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E. J. ANDERSTROM CROSSES OCEAN

Letter Received by Albert Anderstrom From His Brother E. J. Anderstrom Who Sailed For Sweden December 28th 1914.

THINKS SHERMAN WAS RIGHT ABOUT WAR.

The following is a letter received by Albert Anderstrom at Ashton, Nebraska from his brother, John, who left for Sweden December 28, 1914:

On board Bergensfjord (name of steamer) Jan. 5, 1915—Dear Brother and Sister—This is the fourth day on the ocean, and as I feel able to sit up, will start to write a letter and finish it when I see the land of Scandinavia. If you ever get this letter you will know I am safe over the great water again.

Well, I was real sick the first two days, but today I feel better so I can eat a little.

We left New York, Jan. 2nd at three o'clock p. m., but after we had gone about a mile, one of the U. S. Service boat's stopped us and took off four Germans, because they had no papers, although they claimed to be United States citizens. At six o'clock the same day they allowed our boat to leave New York harbor.

Well, the second day or the 3rd of January, the crew found six more Germans on board hiding in coalbunkers. Of course, they will stay with the ship, but it is hard to tell what will be done if we run against the English, as most likely we will. The neutral ships are not allowed to transport reservists for nations at war.

So far, we have not struck any mines, and we hope to avoid them. Have gone about 900 miles from New York which is about one fourth of the distance to Bergen.

We are not crowded, as there are only 200 passengers on board, but the boat is heavily loaded with freight; don't know, of course, if it is war contraband.

We get good treatment and the board is O. K., that is if a fellow has an appetite.

Jan. 8th, 1 p. m. — We are 2,039 miles from New York. If everything goes all right we are expected to be at Bergen, Tuesday 12th.

The time goes slowly, and the waves are rolling the boat. We haven't seen any ships, so far.

Jan. 10th, 3:30 p. m.—At this time we are supposed to be between Iceland and Faroe Islands. Alright, so far, although not very pleasant.

It will be a glad day when we see land again, of course not England, but nothing sure about it as yet. Will know in a couple of days.

Jan. 12th, 4:30 p. m.—Great things have developed since last I wrote. We are now in Kirby Harbor, North Scotland. An English warship stopped our boat yesterday morning when we were within eight hours run of Bergen. They kept us standing still in one place the whole day, and about dark started to run us back to Scotland which took 20 hours.

We arrived in this harbor at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Now, of course only God knows when we can get out of here.

You can imagine the passengers feelings when the ship was turned back only a little ways from our destination. If we ever get out of here again we may consider ourselves lucky. Well, "war is hell" for anyone connected with it.

Jan. 15, 5 p. m.—Well, today at 12 o'clock they released the ship so we are on our way to Bergen, and if nothing happens we will be there early tomorrow morning. They held us three days

and a half. We have been through a test of military rules. Soldiers with loaded guns and fixed bayonets came on board and went through our papers.

Nine Germans were captured and two of them were claimed to be spies. They also went through the cargo, but found nothing that was war contraband.

There many more things I could write about, but space will not permit this time.

Jan. 15—Safe on land again. On the train between Bergen and Christiania. Next time you hear from me I hope to be home.

Best regards to all.

Your brother,
E. J. Anderstrom.

The late ruling of State Superintendent Thomas that instruction above the Eighth grade may be given in rural schools has had the effect of removing to a great extent the need of legislation along the lines laid down by the school code law, and it is said that the committee having the bill in charge may let it die in quiet without the formality of a hearing.

Since making the above ruling Superintendent Thomas has had a conference with the state university regents and has secured their promise that country schools carrying such work will be placed in the accredited list.

Mrs. L. Banks Hale and little daughter were passengers to Grand Island last Saturday noon for a visit with the lady's parents.

Breaks Ankle by Fall on Icy Pavement

Last Saturday morning, as Miss Hattie Frohlich, who is here from Ashland on a visit with her mother and sister, was passing down Nebraska avenue, and when near the Frederick Hotel, she slipped on the ice-glazed pavement and fell, breaking one of her ankles. She was taken in to the hotel, where a

physician was called finding above results and was later taken to the home of her sister, where she is doing as nicely as the nature of her serious injury will allow.

