

Pendleton Soldier Boy Tells in Verse of His Experience

Dear Mother: I am writing, I know a trifle late, But I have been so busy with the soldiers' daily grind That I've neglected writing, but I know you will not mind. When you've read what I am writing, You'll feel a whole lot better And I promise that hereafter I will write a daily letter.

Tell sis she wouldn't know me since I left our little town. For the sun has surely baked me, a most gorgeous golden brown. Tell dad if he could see me, he would never curse me more. For oversleeping mornings, or neglecting any chore. Tell little brother Benny I've a pistol and a gun. A really trudy rifle, that wasn't made for fun.

Tell my sweetheart that I love her when you see her, Mother dear. That sleeping, drilling, working, I keep wishing she were here. Tell aunty that I thank her for the little wooden box, The home-made jam and cookies and the dozen knitted socks. Tell sis' fellow for me, if he wants to have some fun, To join the U. S. army and get himself a gun.

Tell Tom and Dick and Harry and strapping Jimmie Coats That Uncle Sam is needing a million more recruits. Jus tell 'em what I'm writing, in this letter, dear, to you, So that each and every one will know just what we do. At five a. m. the bugle blows, the wall to rise and dress; At five-fifteen the morning gun, at six a. m. the mess.

Hot cakes, syrup, coffee, spuds and bacon fried, With sugar, milk and home baked bread to fill the space inside. At half past six, fatigue call sounds, the streets and tents are 'piced' Then we drill for two long hours afore we are released. From nine a. m. 'til three p. m., we sleep and write and read. Then drill again, dear Mother, for it's drilling that we need. The post exchange supplies our wants, with almost anything, We've a dandy club and reading room, where we can go and sing.

We can get a pass to go to town, most any time we wish. We've everything we want to eat, both plain and fancy dish. We've a ball team, some boxing gloves, a wrestling match and craps. We've each a little army cot, we sleep on after taps.

We've mess halls with mosquito nets, shower baths that are divine. Oh, there's nothing, Mother, which we have that isn't extra fine. We've clothes galore, for every need, Sunday, work or play. We've a colonel who's a dandy, and a day on which they pay. We've a hundred things, dear Mother, that I haven't room to mention; A hundred things dear mother, that require our close attention.

We are happy and we're healthy, and we're learning to be men. Such a chance to get a schooling we may never get again. Oh, I miss you, mother darling, but I'm happy and content With the hours and weeks we're spending in the regulation tent. Cause I know I need the schooling, I may never get again— The school that takes the weaklings and makes them into men.

Now, Mother dear, I've written you, a letter that is long. "Efficiency's" the title of our regimental song. We are waiting now and ready for the day when we'll take a chance. With our brothers and the others on the sunny plains of France. We are waiting for the order that will bid us grab our guns.

For the day we'll lick the Kaiser and his fighting German Huns. Now I will close with love and kisses, and a heart that's full of joy. And sign my name as always, "Your Happy Soldier Boy." Written by Sergt. F. H. Camp, 2nd Mont. Inf. Contributed by Elizabeth Bowers, Pendleton.



ROY RITNER IS ONLY ROUND-UP BACHELOR NOW

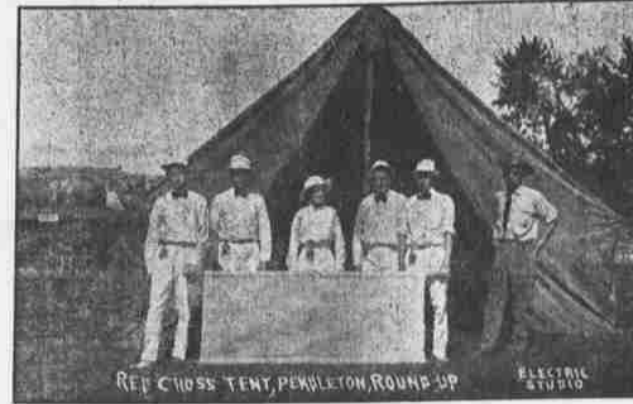
Roy W. Ritner, vice president and business manager of the Pendleton Round-Up, is now the only bachelor on the directorate. The marriage of Secretary Charles H. Marsh last month left him the sole man on the board of 11 who is unyoked.

For the benefit of romantic maidens who attend the show it might be said that the vice president farms hundreds of acres of rich farm land, rides about in a big Cadillac and, being a member of the Oregon legislature, is entitled to write Hon. before his name. His age is rather baffling but he is still young enough to yield to wifely training, and though he is sworn to a life of celibacy, the experience of Judge Marsh proves that such vows are held lightly when the right girl comes along.

Judge Marsh was married in Spokane last month to Miss Alice Butler, domestic science instructor in the



ROY W. RICE, PENDLETON ROUND-UP, ELECTRIC STUDIO



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the western portion of Umatilla county in 1885. It was named after Hon. J. L. Morrow, a pioneer resident of eastern Oregon and previous to his removal to Heppner he was engaged in the mercantile business in the "old town" of La Grande. Klamath county was also organized

in 1882 and was named for the great lake by that name in its western part. Lake county was named from its abundance of lakes. It was organized in 1874.

Grant county was one of the big counties in the state in the early

days. It was established the same year as Union county, in 1864, and was named in honor of General Grant who afterwards was president.

Harney county was formed out of a portion of Grant in 1889. It was named in honor of Gen. W. S. Har-

ney. Malheur was sliced out of the lower part of Baker county, the same year that Wallowa was made from a portion of Union county, in 1887. The name Malheur is from the French and is literally interpreted as "misfortune."



Pendleton schools for the past two years. Because he feared rough treatment from some of his Round-Up friends should his plans become known, he stole away to Spokane and was married before Pendleton knew ought of his intentions.

Wasco County at One Included Entire Territory of Eastern Oregon

All of Oregon east of the Cascade was originally in Wasco county which was established in 1854, or five years before Oregon was admitted to statehood. All the other counties of eastern Oregon were once a part of the territory of Wasco. "Wasco" is an Indian name which originally meant "Horn Basin."

Baker was carved out of Wasco and then included what is now Union county. This was in 1862 and the name was in honor of Col. E. D. Baker, who fell at Bull's Bluff in the rebellion.

Two years later in 1864 Union county was taken out of the northern portion of Baker county.

Wallowa county was then taken from a portion of Union county in 1887. And about twelve years ago the part of Union county including some of the Lower Powder valley and Pine and Eagle valleys, known then as the "Panhandle," was taken from Union county and added to Baker county.

Umatilla county was organized in 1865. The Indian word from which it is named means "gathering sand." Sherman county, named after Gen. W. T. Sherman, was taken from Wasco county in 1890.

Crooke county was established in 1882. It was named in honor of General George Crook of Indian war fame.

Gilliam county was also taken from Wasco county in 1885. It was named in honor of Gen. Cornelius Gilliam. Morrow county was formed from

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