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The Latch String Is Always Out --- To You

INTERESTING LETTER FROM COMRADE GEORGE CALKINS

Did not go to Brownsville With Company C—Tells of His Trip to That Point Later On.

AMONG COTTON AND NEGROES

Plenty of Midnight Visitors, Such as Rattlesnakes, Lizards, Scorpions and Bugs.

Geo. Calkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Calkins of this city, who is a member of Company C and was detained at home on account of a sunstroke at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, joined the boys about a week after they arrived at Brownsville, Texas. Mr. Calkins accompanied the First Regiment from Des Moines and took a different route to Texas than that traveled by his regiment.

The following interesting letter received by his parents is therefore considerably different from those written by other Webster City boys:

We left Des Moines Tuesday about 11 o'clock and went down and around St. Louis into Illinois, along the east side of the Mississippi across part of Missouri, through the middle of Arkansas and Texas and arrived at Brownsville about 6 o'clock Saturday morning. I had a fairly nice trip. Most of the farmers are thrashing in Iowa and Illinois. Some of the crops are good and some did not beat anything around Webster City. We crossed the Missouri river and it sure is a muddy, dirty stream as compared with the Mississippi, which we crossed a little later into Illinois. We passed west of St. Louis through swampy country with nothing extra for buildings except the Southern Illinois penitentiary, a pretty stone building on the outside—as for the inside I can't say. There were a few prisoners to be seen through the bars, and they waved at us as we went along. I mailed a card, or rather dropped it out of the window, at that place.

From there we went through some more swamps until we crossed into Missouri. As for Missouri, its crops are nothing extra or anything else, except as to razorback hogs and darkies. We stopped at one place and went in swimming in a river, and got ready for a vegetable dinner which was served us at Campbell, Mo. It was some feed, too. Saw quite a large number of white people here. The next morning, however, we rode about fifty miles without seeing a white person.

We were then in Arkansas, passing through fields of cotton, cane and peanuts. The cotton is in bloom but none of it is ripe. Nothing special happened that day and I saw all the cotton I ever wish to see, just one field after another, until we passed Little Rock. There we entered the Ozarks, I guess, and rode until dark through forests of yellow pine and some oak. Most of the men went in swimming late in the evening, but I didn't like the looks of the pond, so stayed out. The next morning, Friday, we were some distance into Texas and could see more cotton but there were some pieces

of timber land to change the scenery. At Texarkana the boys stole a wagon load of melons. The old codger wanted twenty cents a piece and the boys wouldn't give it, rather didn't have it to give, and so one of them stole a melon and while he was the victim of an exciting chase the old farmer was pillaged of the whole bunch. I didn't get any melon, but helped to eat one big one, the second that day. The train stopped a little later in Redwater, Texas, and as I didn't have to drill with the company, I strolled over in the peach orchard near by and picked a peck of peaches, put them in my shirt and went back to the car to eat peaches until I was tired and gave the balance away. Say, but they were good, just the same. When we woke up in the morning we found the car had been turned around and about half of the boys declared we were going north. They turned us at San Antonio from where we passed through some small oil fields straight for here.

We arrived about 6 o'clock and would have been unloaded earlier if we had not run a pair of car trucks off the track which delayed us about two hours. We got out to the camp, about one and a half miles from town, about 10 o'clock, unloaded, and marched up through the other regiments to the tune of locusts. They are about as big as your thumb and very unmusical. We went up into a patch of cacti and mesquite brush and halted. I took my bundle and hiked over and reported to Capt. Martin.

Of course I was glad to find that all of the rough work was finished so I ate dinner and cleaned up during the afternoon and went to non-com school. Slept fairly well except when the guards were changed, as C company was on guard last night and today.

It started to rain in the night and poured down for about five minutes and you couldn't see a cloud in the sky. It has rained quite a little today.

Besides having cacti and mesquite brush, we have lizards, scorpions, tarantulas, rattlesnakes, and forty different kinds of spiders, flies and bugs. Oh, we have plenty of midnight visitors!

I will probably be on light duty for about ten days yet but I can improve my time by studying and getting all the military stuff that I can for we cannot tell how long we shall stay here. Some think we shall be here over sixty days, or just long enough to get the camp cleaned up for the regulars that are to be moved here.

I signed a pay roll since arriving, and may get some money before long. We sure need it! It is hotter when it is rainy here than when it is not. Yesterday was fairly comfortable, not much hotter than in Iowa. In the shade it is cool and one can always feel a breeze from the Gulf.

Details of Accident.

