

With the Colors

SAN ANTONIO SATURDAY NIGHT and ice cream parlor nearly has with- Dear Mother and Father,

Last Saturday I was over town with Guy Spencer, and I certainly would have given a good lot if you and Jean could have been with me. It was a strange night, and one that was so entirely different to what we have ever been accustomed to seeing that I know it would have been of fully as much interest to you as it was to me.

I am going to draw you a picture of San Antonio on a busy Saturday night, and then see if you would not like to attend one of them.

Picture yourself standing in some doorway of one of the leading downtown stores on Houston Street, in no of the most old fashioned and quaint little cities in America. About seven o'clock the lights are turned on, and the people of the city begin to swing the streets and then from Sam Houston, Travis, Brooks Field and Kelly 1 and 2 come the Taxies, by the hundreds, bringing thousands of soldiers to town. These men are from every branch of the service, and look very much alike to one who is not accustomed to regarding the different hat cords and insignia worn on the collar. The officers all come out to get the cool evening air, and soon the narrow little streets are a stream of humanity, so closely are the people and soldiers packed together that it is quite impossible for one to cross from one side of the walk to the other without getting nearly run over. Hundreds of big cars move slowly up and down the streets, so close together that you wonder how they manage to not run into each other. All of the stores stay open until twelve o'clock on Saturday evenings for nearly every other window has something for the soldier, something to set his money. They are many jewelry stores and curio shops, with bright Mexican hand work of all descriptions, fruit and candy stores, and a great many cafes and ice cream parlors. In fact the town is more like a carnival than a city. Then we leave Houston, and go back to Commerce Street, where the arched bridges cross the little San Antonio river. The land being almost flat, there is no fall to the river and it stands motionless, lined on each bank with cement walls which come about three feet above the water edge. From this there are grass terraces extending up to the base of the buildings which line the banks, for the river runs right through the business section of the city. The bridges which cross it are of beautiful picturesque architecture, and many colored lights are strung along the banks of the stream.

From here we go up to some open air dance hall, or roof garden, Perres is one of the best, on the top of a seven story building. Here there is a good orchestra and a tiled roof of large square tiles, which have been polished until one can almost see themselves in them. Here hundreds of people come and dance, people from all classes of society, for no one knows the other fellow, and most of them don't care. You may go to the edge of the building and look out over the city. From time to time you can hear strains of music from some other orchestra, or some player piano for San Antonio is alive with musical entertainers, and every restaurant,

an orchestra or a piano in it. From the roof you may get a good idea of the arrangement of the city. Some of the buildings are of the modern type, while others are old styled, and have been here for a hundred years or more. The city is well lighted, and the little crooked streets wind in and out making a rather pleasant picture which makes you feel like you were in some foreign land. Then it is time to go back to camp, so you go down to the taxi service station where the cars come in every thirty seconds, and the caller calls what field they are going to. The fellows pile into them like they were wild, and there is a perfectly good reason for that, for many of them are out on time passes and must be home at a certain hour, or get the Guard House, so first up first served and the D., take the end man. Then the car is loaded and heats it for Kelly Field, about seven miles, and it really beats it too. They make the trip about every thirty minutes, and there is a continuous stream of cars going back and forth from about 7 p. m. until after midnight. It is the same way to all of the other fields.

This will give you a pretty good idea of the arrangement of things here, and I believe that you would have just a wonderful time for a few weeks here.

You would experience a new sensation in regard to the heat too. It gets as hot as 115 to 120 in the shade, and one perspires something awful and because of that very reason you do not notice it as much as in La Grande when it is 95. I am getting so that I do not mind the heat a great deal although you do not feel very ambitious during the afternoons of each day. The nights are delightfully cool and one usually gets a fine rest.

I asserted my rights as sergeant yesterday and drew a pair of nice sheets, a good pillow, and a pillow case. These I turn in each week and they are replaced by new ones, or clean ones, I guess there is some style to that. We are also allowed quarters when they are available, so it is pretty fine. I sometimes believe that the non commissioned officer has a far better time than the man with his commission. I do know this we have a far better chance to help the men along, and to be with them. A good non com can do three times the good in whipping the company into shape, in drill, and in class work that an officer can, so if I never get a commission I am pretty well satisfied, and when this war is over I will have the satisfaction of knowing my men a whole lot better than the commissioned men of the company. After all it is in a great many times the sergeant who makes the recommendation for the promotion of the corporals from the ranks and in this way has the opportunity of starting the man on the upward path.

An sending you a picture of the unit that I was in, you will find Private Richardson in the rear rank standing on his hind legs. The next one that they take I will be in the file closers with the non coms.

This is enough for one spasm, so I will close with lots of love to all from your son.

Sgt. H. H. Richards.

OVER THE TOP

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More than once some poor soldier has been brought into the ward in a dying condition, resulting from loss of blood and exhaustion caused by his long journey from the trenches. After an examination the doctor announces that the only thing that will save him is a transfusion of blood. Where is the blood to come from? He does not have to wait long for an answer—several Tommies immediately volunteer their blood for their mate. Three or four are accepted; a blood test is made, and next day the transfusion takes place and there is another pale face in the ward.

