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MISSOURI MILITIA.

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Laredo, Texas, Aug. 17, 1916.—Company "B" left camp this morning for a hike with instructions on trench making. We have just come off a tour of guard duty. The boys are kept busy with only a little time to play on, at night. The authorities permit two squad tours leave from each company.

Tuesday was moving day as we were permitted to move into our new kitchen which is very neat, free from flies. Buckets and washpans are supplied each tent and everything is more convenient than some have at home. All this talk about a hard time in the army is bosh. Everything is done to make army life pleasant as possible.

Tuesday each man was issued two shirts, four suits of underwear, three pairs of hose, also a fatigue uniform for extra rough work. With the new clothing Co. "B" can keep clean if Texas sand storms come every day, which they have appeared quite often the last week.

One day last week while our boys were on guard a Mexican was noticed that evening to be about the horses and the finest one of the bunch was his pick, as Mexicans are a pretty good judge of live stock. The officers getting suspicious they changed the location of the animal, but the Mexican visited again that night and succeeded in his undertaking. When our guard had passed on his beat the Mexican grabbed the horse and broke through the lines, but was soon stopped. A sergeant of the Headquarters Company was soon on the job firing four shots, and the Mexican dismounted and made his getaway.

Sergeant D. A. Duncan has come into possession of a feather pillow and as it was the first, the boys had seen since leaving home they all had to put their head on it.

Co. "B" ball team under the command of the career-pumper went over to New Hampshire Sunday, and the Eastern boys

Help Our Churches.

We dislike to call the attention of the people of Hayti and others that the finances of the churches of Hayti are in very bad condition. It is a burning shame that the members of two of the churches and the people of Hayti in general let the pastors go from month to month without paying them.

Your debt to the pastor should be paid just as well and as promptly as you would pay your grocer. The conference year is almost gone and the pastors are only a few dollars half paid for the year's work. Really aren't you members ashamed to let your pastor go without funds in this manner.

If matters as they are in Hayti with the Baptist and Methodist churches continue to exist, it will only be a short time before Hayti will have an old-time circuit rider parson. When a city forgets his God so much as to forget to support the church there is surely something going to happen. For ourselves, we wouldn't like to live in any town without a church and its influences.

The pastors of the above named churches do not know that we intended this article, but we do know that they are in strained circumstances, and we believe they are worthy of their hire. Pay them or don't promise to do so.

There should be an effort made to correct this shortcoming, or else we may look for a circuit rider soon. Really, that's about all we deserve—it seems.

C. J. McElbony made a business trip to the county seat Friday.

are sure some ball tossers. We lost the game by a score of 9 to 5. Co. "B" lineup was as follows: Rinehart, catcher; Cook of Co. L, 2nd base; Miles, 1st base; Gurley, ss; Kirk of Co. D, 3rd base; Serg. Mallone, cf; Roberts of Co. K, pitcher; Cecil, lf; Song, Newberry, rf.

Co. "B" has a new man on the kitchen force by the name of Odelle Reeves. He is a good cook. There is plenty to do and we are sure we'll make good.

SCHOOL NOTES.

By W. H. JOHNSON, Superintendent.
The term of 1916-17 opens Monday, September 4. Every year for the last four has seen a larger enrollment than the one just previous, and the prospect now is for a larger attendance than ever before.

This year we will have ten teachers, one more than we had last year; every room in the building will be occupied for the first time since the erection of the addition to the building in 1912. We will also have free text books in all the grades below the high school. In addition to the purchase of additional books the Board of Education has put in some very nice globes for geography work, the library being fitted up with an extra large one mounted on a very beautiful stand. New seats and other necessary equipment have been provided. So we can still say that we are better equipped than ever before for school work.

Last year our high school enrollment nearly doubled the previous year's enrollment. This year, in spite of the fact that our eighth grade class of last year was small, and that the rural schools taught only seventh year's work and did not turn out any graduates, our enrollment in the high will still show a substantial increase over last year.

All high school books will have to be ordered after it is ascertained what course each high school student desires to pursue. For that reason I will ask that every one who wishes to take high school work—all the high school students—meet at the school building Monday forenoon, August 28, at 9 o'clock and make out your program. Then your books will be ordered so that they may be here in due time. Do not purchase any high school books before enrollment day, as some changes in texts will be made.

