

St. Martin's College

Lacey, Wash

May 18, 1909

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A false report hit Genesee last Thursday and stated that I had a back set & wasn't expected to live and poor ma took it quite hard and of course phoned to my doctor and found out that I was up and around and feeling fine. She intended to come out on the next mornings train. Another kid at the Hospital sent the report to Mabel as I have found out and that he would play a trick on me; it takes too much writing to tell you all about it but will tell you when I see you. His name is C. Cain and id a pretty good friend of mine. After I told him what effect his report had on my folks, he certainly wished he hadn't tried it & said it taught him a lesson

Mamma wants me to come home as soon as I can stand to ride on the train and I don't know how I can get out of it as I'm still too weak to get out & shift for myself. I won't be able to do day hard work for some time and I do hate to go home and eat off the folks and not be able to do anything as I know how Dad will jaw about my lying around and he working, but I am determined not to do

anything that might be the cause of my ruination for life, especially married life "C." "Not for a dozen farms."

I have to lie down one or twice every day as yet I got quite weak & tired from sitting and standing around. I weighed 176 1/2 lbs. when I went to the hospital and didn't weigh myself until today since the operation and I weighed 158 but of course gained several pounds since I am up & around. Am picking up pretty fast at present and have a good appetite so might go above my other mark before long. Xmas, I weighed 183.

On May 26, is Fields Day and I guess I will be here just long enough to witness is but sorry to say I can't join on it.

Next Saturday I have to go to Olympia again because the Dr. wants to see how my side is.

You are well and enjoying life, no doubt. How is "May devotion"? and Clara? I Made my hit with her last May Devotion. Ha!

Will tell many more things whenever I get too see you as I get quite tired to write and must go and take a rest.

Closing with best wishes + regards. I remain,

Your true brother,

A.P.L.

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Albert Lorang at left



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