hauled down.

Self-Reliance

Self-reliance is characteristic of the American, whether he is serving as a soldier or in some civil occupation. Much the same quality is sometimes referred to as "initiative." It is a quality needed more than ever before in present-day warfare. Major General Leonard Wood, in his introduction to the Field Service Regulations of the United States Army, says:

"Officers and men of all ranks and grades are given a certain independence in the execution of the tasks to which they are assigned and are expected to show initiative in meeting the different situations as they arrive. Every individual, from the highest commander to the lowest private, must always remember that inaction and neglect of opportunities will warrant more severe censure than an error in the choice of the means."

Making Yourself Stronger

The nine qualities which have just been reviewed are those which every one of us would like to have for himself. They are the essentials of virile and successful manhood, whether in the army or out of it. Even the moral weakening and the slacker in their hearts admire these qualities.

Doubtless you have developed some of them already—perhaps all of them to a greater or less extent. Many a man has discovered, when put to the test, that he possessed these qualities without having himself realized it. But under civilian conditions it is not easy to cultivate all of them.

In the army you will have your opportunity in a few months of training to strengthen these qualities in yourself. In so doing you will learn to control yourself, to take care of yourself under all conditions, to meet hardship and danger unflinchingly, to be fearless and self-reliant. At the end of these few months of training you will have gained immensely in vigor and in strength.

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