

LIFE AT FRONT TROPIC

Portland Man Has Letter From Ambulance Driver.

GLAMOR OF WAR MISSING

M. G. Silver Says Training Needed Most Is to Learn How to Drink Native Wine, Fight Insects and Drive Cars in Dark.

William Goldman, prominent Portland insurance man, who is now visiting in the East, in possession of a letter describing the life of an ambulance driver on the French front, which was received by his nephew, Marcus Goldman, from M. G. Silver, who is now in the French Ambulance Service.

What shall I tell you? That I am disgusted with war, the suffering, the waste and the damn foolishness of it all? That I can find no excuse for the continuance of it except to punish the arch-villain who started it all and who is at present still at large? That is exactly my impression, and I'll venture to say it will be yours after you have carried (soldiers), after you have seen the thing go on day after day, never coming nearer the front than a few miles, walked in a dozen cemeteries and seen rows of crosses, each bearing the same inscription: "Mort pour la France."

Mental Picture False. I used to picture war as something grand and glorious. I saw flags flying, the front line marching, the clean-cut soldiers, rushing into battle. Now I see muddy, dirty pools, unclean and unwholesome, and I wonder why they must keep at it day after day, knowing full well that if they are not killed today they probably will be tomorrow. The hands are missing; so are the faces. Descriptions with a few words and a sign of anything romantic or glorious, disease and death? It's a gloomy picture, and I sincerely hope it will remain on the screen much longer. France has suffered and is still suffering more than any other country in the world. It is being asked: "When will the end be?" And the answer is: "No one can tell the end, but if he will but be true to his task a month, or two months, or three months, or even a year, he can go home to his wife or his sweetheart; back to the peace he loves so dearly. The only thing that has not been tried is that the Americans are coming and that they will bear part of his burdens. And he asks: "When?"

Lively Fighting Seen. Our section of the front is at present one of the most active, and if I were to tell you where we were, you would be through the paper almost any day and see the region mentioned. I have not been through any real thrilling experiences myself, but some of our other men have. Pat, Pete had the pleasure of being out on the front for about 2 1/2 weeks. It was pitch dark and his view of the road was further obscured by a shell hole.

Sound Works as Usual. It is comparatively easy to work. The men are doing the work of 40 men each. One gets two duty for 48 hours while the other is on "rest." The sound on duty is given in order, ready to start out again as cars they hear. The sound on duty is given into three parts: first, the sound of the front "de secours," which is at very front; second, the sound of the first-line trenches; third, the sound of the base hospital, about six miles back from the front. The sound of the front is "contaminated" and take emergency calls wherever, or relieve other calls that might happen to go to the front. It is, of course, the most thrilling to get that is exposed to the front to shell fire. Once there, however, he has the safety afforded by the third line under ground in the trenches. The sound of the front is the sound of the stretcher and doctors, but most stress on the front is to get first aid to the men. First, learn to drink red wine, the Pinard of the French, which is not as easy as you at first suspect, but it is most important. Next learn to fight the lice and other insects that crawl, and he isn't worried. It is still ruddy. As a rule, he thinks his health has been pretty fair. He is vaguely recalled some kind of a fever when a boy floating in the sea, and when he reached the recent unaccountable visit.

P. D. MOORE, GRAND OLD MAN OF OLYMPIA IS HEALTHY AT 91

Many Public Positions Held and Memory of Events is Clear and Concise. Country's Big Men Have Been His Friends.



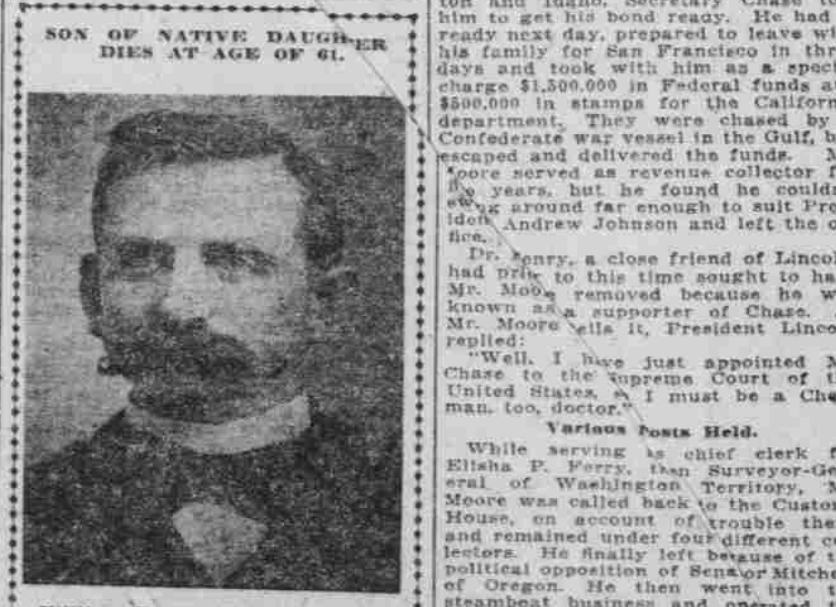
OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 29.—(Special)—In his own private reading-room, three walls of which are mostly glass, P. D. Moore opened the Oregonian this morning to see what had happened here and there about the world in the past 24 hours. He has been doing that for 55 years now, and it is getting to be a habit with him. He didn't light a cigar to read by as he has for the past 65 years, because last year he had an attack of bronchitis and it seemed to him that smoking irritated and possibly encouraged the inflammation, so he quit smoking. When a man has passed 90 he is fairly well informed as to what he wants to do and how to do it. Mr. Moore is now in his 92d year.