J. W. Pokorski and Frank Jezewski were visitors to this city from Ashton last Thursday.

Seventeen years ago last Monday at 9:45, the battleship, Maine, was blown up in an explosion in Havana harbor. Today is the seventeenth anniversary of that terrible catastrophe, when 248 loyal American citizens, stanch sailor boys on the Maine, lost their lives without a chance to protect themselves; when mines, planted in every corner of the harbor, were exploded underneath the battleship. It was the blowing up of the Maine that excited the United States to action with regard to Spain and its colony, Cuba, and which resulted in a war between Spain and this country. Following investigations of the exploding of the Maine, President McKinley on April 20 sent an ultimatum to Spain which prompted that country to hand General Woodford, American minister at Madrid, his passports. Following that, President McKinley on April 25 asked congress to declare war, and on that same day did so.

Born, Friday, Febr. 12th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Patton a charming little daughter. No wonder Grandpa Mulick has developed into a chronic handgripper, with a smile that refuses to come off.

TEST INVENTION TWO KILLED

Conductor and Road Master Killed Near Gothenburg.

GRAND ISLAND MAN INVENTOR

Conductor N. F. Akeyson and Roadmaster Johnson were killed, Feb. 12 near Gothenburg where a number of Union Pacific officials were testing a mail catching device invented by Dr. Birkofer of that city. The arm of the catcher gave way and went through the side of the car, striking the two men. Akeyson was killed instantly and Johnson died on the train on the way to Grand Island.

Dr. Birkofer, Trainmaster Stephens, the superintendent of other officials were present. The test was conducted with only an engine and a mail car. Few particulars have reached this city.

Joe Stecher's next opponent is Jack Taylor heavyweight wrestling champion of Canada, who has matched himself against Joe Stecher, the Nebraska phenom. Taylor and Stecher are to clash in a finish fray Tuesday night, February 23, at the Oliver theater, Lincoln, for a stake of \$1,000. Taylor will outweigh Stecher at least ten pounds. The fact that the Canadian husky recently defeated Dr. Roller in Saskatoon indicates that Stecher must face an opponent of exceptional ability and that the Nebraska athlete must prepare for the toughest match of his career.

At the state meet of the county treasurers of the state at Hastings last week, Mr. F. M. Henry of this city was for the second time honored with the vice presidency of the association. He is certainly worthy of the honor and regret he was not placed at the head of the association for the year instead.

Fifteenth Wedding Anniversary

It is not often that three notable events occur in practically one family on the same day. But such did occur last Sunday, Feb. 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hosier in this city, it being the 15th wedding anniversary of that worthy couple, the 13th birthday of the younger daughter, Esther, and the 73rd birthday anniversary of Mrs. Hosier's good mother, Mrs. D. M. Woods, who spends a portion of her time with her daughter, and is at present making her home there. Of course, such a triple occurrence is very rare, and was made a day of rejoicing by all concerned. While the celebration of the three events called for an excellent dinner of good things provided by the daughter-wife-mother, with only O. A. Woods and family present, yet it was one of the most joyous possible to those present. May there be many anniversaries of the kind in this most estimable family is our wish.

Young Business Man Married

Married, Tuesday, February 16, 1915, at Grand Island, Neb., the Rev. J. J. Langston of Harvard, Nebraska, officiating. Mr. J. E. Scott of Loup City, to Miss Erma Harper of Madison, Missouri. The groom is the efficient undertaker and embalmer of the Daily Furniture Co. of this city, and who has made a host of friends during the time he been with us, the bride being unknown to our people, but must be charming to have captured our popular young friend. They returned to Loup City last evening and will add one more to our new families of younger home-makers. The Northwestern wishes in advance to bespeak for them the most hearty welcome of our people.

Clark Alleman, who went to Frankford, Kansas, some months ago, is in the city, making arrangements to return and make his permanent residence here. He still retained his farm here when he moved to Kansas and expects to move back about the first of next month.

HIGH SCHOOL GLEE CLUB

Most Excellent Given By Loup City High School.

GOOD ATTENDANCE, BAD NIGHT.

Last Thursday evening was given the postponed concert of the High School Girls' Glee Club. From the first to the last number on the program was given evidence that the local musical talent of our city ranks as nearly to the professional as possible for amateurs to be.