Whenever bone is needed for some special operation, there are always men willing to give some—a leg if necessary to save some mangled mate from being crippled for life. More than one man will go through life with another man's blood running through his veins, or a piece of his rib or his shinbone in his own anatomy. Sometimes he never even knows the name of his benefactor.

The spirit of sacrifice is wonderful. For all the suffering caused this war is a blessing to England—it has made new men of her sons; has welded all classes into one glorious whole.

And I can't help saying that the doctors, sisters, and nurses in the English hospitals, are angels on earth. I love them all and can never repay the care and kindness shown to me. For the rest of my life the Red Cross will be to me the symbol of Faith, Hope and Charity.

After four months in the hospital, I went before an examining board and was discharged from the service of his Britannic majesty as "physically unfit for further war service."

After my discharge I engaged passage on the American liner New York, and after a stormy trip across the Atlantic one momentous day, in the haze of early dawn, I saw the statue of liberties looming over the port rail, and I wondered if ever again I would go "over the top with the best of luck and give them hell!"

And even then, though it may seem strange, I was really sorry not to be back in the trenches with my mates. War is not a pink tea, but in a worthwhile cause like ours, mud, rats, lice, shells, wounds, or death itself, are far outweighed by the deep sense of satisfaction felt by the man who does his bit.

There is one thing which my experience taught me that might help the boy who may have to go. It is this—anticipation is far worse than realization. In civil life a man stands in awe of the man above him, wonders how he could ever fill his job. When the time comes he rises to the occasion, is up and at it, and is surprised to find how much more easily than he anticipated he fills his responsibilities. It is really so "out there."

He has nerve for the hardships; the interest of the work grips him; he finds relief in the fun and comradeship of the trenches and wins that best sort of happiness that comes with duty well done.

THE END.

BIBLE CLASS PICNIC

A picnic gathering of the members of the Bible class of the Methodist Sunday school was held at Riverside Park yesterday afternoon. About seventy-five were present to take part in the affair and all participants were highly pleased with the success of the event.

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SOME CORSET FACTS



There are, of course, good corsets and bad corsets—A good corset molds you to its shape. You mold a poor corset to your shape. That is why your figure improves under the influence of an artistically designed and well made corset.

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PAULINE LEDERLE

HOW SHE BANISHES BACKACHE

Mrs. Effie E. Kleppe, Ayerill, Minn., writes: "I was at a sanitarium three weeks at one time, two weeks another time, for rheumatism and kidney trouble and got no relief. On my return home I began using Foley Kidney Pills and found immediate relief; a half bottle completed the cure." This is further proof that these wonderful pills give relief where other treatments fail. Unequaled for weak, sore, aching kidneys, bladder, back, muscles or joints. Sold everywhere.

Observer advertising will bring results.

TIME FOR SPRAYING

Dose of Arsenate of Lead Should Be in Readiness.

Eggs of codling moth are now being deposited in abundance and both apples and pears should be sprayed with four pounds of arsenate of lead—half as much if powdered form is used—to 100 gallons of water, says Prof. A. L. Lovett of the O. A. C. experiment station.

"About ten days are required for the eggs to hatch, but should the present warm evenings prevail the majority of the first brood will be hatching soon and the poison should be in place so that their first meal will prove their last."

Garden seeds in packets 2 for 5c. —Cherry's Florists. 6-6-31

Heal Skin Diseases

It is unnecessary for you to suffer with eczema, blotches, ringworm, rashes and similar skin troubles. A little zemo obtained at any drug store for 35c, or \$1.00 for extra large bottle, and promptly applied will usually give instant relief from itching torture. It cleanses and soothes the skin and heals quickly and effectively most skin diseases. Zemo is a wonderful, penetrating, disappearing liquid and is soothing to the most delicate skin. It is not greasy, is easily applied and costs little. Get it today and save all further distress. The K. W. Rose Co., Cleveland, O.

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Because of This:-

25,000 new families find homes in Montana every year. 1,000,000 acres of new sod broken each year. At the present rate of increase MONTANA within FIVE years will produce more wheat than any six states in the United States.

Secores of farmers from Southeastern Washington and Eastern Oregon are buying farms there every week. We are taking on an average of six to a dozen people to inspect our lands weekly—most of whom buy. Write Ray W. Logan, Agent, La Grande, Oregon.

Montana Rainfall is Ample

Table with 2 columns: Year, Rainfall (inches). 1916 Average: 24.5 inches. Official Average for 16 years: 16.5 inches.

SOME OF THE WET YEARS.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Rainfall (inches). 1902: 28 inches. 1906: 22.5 inches. 1911: 21.3 inches. 1916: 24.5 inches.