Life Began as Druggist. Born on a farm near Rahway, N. J., on February 27, 1826, he went to Macon, Ga., at the age of 11 and remained there three years learning the druggist's business. After returning he conducted a drugstore in New York for three years, then entered another business with a partnership in prospect, and lost the latter in the disruption caused by approach of the Civil War. In the meantime he had been active in anti-slavery agitation, getting much of his inspiration from Greeley, New Yorker, and later from the Tribune, which he read from the first issue. On the occasion of President Lincoln's welcome to New York, Mr. Moore stood alone on the front of the building occupied by the unfriendly Southern firm which employed him in a token of greeting that was rewarded with a personal salute from the man from Illinois then entering upon the opening stages of his Presidential greatness.

Post Is Awarded. After 18 months in the Puget Sound Custom-House Mr. Moore made a stage journey of 17 days back to Washington to see about getting the appointment as collector, which was shortly to be open. He was too late for that, but when he mentioned the position of internal revenue collector for Washington and Idaho, Secretary Chase told him to get his bond ready. He had it ready next day, prepared to leave with his family for the Coast, but three days and took with him as a special charge \$1,500,000 in Federal funds and \$500,000 in stamps for the California Department. They were chided by a Confederate war vessel in the Gulf, but escaped and delivered the funds. Mr. Moore served as revenue collector for five years, but in 1864, when he was 38, he was elected to the office of collector for Oregon. He then went into the steamboat business and operated the steamer Favorite in the '60s under a Government mail contract from Olympia to Victoria, B. C. On selling out he went into the newspaper business and was a reporter at the state constitutional convention in 1869. Governor Ferry, as first Governor, used his best appointment in making Mr. Moore the first State Librarian. He held this position until after John H. McGraw became Governor and then went into business enterprises, the principal one being development of magnetic iron from the black sand deposits of Grays Harbor.

Family Has Escape. Mr. Moore was married in 1847 and his wife and five children came to the

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DENTIST GETS COMMISSION

Roland B. Miller, of Lebanon, Expects Soon to Go to Front. LEBANON, Or., Sept. 29.—(Special).—Dr. Roland Bratton Miller this week received a commission as First Lieutenant in the Dental Reserve Corps of the National Army and expects soon to be called to the front. He graduated from the dental department of the North Pacific College in Portland in 1914, and since that time has been engaged in practice in this city.

FRED J. GALLOWAY BURIED

Young Man Eighth-Grade Student in Woodstock School. Fred James Galloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Galloway, 1141 Flavel avenue, died September 27, following a two weeks' illness from diphtheria. The funeral services were held last Sunday at 3 o'clock at Riverview Cemetery.

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Pacific Coast in 1863. The family took a sailing vessel at San Francisco for Puget Sound while Mr. Moore was on in a steamer at the urgent request of Collector Smith. That sailing vessel made the longest voyage on record between the two points. She was out 63 days and had been given up for lost. Smallpox broke out on board and when the ship finally came in Mr. Moore asked in vain for his baby boy. But he has lived to nearly the century mark on the philosophy that there can be no loss without some recompense. Had his family arrived at Port Townsend with him they would have had to take temporary shelter in the Custom-House, and would have

Yancy P. Winans, son of Gilbert P. Winans, of Walla Walla, is a great-grandson. He has a granddaughter in Miss Edna Earle Edings, daughter of Judge W. S. Edings, of the Circuit Court in the Sandwich Islands. Mrs. Moore lived to celebrate their golden wedding and died in 1899. Mr. Moore's mother died young in his infancy, but of 11 children in his father's family 10 lived to be from 76 to 84 years. His father died at 77. He was always buoyant and cheerfully indifferent to apparent illness in Mr. Moore's only recipe for longevity. He is not at all concerned as to whether he will round the century mark, but is certain that in some form or condition he never will die.

Road District Abolished. OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special).—The County Court today made an order abolishing Road District No. 10, located in the Garfield district, and transferring the territory of that district to Districts No. 9 and No. 43. While this was the only district that was eliminated, several changes in boundaries were made. The law requires all changes in the boundaries of road districts must be made at the September term of court.