Details of the automobile accident which occurred August 1st at Greeley, Col., in which the sister of Mrs. F. A. Pierce of this city lost her life, were given in a letter to relatives here today. Mrs. Pierce's sister, Mrs. Cora Newland, was in an automobile with a lady friend, the car being driven by a chauffeur of Greeley on the evening of Tuesday, Aug-

ust 1st. The chauffeur was trying to avoid a pile of sand by the curbing and in turning out, turned directly in front of a street car which must have been coming at some speed. Mrs. Newland, who was in the back seat, was thrown fifteen feet and her skull fractured. She died within a few moments. Her companion was injured internally and the chauffeur was so seriously hurt that he is not expected to live.

Adopted a Baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hotchkiss have adopted a baby girl which is five weeks old today. The adoption papers will be made out this week and the little one's name will be Mary Ava Catherine Hotchkiss.

Real Estate Transfers.

S. S. Morrison to Lydia C. Morrison—wd—lots 10, R. and part of 16 blk 3, and 3, 4, 5, blk 7, Blairburg.—\$1,000.

L. B. Young and wf to W. H. Bahrenfuss—wd—w one-third lot 7, blk 81, W. C.—\$3,000.00.

J. S. Davis and wf to A. F. Elkins—wd—se 36-37-26.—\$26,000.

Lars Larson to Martha Hamra—wd—lots 17, 18, 19, 20, blk 9, M. & H. addition, Ellsworth.—\$2,700.00.

L. S. Pickett to J. A. Harrell—wd—lot 13, blk 10, W. F. & Co. addition, W. C.—\$1,000.00.

Ole B. Hamre to L. E. Thompson—wd—n one-half nw 34-88, 23.—\$16,000.00.

Will Have Two Entrances.

Among the other improvements which are being made by W. M. Brown upon his brick buildings now occupied by his store and the Shipley & Black dry goods establishment, there will be another entrance cut into the drug store upon the north-east corner. From the same lobby, the entrance to the drug store, the dry goods store and the stairway to the offices above, will furnish exit and entrance. The drug store has been handicapped for some time by the lack of sufficient exits and entrances and the new plan will obviate this.

Another Company at Eagle Grove. Eagle Groves Times-Gazette: Ben Borway is corresponding with Adj. Gen. Guy E. Logan, of Des Moines, as to organizing another Machine Gun company here in Eagle Grove. If they do, it will be a cavalry machine gun company, and the men will be mounted, if called into service.

The Cavalry Machine Gun company will call for 74 men, as follows: One captain, one first lieutenant, two second lieutenants, one first sergeant, one mess sergeant, one supply sergeant, one stable sergeant, two horse shoers, five sergeants, six corporals, two cooks, one mechanic, one saddler, two buglers, and 47 privates.

Steers Die From Heat.

Port Dodge, Aug. 5.—The excessive heat wave that has enveloped Port Dodge and vicinity for the past two or three weeks has not only caused the inhabitants to suffer severely but has had an especially serious effect on the live stock. The farmers of the county have lost many horses, cows and pigs which have succumbed to the prolonged heat spell.

A carload of cattle which were being shipped through here was delayed for a short time at the Illinois Central stockyards for water and food, and it was found that two steers had died on the way. Three others were very sick and were taken to the veterinary barn for care. One afterwards recovered and was shipped out with the carload but the other two were overcome by the heat and died.

GUS STEIN HAS UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

Was Driving New Allen Car—Auto Runs off Hill and Turns Completely Over.

Gus Stein, who resides south of town and is the new owner of an Allen touring car, experienced an unfortunate accident Sunday afternoon while driving in the northwest part of the city. Mr. Stein was accompanied by Glen Stark of the Lexington garage, who was coaching him in the management of the automobile, and the back seat was occupied by Mr. Stein's brother, brother-in-law and little son. Mr. Stein was driving down the rather steep incline at the south entrance of Nokomis park, when under the stress of following directions he did not fully understand, turned the wheel in the opposite direction to that intended, and the car shot off the hill, turning completely over and striking a nearby tree. The axle, wind shield and top were broken and other minor damages done but the occupants of the car escaped with no injuries other than slight bruises, with the exception of Mr. Stark, who suffered a deep gash on his arm which necessitated the taking of several stitches. It seems almost miraculous that the members of the party escaped without serious injuries and are to be congratulated on their good fortune.

The car, after a couple of hour's work, was repaired sufficiently to be driven to the garage. Mr. Stein had purchased the auto only last Saturday evening and while he bemoans the damage to the car is still very thankful that the accident proved no worse in the loss of life or limb.

Taken to Knoxville.

