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TELLS OF OUR BOYS IN FRANCE

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is 'settin' around! I found all of them in fine epics and looking fit and fine, you could not tell by their looks that there had been a drive, not a hand nor a wound, nor a limp hobble or sling worn by any of them. I must say with one exception. One of the boys of whom I am not sure, has reached home by this time. He was wounded some time ago, but is getting along fine and yesterday when I tried to find him in the hospital, I found that he had been sent out. He is one of the Valley boys.

"We visited with them for an hour or more telling them everything we knew and a few things we are not sure about, trying to answer their questions whether we had any information or no. I sort of call the roll when I drop in on them. And, believe me, it's some job to daddy a family of more than 50 when they are all boys.

"One of the first ones I met was Dr. Rolnick, First Lieutenant, and one of the finest men I ever met. I tell you now, the boys are fortunate in having him with them. I did not get to see the other officers. All of the officers are very fine indeed.

"I saw Ralph Posson at first, and after looking him over he took me to the other boys. There we stood in a group shaking hands and talking all at once.

"Jess Andrews is spreading out and has the real soldier's movement and appearance.

"Cub Bennett still holds first place as general boxer and cootie scender.

"Willie Boyd steps around as though he owned the ground on which the tent is pitched, his ruddy complexion fits in well with army life.

"Sergeant Bassett finds that France agrees with him perfectly. He will soon publish a book on 'The French Language as I Know It.'

"Conklin, whose first name is George, is at present 'Top Stuffer' and it takes all of his time trying to stuff the rest of the unit.

"Carpy carpa considerably, but the boys only consider it a matter of a crabbled conscience and we all know that a certain amount of crabbled, cussin' or carpin' in the game is necessary so they let him do the work for the bunch.

"Deunney is grooming for the next 'Beauty Show' soon to be pulled off in Washington, D.C.—that is when the war is over.

"Albert Carroy, alias 'Cap,' has been driving the officers around so much lately that he thinks the other boys should salute him as well. His beard is ever growing faster.

"And for quietly going about his professional duties yet keeping his face cleanly shaven and snuff-becked, Sergeant Roy Carroy would be an easy winner for first prize at a Quaker wake.

"Jay Conley, that Knight of the Sandridge Ranch, holds first place as chief teener in the unit. You wouldn't know Jay if you could hear him stut—rather see him when he's singing.

"Foley, of the Jerry persuasion, has a moustache which would make a copper milk strainer blush for inefficiency, yet he will persist in wearing that thing as a noseguard.

side, and the rest of us couldn't notice it either.

"Sidney Happersett is well-liked, he's a good soldier—I'm telling the world—happy settin' around when not on duty.

"Tubby Ingle is envied by at least three other soldiers. He is the chief transport for the department of crystallinity in the unit.

"No army can conquer unless it grows—therefore if David Johnson keeps on growing, he'll be a man—a real man-soldier.

"The same might be said of several others—time will tell Shields is already brushing up his puttees, making ready to celebrate the fourth of July in—well not in 1917.

"The logical thing for Clare Shores to do is to enter the tank school. His knowledge of Ford's makes him a winner.

"The Stringham boys still uphold the reputation of the Valley so far as making a noise and a good impression are concerned.

"Smurthwaite is in a class by himself. You can wait around a long time seeing him—he is usually so busy.

John Stoddard has seen more of this country than most of the other boys, his height is responsible for that—he sees farther.

"Chester Thompson, the Solomon of the Sanitary Train, is just about ready to foretell the time of the finish of the war—when the Hun is hoked.

"Doc Vehrs said he was glad to get out of the kitchen work, because he was getting too fat. Since he has been detailed to other duties, the other boys are getting fat.

"Kennie Whinneman may be the youngest member of the unit, but he is not the least nor the last nor the lost—he's all there.

"Winters, Young, Kelley, Klein and Lefel are still on the payroll, in the service and out of the guard house.

"Pete Larsen is writing a history of himself, including the war. After this struggle is over we may see a sign over some large cafe-building used for other purposes 'Lewin Bros., American, Shell-Vendors, Everything in the Shell Game from Snail to Saison-Quine.'

"No man in the A. E. F. is better prepared to apply the 'Full Nelson' on Kaiser Bill than Fritz Lotter, he is only waiting for an open road to Bill's summer home.

"Sergeant McManus is as good, looks as ever, if not a little more so, since coming to France. It is impossible for some folks to improve in good looks but that is not true of Sergeant Mac.

"McGinnis, Moon and Murphy tried to form a 'Male-Quartette' but were threatened with court-martial. Since then there has been a decided falling off in the use of doze-powders—by the other boys.

"Whenever I meet Otto Pelpor, I can see the whole inside of Russell's Meat Market, including my good happy-faced friend, Charlie Okama.

"That reminds me that Sergeant Ralph Russell has picked up a pair of cream-colored oxen, nine years old, to send to his father for a souvenir. The weight of each is 2500 pounds.

"Oola Palmer never fails to make himself known when he comes to town, only this morning he dropped in before I had crawled out, if experience and observation count for anything, he will make a good 'read count-downer' when he goes home, at least I will vote for him. That boy can write a small book on French roads.

"I did not see the other two Palmers. Both are well and on good terms. I am sure, although they wear the same name.

"One of the Pearson boys spends all his leisure time in practicing penmanship. His 'Cyclo' teaches in La Grande and lives in Portland.