The most significant feature of this rainfall, however, is that it comes during the summer months, while the grain is actually growing. The average for the month of May being 3 inches, June 3 inches, July 2 inches and August 2 inches. Thus, the wheat which is just appearing from the ground in May, is kept constantly soaked until harvest, which comes late in August. This differs from other states, and wheat countries, which apparently have as great or greater rainfall, but receive no rain in the

summer months. Crops in such localities rarely receive any rain at all after it is ready to head out. Our Montana rainfall, likewise is an approximate duplicate of the above, which is the official figures for the Lethbridge district. The amazing crops of 1917, in the vicinity of Stirling, Raymond and New Dayton, where we have extensive holdings, were produced with less than 11 inches of rain, which was, with one exception, the lowest rainfall in 16 years.

Can You Do As Well In Your Home State?

Mr. Farmer: Read the following thoroughly authenticated official averages of wheat yields on farms in that portion of Southern Alberta, tributary to our offices at Stirling and just across the international boundary from our principal Montana holdings, then answer the question propounded in the above headlines.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Yield (bushels per acre). Mr. Hall, of Milk River: Flax 37 bushels, Wheat 76 bushels. T. W. Patching of Raymond: Averaged Wheat 65 bushels. Otto Welger, of Raymond: Averaged Wheat 56 bushels. C. Bransdale of Burdett bought farm for \$3,500.00, threshed 8,160 bushels No. 1 wheat at \$1.06, which brought \$3,448.00, net gain of \$2,900.00 in one year. Lars Johnson, of Burnett, 57 bushels per acre on 160 acres, grade No. 1.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Yield (bushels per acre). Mr. Hunt, of Commerce: On Summerfallow 50 bushels, Disked in crop (2nd year) 35 bushels, \$100.00 per acre crop in two years with one plowing. C. H. Mahood of New Dayton, from 320 acres realized 11,000 bushels wheat. The Pilling Ranch, in the Cardston District, threshed over 800 acres of wheat yielding forty bushels an acre; average weight per bushel sixty-five pounds. Yield of potatoes at Lethbridge Experimental Farm, 757 bushels per acre; Red Fife Wheat, 59 bushels per acre.

Ray. W. Logan, Sales Agent

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News of the Churches



FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Winters will conduct the services both morning and evening. Holy Communion will follow the morning service. The evening service will be in the nature of a patriotic meeting and the subject of the sermon will be: "Principles of Everlasting Peace."

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY.

The summer schedule of Sunday services is as follows: First mass, 7:00 a. m. Second mass, 9:30 a. m. Followed by benediction. Week day mass at 7:30 a. m. P. J. DRISCOLL, Rector. Residence 1103 L. avenue. Phone Main 9.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 and 8. Rev. E. O. Otto will preach morning and evening. B. Y. P. U. at 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 8:00 p. m.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Tabernacle Fourth and O Streets. Chas. J. Black, bishop. M. L. A. meet Tuesday evening, 7:30; social hour after class work. Primary every Tuesday, 4:00 p. m. Religious class, Thursday, 4:00 p. m. Relief society, Thursday, 2:00 p. m. Choir practice, Sunday, 7:00 p. m.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Holy Communion, except first Sunday in the month, 8:00 a. m. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.

Morning service, 11:00 a. m.

UPTON H. GIBBS, Rector. There will be no service Sunday evening as the rector will attend the patriotic service at the First Methodist church.

Rectory 1502 Fifth St.

METHODIST-EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH

Corner Fir and Jackson Streets. W. B. Smith, pastor. 11:00 a. m.—Children's Day program. 7:30 p. m.—A program under the auspices of the Epworth League. Subject, "Higher Education." The evening meeting will close with an address by Professor A. C. Hampton, superintendent of the La Grande schools.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school a 9:45 a. m. Regular service at 11:00 a. m. Rev. G. A. McKinley of Salem will speak.

Sunday school will give its annual Children's Day program in the evening at 8 o'clock. Senior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor will have a union meeting at 7 o'clock.

SPIRITUALISM

The First Spiritualist Church of La Grande will meet over Harris Grocery Store on Fir street every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SALVATION ARMY

Jefferson Street. Florence E. Pogue, ensign. Capt. Mae Flack, assistant. Holiness meeting, 11:00 a. m. Sunday school, 2:00 p. m. Y. P. L., 6:15 p. m. Salvation service, 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mr. Turnbo, 3rd and D Ave., next Tuesday, at 7:30 p. m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

M Street. F. W. Bussard, pastor. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Morning service, 11:00 a. m. There will be no services on June 2 and June 9. On next Sunday the pastor officiates at a dedicatory service in The Dalles, and on the following Sunday at the meeting of the Pacific Synod in Yakima, Wa. F. W. BUSSARD.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Corner Spring and Seventh Streets. Bible School at 9:45 a. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Corner First and Washington. Sunday morning service at 11:00. Subject, "God the Only Cause and Creator." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. The reading room is open to the public Sunday from 2 to 5; Wednesday and Saturday from 2 to 5. All are cordially invited.

VIOLIN INSTRUCTION

Miss Young will receive violin pupils at her Studios over Patman's Drug Store, Phone Red 2291. Residence, Black 631. 6-1-71 pd