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LETTERS FROM SOLDIERS

We are confident our readers will find much of interest in these communications and we shall endeavor to publish others. The Eagle Valley boys are "making good" in the army and we believe that each one of them would appreciate frequent letters from their friends in this section.

Roy Bodah, whose address is Co. G, 63rd Inf., Presidio, San Francisco, Calif., recently wrote his father as follows:

"I'm not on the Island any more, but on the mainland about a half hour's ride by street car from the city. Here's where I got my final training. There's a mighty fine bunch of fellows in this outfit; each company has its own commanding officer and ours is a prince of a fellow. I'm a recruit no longer, but a private. Each company has everything of their own—it's altogether different from the way it was at Ft. McDowell. Our drill instructor is a corporal—he's one of those fellows with the big head."

Mr. and Mrs. Winter Wright received a letter from their son Will, who is in the field artillery at Douglas, Arizona. Among other things he writes:

"Well, mother, I heard today that I was going to be a Corporal, that is better than a private. The artillery is now filled up; we use cannons, machine guns and pistols. It's sure lots of fun to shoot the cannons; we practice shooting every day and I am trying to be an expert gunner—they get \$5 more per month. When I get my picture taken with one of the big guns I will send you one."

They take the very best care of us here, if any thing is wrong with you they take you to the hospital. My blood was tested, found pure, and I was pronounced an able-bodied man in every particular.

If a fellow tries to do right they are good to you, but if he don't they are not. Three boys from the tent next to Clate Makin and I, tried to desert one night recently; they were captured in a little town in Mexico and brought back, and I suppose will get eight years in prison. I am going to behave myself but when they let me off I sure am coming home—and will perhaps bring a Mrs. Wright with me.

I hear we may go to New York within six months, but don't think our company will ever have to go to France.

Clarence Bradford and Roberts are still at Vancouver, they belong to the infantry and will go to American Lake."

Carl A. Barrows, of Battery F, 11th Field Artillery, Douglas, Arizona, in a letter to a lady friend in Richland, writes:

"I was promoted to Corporal a few days ago—it came as a surprise to me. Had been in service

just a month; was sworn in on June 13th and promoted on Friday the 13th of July. Do you get that "13th"?"

We are training every day; learning to ride. Tomorrow we have the 'monkey drill,' mount on the trot, gallop and ruh, turn on the horse, etc. If a man ever tells you a fellow doesn't have anything to do in the army, especially in the artillery, just mark it down that he never served in time of war.

Just to give you an idea what a great task the officers of the U. Army have before them I will tell you that in F Battery we have almost 200 men and about 150 horses. About half of the men never rode a horse, some had hardly ever seen one, and a great many can scarcely speak English. More than half the non-commissioned officers are recruits like myself. The horses are not trained, most of them are work horses and a great number are unbroke.

I thought I was coming to a hot country, but guess it's no worse than back there. You should have some of the rains we have. It rains and no fooling about it—it simply pours. This is the rainy season, they say it gets hot and dry in August and September.

There are none of the other home boys in my battery. Clate Makin, Jesse Buxton and Will Wright are all in A Battery, and Gene Gibson is in B Battery."

Be Steady—But

It's alright to be steady, but if you are too steady you'll be standing still. It pays to circulate a little you have to keep a-moving.

Also it is a pretty good plan to keep your money moving—keep it in circulation. If a merchant buys a lot of goods and just puts them on the shelf and leaves them there he won't make much. It's the goods that move that bring the profits. Your money is the same way. Make it move. Keep it turning. Put it in the bank where it can earn you something and keep it turning.
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A Close Call.

Arch Cox is wearing a small scar under his right eye as a reminder of a miraculous escape from serious injury and possibly death. When on his way to Robinette last Thursday he came upon Wm. Lloyd of Halfway on the grade at the east end of Chas. Harvill's ranch, both cars were going at the Richland speed limit and a collision seemed the only thing possible. Archie tried to bank his car, but the hill was so steep that it started backward and ran down the incline to the bottom, injuring nothing but one wheel. His scar is the result of striking his face on the steering wheel. When one looks at the place where the car went down, a grade of over 70 per cent, it seems almost unbelievable that the result was not more disastrous.

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It Might Have Been the Truth

The editor of a certain paper was out of town, the edition was late and an apprentice was going through his first experience of "making up" forms. The last part of an obituary had been dumped in a column and the next handful of type was picked from galley describing a recent fire. The article appeared in the paper like this:

"The palbearers lowered the body into the grave and as it was there were few, if any, regrets as the flames devoured it, for the old wreck had been an eyesore to the town for years. Of course there was individual loss, but that was covered by insurance."

It is said the widow and other surviving relatives think the editor wrote the obituary that way because the deceased was not a subscriber to the paper.

K. P. Conclave.

The Conclave to be held at Crater Lake on August 14, 15 and 16, promises to be the greatest and most largely attended of any K. of P. assembly held in Oregon for years. Practically every K. P. lodge in the state will be represented, and at Wizard Isle on the 15th a large class will be knighted in the old crater. Great preparations are being made for a royal time, and hundreds of members will take their families and camp out.

One or more parties will go from here by auto, Earl Master-son and Carson Gover each agreeing to take four passengers. Everett Brooks and Jim Gordon are among those signed up to go and others intending to make the trip should make their reservations at once.

Fred J. Colburn of LaGrande, Eastern Oregon Manager for the Idaho State Life Insurance Co., was in the valley the first of the week "breaking in" the new local representative, C. E. Thorp. This company has many policy holders in this section and several new contracts will be completed in a few days.

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