



dirty and shoes dusty, but every private and officer happy and jubilant in spirit, the Omaha High School Cadet regiment returned from Camp Penn, Harlan, Ia., yesterday, with the band playing and its colors flying bravely. To the last mem-

ber of the 500 lads who marched with such firm steps through the streets they had enjoyed themselves, and another successful "camp" had been registered in the annals of the High school.

Fun and work had been mixed in judicious quantitles for six most strenuous days for each of those healthy boys, and they had accepted good and bad with equal cheerfulness and come through to the finish with many a small point of character impressed on each one. In those six days sturdy citizenship was learned in smaller and greater degree by each of the 500 soldiers.

Camp Penn, named after Lieutenant Julius Penn, the first commandant of the High school cadets, who served in 1894, was situated on College Heights, a beautiful stretch of ground on the hills just southwest of the residence district of Harlan, Ia. Here, with the spirit that makes true Americans and that has developed the great west of today, the school lads of Omaha laid out their camp and lived for a week. meeting their problems of every kind and governing themselves and their actions after the rules of United stes military service.

Many questions are asked by scoffers, and indeed by many parents, until their boy has attended one camp, as to the purpose of sending the High school lads away from home and out in all manner of weather to live and drill for a week in a camp of their own and left to practically govern themselves. And the answers are as many as the queries. A boy at the age of development of the high school youth is a dynamo of energy and at the same time full of a most mischievous and rather adventuresome spirit. He wants to find out for himself, and his ideas as to method and manner are generally more direct than thoughtful. In the High school camp each boy learns after he has completed one camp, generally before, that he is one of many and must not disregard the happiness nor the property of the whole or of a single member of his fellow men. He learns discipline by a forced obedience to the strict rules of the camp, and, most of all, he sees and enjoys the process of governing and being governed by his equals. Six days of camp life has given each cadet in the regiment the rudimentary principles as to what soldiers of Uncle Sam are expected to be on encampments. Coming nearer to home, the life is undeniably a healthy vacation for each lad, and he is under most strict care.

Each of the nine companies puts in all the time possible in preparing for the annual competitive drill to be held this week, the winner of which has the right to carry the flag next year. The three battalions, consisting of three companies, are also straining every nerve learning and practicing drill movements to compete for the Helen Davidson cup. Not only the competitive drill, but the general behavior of the battlion all through the year, counts in the winning of the Davidson cup, presented last year by Dr. W. M. Davidson, superintendent of the Omaha schools.

Lieutenant W. N. Haskell, commandant of the ondets and in direct charge of the lads at camp, was camping with them for the third and last year this apring, and he showed that his work in the two former camp weeks had not been in vain. Commandant Haskell leaves for the Philippines this summer. War department orders having sent fins company there.

"I think that we have the most successful camp

renn," said Lieutenant Haskell. "It is in the best situation, we have running water here for drinking work since 3 o'clock preparing the breakfast. Meat, of the prettiest of the day's drills, comes at the same and systematic about the camp. I think no other kind of exercise or training will develop the boy as other delicacy, made up a fine bill of fare. does military drill. He not only has good, healthful and rules, respect for his superiors-and, most of all, he learns before he has completed four years of drill us without breakfast." how to command.

"I have enjoyed my three years with the Omaha cleansed of every scrap of rubbish or stick of wood High school battalion. It was a fine organization and the tents opened to the sun and blankets left out compment. Base ball bats, gloves and balls are the when I took command, and I believe it is now. And to air. Each day announcement is made of the commuch of its growth will depend on the character of pany and the battalion having the best-looking street, the hovs themselves."

clear call of a bugle woke up all at 5:30 a. m., and at to keep their street clean by offering a dollar prize 5:45 a. m. each company was in formation in its own each day to the tent which was the cleanest. street. No regulations provided for the uniform dress in this assembly and it was indeed a strange 8:30 and battalion drill comes later, from 9:45 to a result when loving mothers and girl friends went sight/on most mornings. Pyjamas, "a la decollette," are popular, and many a lad did the calisthenics each morning in this garb.