All children who will be six years of age before the close of school next May will be permitted to start at the beginning of school this year. Heretofore we have permitted only those who would be six before January 1 to start at the beginning of the term, the others being allowed to start after the above date. This was because of the crowded conditions. This year, due to the addition of an extra teacher in the primary, we believe we can take care of all at the beginning of the term. Of course, should our group of beginners below six years of age, and yet, would be six before May of next year, be still too large for us to handle, we would still have to resort to last year's plan. Under no consideration can we accept children who will not be six years old before the close of school in May.

A WORD TO OUR PATRONS.

Was your teachers welcome the approach of another school year; we are glad the time is near for us to begin a work which is so full of possibilities to all concerned. We are not beginning the year's work without preparation for tasks which we expect to confront us during the term, but we realize that this preparation will not do all for us—we will need the help of every patron of the school.

I shall list some of the things here, we, as patrons, may do to help make the school a success the coming term:

1. Visit school often, thus encouraging both pupils and teachers, and at the same time keep

SWEET POTATO BLOOM.

John Nunn, one of the foremen for the Alfalfa Farming Co., brought to this office Monday morning a sweet potato bloom of the Nancy Hall variety. This is the first time we have ever seen a sweet potato bloom. It is said these blooms are rare and are seen only once in a great while.

ing yourself in touch, at first hand, with what the school is attempting to do. By these visits you will see the tasks before the class room teacher and will naturally be in sympathy with the work she is trying to accomplish.

2. Start your children to school the first day and keep them in attendance regularly throughout the school year. The influence of the school will be valuable to your boy or girl in proportion to their attendance.

3. The re-organization of our Parent Teachers' association. This organization is one of the greatest auxiliaries a school can have. Let's organize this association during the early part of the term and have meetings at least once each month. Great good can come of this.

4. By cooperating with the School Board in the enforcement of the compulsory school law. With all the books furnished in the grades as our district is doing it seems to me there is scarcely a reason why all the children of school age should not attend. You may talk about our fine soil, the oil prospect and our great future in a material way, but it is clear to me that our greatest asset is our boys and girls. If they are to be worth the most to their country they must be educated.

5. Discourage idleness among the children. A child needs play, it is essential to his proper development; that is why we have our play hour at school; but it should be supervised properly and not be the sort that will work against what the school is trying to do for the child and trying to help the child do for himself. If you will do your part towards the child, and I hope you are doing this every day, you will make the task of the teacher a pleasanter one.

6. Never say anything derogatory of the school or the teacher in the presence of the child. You have done a great injury to all you when you criticize the school or teacher in their presence. If you have suggestions that will be good for the teacher, the school, the teacher will most gratefully receive it. Wait till the teacher is all that is done in school work; it is a part of their business to talk over school matters with the patrons.

In conclusion, I wish to say that, in the main, the success of the school for the coming year will be determined by what you do individually toward your child and his school work and the degree to which you cooperate with the teachers in everything that pertains to the work of the school. What success the school may have accomplished the past four years has been very largely due to the interest and cooperation of the patrons, and we trust that all may work together in such a way that the term of 1916-17 will be the best of all.

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Nice Birthday Party.

A very nice little party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dorris II., in honor of their little son, John III., it being his fourth anniversary.

Quite a number of the tots of the city were present and all enjoyed themselves immensely, and Mrs. Dorris spared no effort in making the evening a pleasant one for the little ones.

Ice cream cones, cherry lemonade and cake were served to the little ones and they did full justice to the delicacies. Those present were: Masters Woodrow Morris, Ralph Groves, Walter Allen, Jr., Lee Certain, little misses Delogse Propst, Mildred Popham, Christine Grady, Mary Certain, Birdie Groves, Dorothy Dorris, Dorothy Cresswell, Virginia and Jasmine Sanders, Maxine Dorris, Bee and Floss Baker.

E. W. McDonough of Morley came down Friday for several days visit with his daughter, Mrs. A. V. Eachus.

Julius Kohn, one of Kennett's live merchants and an exemplary young man, was in Hayti Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Kohn.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Tom Lewis and family of Braggadocio were motoring in this city Friday.

M. G. Temple of Cape Girardeau was in Hayti Friday and Saturday looking after the interests of the International Oil Association.

If you need a wagon to market your crop with, better consult F. M. Perkins about the John Deere wagon—it's the best. 41-42

Miss Lorene Ferguson of Caruthersville has been appointed the stenographer for the Democratic Central Committee. The committee has much correspondence to do.

J. A. Behrens of St. Louis was in this city Tuesday visiting his old friend, Billy Nethery, of the East Arkansas Lumber Co., office. Mr. Behrens has been in Caruthersville several days visiting his sister, Mrs. W. W. McElvain.

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