C. L. Best, for many years employed in this city at the Ellington & Mathre packing house, was a few days ago taken to the state institution at Knoxville for treatment. He was accompanied by Sheriff Nelson. At some time this spring Mr. Best, who is an excellent workman, husband and provider, when not under the influence of liquor, was committed to Knoxville upon complaint of his wife. Upon his promises to reform, however, the judge paroled him until another offense. A few days ago information was again filed in the office of the county clerk against Best, this time not by members of his family, and the only recourse was to take him to the hospital at Knoxville. It will be earnestly hoped by friends of those concerned that the cure may be effective and certain and that no parole will be given until he has had time to gain some benefit by the treatment.

Complimentary Picnic.

The members of the Literary Round Table and their husbands entertained at a picnic supper in Kendall Young Park Friday evening in honor of two former members of the club who are in the city visiting—Mrs. J. O. Thrush of Spencer, and Mrs. Minnie Bone of Prosser, Wash. A picnic supper was served on a long table at which about twenty-five were seated.

The out of town guests present were Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Thrush and Miss Mariah and Waldo Thrush of Spencer; Mrs. Minnie Bone of Prosser, Wash., and the Misses Margaret and Elsie Cook of Grand View, Wash.

PERSONAL BRIEFS.

(From Monday's Daily.)

—Miss Lucille McCollough left Saturday for Ames where she spent the week end with her friend, Miss Mildred McCollough, of Garner, who is attending summer school at the state college.

—Mrs. Minnie Bone returned Saturday afternoon to Carroll after a two days visit with relatives and friends in this city, en route home from a visit in Independence. Next Thursday she will start on her journey westward to Kennecott, Wash., stopping off for a week's rest in the Rocky Mountains before resuming her year's school work.

—Mrs. R. L. Sterling and daughter Lorene arrived home Friday night from a two months visit with relatives and friends in Toronto and Ottawa, Canada, and Niagara Falls.

—Miss Mary Heald, of Des Moines, a daughter of Prof. and Mrs. A. P. Heald, former Webster City residents, returned to her home Saturday afternoon after a two weeks visit with former school friends here.

—Mrs. A. C. Rienecker of Eagle Grove and niece, Miss Elmore, of Ida Grove, visited Saturday with their sister, Mrs. H. W. Hanson, of this city. Miss Elmore went to Jewell Saturday afternoon to visit her grandparents and Mrs. Rienecker returned to her home in the evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Roper of Fort Dodge were in the city Saturday. Mr. Roper going to Des Moines Saturday afternoon, while Mrs. Roper visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Treanor, over Sunday.

—Miss Beulah Loughan, bookkeeper at the Star Laundry, spent Sunday with friends in Hubbard.

—Mrs. Esther Caruth of Ellsworth, who has been a guest at the W. J. Caruth home in this city, returned home Saturday.

—Mrs. Mamie Seaman and children of Kamrar, who have been visiting at the M. J. Smith home, north of Webster City, returned home Saturday afternoon.

—Mrs. Richard Nelson, of Jewell, who has been a guest at the home of her son, Sheriff R. E. Nelson and family, returned home Saturday.

—Miss Alice Crawford left Saturday afternoon for a visit with relatives in Ellsworth.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, of Shipley & Black's, left this noon for a two weeks vacation at the Inn, West Okoboji Lake.

—Mrs. W. L. Cole of Lyle, Minn., is in the city for a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Kearns and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kane and family and Mr. and Mrs. Will Foster and baby left yesterday overland in the Kane car for Arlington for a short visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Lee left yesterday on an overland trip in their car for Blue Earth, Minn., where they will visit a son for a few days.

—H. M. Porter arrived in the city yesterday from Chicago for a two weeks vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Potter, Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Potter and baby, who have been visiting the former's parents and other relatives here for some time, leave tomorrow for their home in Chicago.

—W. H. Helmick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Helmick, Weldon Helmick and daughter, Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mikesell and little son, and the Misses Minnie Helmick and Jennie Brietenkamp motored to Clear Lake yesterday, spending the day picnicking near the lake.

—Miss Marguerite Meyers of Radcliffe arrived here today to visit for a few days at the Mrs. S. O. Osborn home.

—Miss Irene Stauffacher, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Minnie Stauffacher and other relatives in this city, for the past week, returned to her home in Renwick today.

—Masters Edmund and Joseph Loyer of Cedar Falls, who have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Kimmel, for a week, returned to their home this afternoon.

—Miss Gladys Laus of LeMars and Miss Luella Reimers of Ogden, are expected to arrive in the city today or tomorrow for a week's visit with their sorority sisters, the Misses Ruth Maag and Elsie Heiden. At the end of the week the girls plan to go to Lake Okoboji to the sorority camp for an outing.