"Mess," the most important call of the day, came camp can whistle that call.

duties at Fort Omaha and Fort Crook, had been at comes again at 1 o'clock, and the guard mount,

At 6:30 comes police call, when the camp is and all not in their tents reported. and credit points given the one adjudged the best. System reigned everywhere at Camp Penn. The The officers at the head of the band stimulated efforts ducted a battalion track meet on Wednesday.

battalion dril', continuing till 11:45 a.m. At noon

and cooking purposes and the boys are more orderly potatoes, with gravy; bread and butter, coffee, with time. Only the old and new guards have to take part sugar and cream, and sometimes stewed peaches or in the guard mount. Company drill comes from 2 to 3 o'clock, and dress parade, when all the lads are out "Those lads could eat every ten minutes," declared with white belting and shoes shined. After supper outdoor exercise, but he learns obedience to orders Sergeant H. J. Darnbush, the head of the cooks. "We the lads are at liberty to do what they please. At have to eat beforehand or the 'repeaters' would leave 9 p. m. they are supposedly back in the camp grounds, and at 10, when taps is played, an inspection is made

> But it is decidedly not all work in the week's enfirst things out of the kits after the tents have been set up, and each company has its own team. R. L. Carns, the director of athletic at the High school, con-

This is one of the few years of the camp that it has not rained all the week, or a good part of it, and Company drill takes up the boys' time from 7 to the boys shed their coats and shirts for coolness. .As 11:15. Some days regimental drill took up after down Thurday there were few in the crowd who could bear to have either arm touched, and it was comes again that delightful mess call. Every lad in torture to wear their tight-fitting coats over red shoulders. 



Anyone whoever camped out will naturally wondet

who is doing all the work of caring for the camp, washing the dishes, cutting the firewood and the many small jobs. The "prisoners" are the ones who gei this. It is naturally irksome to be asked to leave any live fun in Harlan at 9 p. m. and return to camp, se nightly many of the 500 attempt to "run the guard." Not many succeed in passing the watchful lads or duty, with their guns on their shoulders. And the man caught is the same man who uses the axe, peels "spuds," washes dishpans, cooking utensils and does other work of the camp necessary to keep it clean and help out the cooks.

Officers are, according to military ethics, to set a good example of zeal, obedience and other military characteristics to their subordinates, but there is a little verse played by the bugler each morning that will illustrate how the private feels on the matter:

I can't get 'em up, I can't get 'em up, I can't get 'em up in the morning; I can't get 'em up, I can't get 'em up, I can't get 'em up at all. The corporal's worse than the private, The sergeant's worse than the corporal, The lieutenant's worse than the sergeant, And the captain's the worst of 'em all.

And it is a fact of record of the camp that an order was issued one morning by Commandant Haskell requiring all majors and captains to be on hand when their commands were formed for the first time in the morning.

However, the officers of the cadet battalion are without exception a manly-appearing crowd of boys. They carry themselves well, and the manner in which the Cadet Officers' club met its problems of camp life, and of transportation down and back, are indicative of the stuff Omaha's future citizens are made.

It was the last camp for the officers. They could look back on the days when as privates they had no responsibilities and were up all hours of the night, pulling other boys out of bed, pulling out tent stakes, running the guard for the fun of it and doing all the hundred and one things that an active boy's mind will find for him to do in a camp.

Some brilliant mind at Camp Penn evolved the scheme of cutting the electric wire connections so the lights in the officers' tents would go out and then pulling the officers from bed and overturning their cots. It worked fine, but several were caught and they served on the cook detail next day.

But the fun and folly and the work and the disagreeable things have passed into history now. Prof. Nathan Bernstein, who has the duty of oversight of the boys all through their military work, declared that the camp was the best he had ever seen. A boy is by nature energy, and his mind evolves more fun and mischief than work, declares the professor, but he will come to no harm at the camp, and a stern discipline catches those who disobey orders. This year by the efforts of Prof. Bernstein there were practically no cigarettes smoked at camp, and no gambling for pennies was indulged in, as many Omahans have declared to be the case in former years where the boys get together.

Next year Prof. E. U. Graff of the High school, who takes great interest in the camp life, expects an even better system of all his military department, so there will be even fewer boys who find it possible to seriously disregard rules of camp and discipline.

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