"I am a little disappointed in

"HUNTER'S PARADISE" YET TO BE FOUND IN THE CANADIAN PACIFIC ROCKIES AND ALASKA



Hitting the Trail in the Rockies



Bringing in the Big Moose



Half Breed Trapper and Hunter

Poets and novelists talk about the "hunter's paradise." This still exists, but it is no longer at the door of the hunter, or even within a few hours' journey. The last great haunts of the big game today are the Canadian Rockies and Alaska. In these two places big game is yet plentiful, and the reasonable sportsman, who has nothing of the "game boy" in his system—and what good sportsman has?—may satisfy his ambition to enjoy a few weeks of the same sort of hunting that "Leatherstocking" Cooper's famous hero, found at his very elbow, and to place on the walls of his great hall or his dining room, the heads of moose, deer, Rocky Mountain goats, bear and other specimens as witness of his prowess as a marksman.

In the Kootenays in Southern British Columbia, the sportsman still can find within a few miles of each other, what stands today as a record list of big game, six different animals, the moose, mule deer, Rocky Mountain goat, Rocky Mountain sheep, caribou and grizzly bear (ursus horribilis), the last named being the greatest prize a North American hunter can secure. The Indians believed that the possession of a necklace of grizzly bear claws made a brave worthy of the name, and the white hunter has always made it a point to deal with the grizzly with the greatest prudence because old "silver tip," when wounded, is one of the most ferocious animals in the world. It has been stated many times that animals do not think, that instinct tells them to do things or not to do

things, but if the big game animals do not actually think, they approach very near to the process. In summer, when the closed season prevents the hunter from shooting them, they remain in the valleys within easy reach; but as if "tipped off" by the intelligence department of the big game army, they promptly hike for the mountains as soon as September comes, apparently understanding that the open season in the Canadian Pacific Rockies begins in September, and move up to high altitudes. There are plenty of good horses and guides despite the war—even a sixty-year-old guide can make the average man "go some" to keep up when on the trail—and there is plenty to eat, both in the woods and in the packs under the "diamond hitch."

Sergeant Rice. He boasts that he has been farther east than any point in France, but I doubt it. He does hold the record for having caused many casualties, not in the Hun camp, nor in the air, but the Cootie's ranks, found everywhere.

"Ryder has no equal under the flag in his ability to keep the kitchen standard high. That's why the boys all gain right along.

"Rollins aids Colon in going around among the cots scattering sunshine and helping the boys forget that they are sick or hurt.

"When the whole thing is ended, Billy Silverthorn will make a fortune telling all about the things that didn't happen and telling it in his way—the way of the 'Silver Thorn'—Good Night!

"There are two other fellows who had stayed in the camp—Mortan Westering and Tompleton—both able to eat much and work some. I am proud of the boys and am glad to be able to see and oversee them on occasions.

"One or two names have slipped my mind, but the boys are there and always ready to give a good account of themselves. Here's three cheers for the La Grande unit, their home folk and the flag.

"Hip, hip, hurrah! Hip, hip, hurrah! Hip, hip, hurrah! Hip, hip, hurrah!"

"Well, I am sure you are ready for me to stop. I ate supper with the boys before leaving for home, and a fine feed we had—roast beef, bread, butter, beans, corn and coffee, with fruit to finish the meal. Can you beat it?"

MRS. SCHILKE RETURNS FROM WORK OVER STATE

Mrs. Fred Schilke returned home this morning after a two weeks' absence. While away she attended the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the State Council of Defense and the Oregon Congress of Mothers.

Mrs. Schilke states that the Oregon Congress of Mothers arranged a special department in the Educational building at the State Fair. The scientific care of children was demonstrated and much beneficial literature distributed. Mrs. Schilke further says that she finds the state fairly teeming with child welfare projects.

Another interesting feature at the Fair, according to Mrs. Schilke, was the doll house prepared by the La Grande public school and furnished by the children of the second grade. "Probably thousands of interested youngsters viewed this piece of handicraft," said Mrs. Schilke.

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THIRTY FOUND TO BE SLACKERS

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Thirty individuals who have refused to subscribe to bonds but are considered by the workers here to be in a financial condition enabling them to do so, will again be solicited by a committee. It was further unanimously agreed upon by standing vote that unreserved publicity and all other measures necessary to collection of loans which are not voluntarily forthcoming upon solicitation by other committees would be used. Leniency for the financially unable will be observed, however.

According to the estimation of Mr. Larson, chairman of this district, the majority of the remaining thirty will readily respond to the call when the necessity is further urged upon them.

Few Cases Drastic. "Probably no more than six or seven of the cases under consideration will demand drastic measures of coercion," said Mr. Larson, in addressing the meeting. "It is our aim to have this loan represent the voluntary sacrifices of the people here toward this great cause. We will not be Prussian in our methods. Such steps as we regard to say may finally be necessary are only taken out of consideration to those who have sacrificed so greatly and who would otherwise represent their wealthier, but more miserly neighbor in this proposition of supplying the government with the needed funds."

Remarkable Organization. One fact impressed upon all throughout the campaign is the efficient cooperation and teamwork in the combined efforts of Mr. Larson and his assistants. The entire working organization for the collection of bonds in the city has been formed and has accomplished its work in less than three weeks.

Although three weeks practically represents the working period here, many months have been devoted by a number of those taking charge of the campaign to the arrangement of essential details, clerical work and related matters.

Bully for Bill. There was a city lady visiting some relatives in the country and as she was walking down the lane she saw some crows. Thinking to display her knowledge, she remarked: "Oh what pretty little coveys." Bill, the farm boy, came up about that time, heard her remarks, and said: "Excuse me, miss, but them's bulles."—Boys' Life.

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SINGER SEWING MACHINES. The agency is with Coolidge's Paint Store. Get one of these prize machines and your sewing troubles are over. Some good second hand machines for sale cheap. RICHARD WOOLSEY, 9-28-07p. Agent.

Muchado About O. A little book with the title of "The Vest Pocket Argument Settler" has been observed at a book store. Now who in the world ever had such an argument about a vest pocket as to try to write a book about it? Maybe the book wasn't about vest pockets, after all.

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