—Mrs. C. C. Hall and daughter, Miss Lillie, left today for a week's visit with a daughter and sister living in Ledyard. Mrs. Hall's brother, W. S. Montgomery, of Allison, who has been here visiting at his sister's home, accompanied them on their visit.

—Mrs. A. E. Arbogast and three children of Emmetsburg, who have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Joe Martin and family, returned home today.

—W. J. Barnes, proprietor of the LaVogue Style shop, left last night on a goods buying trip to Chicago.

—The Chas. A. Bratnaber family of Williams drove overland yesterday and spent the day here with the A. E. Rasmussen family.

—Mr. and Mrs. Mason Isham, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Barnett and the Enoch Olson, J. P. Rasmussen and W. J. Birdsall families all motored yesterday to Lake Comar, the little summer resort near Story City, and spent the day, returning in the evening. The resort which centers round a lake made from a flowing well, is liberally patronized this season for fifty or seventy-five miles around and boasts of a band, boats, refreshment stands, etc.

—Mrs. G. W. Teed left yesterday for an extended visit in Perry and Buffalo and other points in New York state and also in Pittsburg, Penn.

—Miss Maude Helmick returned home this noon from a month's trip through the east and visits with relatives in Illinois and Des Moines.

—Mrs. F. A. Patterson and Mrs. Ramsey Miller will leave tomorrow morning for Oxford, Kansas, called by the illness of the former's father.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blair of Lawrence, Kan., have been visiting for the past few days at the G. S. Neel home and Mrs. Blair will remain for a longer sojourn but Mr. Blair left yesterday afternoon for his home.

—Mrs. J. L. Jaroleman of Muskogee, Kan., who has been visiting at the C. E. Phillips home on Boone street, returned home yesterday afternoon. Mr. Phillips' mother, Mrs. Louis Phillips, of Rhodes, Ia., also returned home after a visit with her son and wife.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Weston and family have gone overland in their car to Lake Okoboji for a month's outing. They have taken their abode in the Evans cottage near the Manhattan hotel.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harrell left last night for their future home in Decatur, Ill.

—Mrs. Bessie Peterson and little daughter Catherine will leave tonight for a two weeks visit in Moberly and Aberdeen, S. D.

—C. W. Marvel returned home last night from Waynesville, Ill., where he was called a few days ago by the serious condition of his mother, who is an invalid of many years of suffering. She has improved for the present enough to enable him to return home. Accompanying him home was Mrs. Caroline Wesson, of Lincoln, Ill., Mrs. Marvel's mother, who will make an extended visit here.

—Rev. E. G. Hay, pastor of the English Lutheran church, will leave this evening for Saranac Lake, N. Y., where he will join his son and spend a month in an outing.

—Rev. H. F. Shook, pastor of the Universalist church, is spending a month's vacation at the home of his parents in Peoria, Ill., expecting to return the first week in September.

—Mrs. W. R. Graham and little son of Des Moines are in the city for an over Sunday visit with Mrs. L. F. Houck and other relatives.

—Miss Tressa Myers, stenographer for G. D. Thompson, went to Clarion today for an over Sunday with her parents.

—Miss Spray of Chicago, who has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. N. F. Dickerson and family, returned to her home today.

—Mrs. George Johnson and child of Woolstock returned home today after a visit with Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Ivah Brown.

—Mrs. T. A. Dearborn and son and Mrs. S. G. Igoe and little child, of Estherville, who have been visiting the Chas. Wilson and Mrs. Mary Kibbey families, returned home today.

—Miss Elizabeth Torney, who has been spending the past two weeks with her sister in Des Moines, returned home today.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Swenson and two children and Miss Marie Buxton, all of Des Moines, stopped in this city last evening to visit the Dr. O. C. Buxton family while on their way to Spirit Lake overland.

—Mrs. J. N. Lyon and daughter, Miss Bess Lyon, and Miss Myrtle Maxon, returned home last night from a week's stay at Sox Lake, Minn.

—Miss Irene Goodrich of Lehigh is spending her vacation in this city at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. J. Olson and family.

—Mrs. A. J. Leonard and daughter Lois returned last night from a two weeks stay at Clear Lake.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Atkinson and son Edgar and chauffeur, Chas. Middleton, are spending a week or ten days in Minneapolis and St. Paul having gone overland some days ago on a short outing. They are expected home the first of the week.

—Miss Freier, buyer for the LaVogue Style Shop, leaves tonight for Chicago to purchase fall goods.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Smith arrived home yesterday from a ten days visit with their son, Ernest E. Smith and family, at Walnut Grove, Minn.