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associated with you. We know not the future. We know not where the road we are traveling will lead us to. We all hope it leads onward and upward. But whatever my lot may be my heart is always and will ever be with my brothers of lodge No. 180. I know that whatever may be my fortune, or my misfortune, I can always come home to you and find friends to apologize for my mistakes and to wish me well in

my endeavors. I am sure I do not merit the honor and distinction you have given me. I am sure that it is your kindness and generosity by which you have felt disposed and justified to give me this reception. But I have learned that one must not always stand upon his merits. If he does he may often get left. It is well to take the good things of life as they come, for there will be no lack of evil things. "Among the good orders of the earth no better, no greater, no more splendid order exists than the Elks. No order is doing more good. The order of Elks

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receipt of your favor of the 30th ultimo, and to express his regret that his engagements will not permit him to accept the cordial invitation which you extend to him for the evening of April 14. Assuring you that your courtesy is appreciated, believe me, Very truly yours. Wm. Loeb, Secretary to the Presidate."

Portland Ore., April 18, 1903-Hon C. J. Curtis, Astoria-My Dear Sir and Brother: I promised you sometime since that I would be with you in Astoria on the 21st inst on the occasion of the presentation by Astoria Lodge B. P. O. E. of a life membership card to Brother Fulton. I had fully intended to keep this promise, but on arriving in Portland this morning, I ascertained that an old friend and client, Mr. A. Wheeler, of Eugene, is ill at Good Samaritan hospital here, and it is probable that a severe operation will be performed on him Monday or Tuesday. It is necessary for me to prepare an extremely complicated account for him before this operation is performed, and it will take two or three days lyn, I. to do it, commencing Monday. The

ed, in my opinion, by the next republican national convention, and he will be elected by the American people in the same spirit of enthusiasm displayed when he made his famous charge up San Juan hill. That he will be renominated goes without saying and he will have no opposition. No other name will go before the convention. His elec tion will, I believe, follow by the largest majority ever given to any candi-

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