It would be manifestly unfair to discriminate in speaking of the many who took part in the different numbers, each showing surprising talent, and giving further evidence that in musical, dramatic, and other public performances, Loup City occupies no less exalted place than first in the above with our sister towns. And in support of this assertion, we have only to give the roster of those taking part in the above named most pleasing entertainment, as follows: director, Miss Adeline Leininger; accompanist, Miss Oral Young; reader, Miss Jessie Moyer; sopranos, Lucille Bartunek, Blanche Chilson, Calla Cole, Jennie Cole, Lettie Cunningham, Lois Henry, Katie Janulewicz, Gertrude Kettle, Cecil Ling, Amy McIlvray, Ursolia McNulty, Ruth McFadden, Edythe Ohlsen, Elsie Oltjenbruns, Eugenia Patton and Helen Prichard; altos, Kathryn Curtis, Bessie Fisher, Alice McBeth, Evangeline Waite and Opal Ver Valin; girls' quartette, Edythe Ohlsen, Lois Henry, Bessie Fisher and Alice McBeth; male quartette, Mason Phillips, Carl Amick, Albert Magnuson and Wilbur Mackey.

In all the program, were local talent, save only Miss Moyer, who gave most well rendered numbers and was heartily received. To those who attended, there will be no need to republish the program, which was rendered as given on the folder, and we can only add that those who missed the musical evening were the only losers of hearing one of the very best treats of the season.

Mrs. H. S. Conger made a short visit with her husband here this week, the purpose of her visit being to select a residence. They were fortunate in renting the Sawyer property in the south part of town and will move their household goods from Loup City in a short time.—Arcadia Champion.

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ITALY TO BE IN GREAT WAR

According to Announcement in Rome Newspaper.

ON SIDE OF GERMANY.

Rome, Feb. 15.—(Associated Press)—The Idea Nazionale says today: "Before the end of February, Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador to Italy, will present to the Italian government a concrete proposal for the participation in the European war on the side of Germany. This consists of the session by Austria of the province of Trent and the rectification of the eastern Italian frontier by the addition of a strip of land going as far as the Islonzo river."

"Germany pledges herself to conclude a new treaty which will afford protection to Italy's Mediterranean interests, and in exchange Italy will at once take part in the war. She will occupy Tunis and help Turkey drive the English from Egypt, which will return under the domination of the sultan of Turkey. The Italian fleet will also attack the Anglo-French naval forces in the Mediterranean."

Rev. Burneis of Grand Island, a young student preacher, occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening, delivering very interesting discourses. Rev. Slocumb of the Methodist church still being absent, a goodly number of his congregation were present at the services. The evening music was furnished by a choir composed of seven young ladies from the Methodist and the Presbyterian churches, who gave excellent music. Rev. Steen is expected home for next Sunday's services.

Mrs. J. A. Danielson, who had been visiting friends in Lincoln, returned home last Saturday evening.

Mrs. C. J. Tracy Breaks Left Wrist

Last Saturday morning, as Mrs. C. J. Tracy was going to her home from a call at the residence of A. B. Outhouse, and when in front of the E. B. Corning place she fell on the icy pavement breaking her left wrist and badly injuring her back and one hip. She managed to get into the

Finds it Lonesome in Philippines

Last fall, a nephew of Mr. S. F. Reynolds, son of his sister living in Sioux City, Iowa, who had just gained his majority, went to the Philippine Islands; as a starter to see something of the world at a distance. The other day Mr. Reynolds received a letter from the nephew in those far away possessions of Uncle Sam, from which we quote a few interesting lines. He wrote: "I am away over here in the Philippine Islands, and it gets mighty lonesome at times. I am learning to be a newspaper correspondent, and am building up physically, going through exercises that would make a college professor take a back seat. There are some very pretty sights here, such as old forts and buildings, and they are sure some curiosities. When you write, I will give you many interesting facts concerning these Islands, which I think will prove very interesting to one who has never visited this hitherto almost unknown country to the average American. My address is Myron K. Davis, Cuartel de Espana, Manila, Philippine Is-

lands." Friend Reynolds has written his nephew and promises when he hears from him to give us the letter for publication, which cannot but prove mighty interesting, coming from those Islands, when we take into consideration their distance, the circumstances under which they became possessions of Uncle Sam, and the further interesting situation arising from the present great eastern war, Japan's participation therein, and the complications which might arise in case the United States becomes embroiled in the trouble, and Japan concludes to try and take over the Islands as possessions thereby.

Some few weeks ago, J. S. Shull of Aurora was here looking up the defunct laundry plant with a view to leasing or buying the same, if it looked good to him. We now understand he has either leased or bought the plant and is to be here this week to close the matter and expects to re-open the laundry about the first of this coming month. Bert Travis, who is well acquainted with the gentleman, speaks in the highest terms of him as a man and business live wire, and our people may confidently expect he will be a good gain to Loup City interests.

WAR UPON VENDORS OF DISEASED MEAT

Food Commissioner Will Proceed Against Ord Men For Alleged Selling and Butchering a Calf That Was Afflicted With Spinal Meningitis.

BILL PENDING TO MAKE THIS A FELONY

Probably the thing uppermost in the public mind in this vicinity during the last few days is the matter of Mazac & Son and the kind of meat they have been selling to the public.

This state of mind resulted immediately from an article in the Quiz telling of their buying for \$5 a calf that had been sick for two weeks and also pointing to other places where the public might find more damaging facts if they cared to look for them.

The public responded with remarkable celerity to the meager facts we portrayed and before the press had finished turning out the 1950 copies of the paper the commotion began, and it has grown with unabated fury since.

It was evident from the surprise with which the public received the news that our people generally did not have the least suspicion that the Mazacs were selling poison and diseased meat. Many of our best families, people very particular about clean and wholesome food and about cleanliness in all things, were regular patrons of the Mazac shop. Had they the least idea that they were being fed diseased meat or even unclean meat, they would not have been counted among the Mazac customers.

The reason that people patronized Mazac freely was not that they had any love for him, but because he could and did sell meat at prices below any other dealer could make. It is now very plain

to all why the Mazacs could make these low prices. The immediate result of this awakened public attention was that many people came forward with reports of other individual cases where they had bought crippled and diseased animals. These are noted, and can be brought forward should occasion demand. But there seems to be no further need for them at this time.

One of the first practical results of this expose was the arrival of George Mayo, deputy food inspector, who arrived Monday. He called at the Quiz office and admitted that he had come to look into the Mazac matter. He made such inquiry here and elsewhere in the city as was necessary to elicit the facts he needed and then consulted his superiors in Lincoln over the phone, who, hearing the facts, advised him to push the case. Accordingly he swore out complaints against both Mr. Mazac and John Prien, the state officers saying that one was as guilty as the other under the law.

Mr. Prien came voluntarily into court this morning and demurred a little to pleading guilty to the charge. He was willing to admit that he sold the calf but not that he knew it to be diseased. To allow him to consult with other parties the court adjourned for a half hour after which Mr. Prien returned and pleaded guilty. The fine imposed was \$75 and costs, which he promptly paid.

Louie Mazac was arrested Tuesday on two counts—keeping and selling diseased meat. He of course employed A. Norman as his counsel and when brought into court pleaded not guilty to both charges, but asked for a continuance until Wednesday of next week, and giving bail in the sum of \$400 to appear at that time.

Friday following the appearance of the Quiz, Mr. Mazac called Dr. Vinnege over to the shop to show him the carcass of the diseased calf and to get him to admit that it was all right. Mazac proceeded to show him how nice the meat was but the doctor, knowing the nature of the calf's ailment, turned his attention to the carcass and showed Mazac where in cutting the carcass up his knife had passed through an abscess from which the corruption had run down over the meat.

Mazac's intention, of course, was to get the doctor's approval of the meat, but the result was that he made the doctor a very valuable witness for the state.

From these facts as now brought out it is apparent that Ord's kitchens and dining tables have been the dumping ground for many of the crippled, diseased and dead animals of this vicinity. Farmers have learned that they could dispose of their diseased animals to an Ord butcher and many of them have not hesitated to take advantage of the opportunity to partly avoid the losses they had met, without regard to the effect this practice might have on the health and lives of our citizens.

Doubtless the exposure will put a stop to the practice and from now on for a while at least a farmer who has a diseased or crippled animal will have to take it to the hog lot and not place it on the tables of the elite of our city.—Ord Quiz.