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Inavale Soldier Writes Letter

The following letter was received from one of the Webster County boys who is now located at the training camp at Deming, New Mexico.

Dear Sister:—

This morning we drilled about one hour and then we fell out and then we fell in again in about ten minutes and made the company a baseball diamond. Even if we are training to go to war, we also have our sports. We will have baseball, football and basket ball teams, and we will have free shows in camp after tonight.

There are something like 15,000 head of horses here. They are used by cavalrymen and artillery men. It is eight miles across camp, east and west. All this ground is policed every morning so you see it is quite a task to clean up a territory at least eight miles square every morning, although it is done in about fifteen minutes. Everything is done with a soap and everything is kept shining.

We get up at 5:30 in the morning have ten minutes to dress. On the line at 5:30 to answer roll call, have ten minutes setting up exercises and fall out at 6:40. Then we have five minutes to wash and get ready for breakfast. After breakfast we clean up the ground that our tents are on and burn everything that we find on the ground, such as paper, matches, cigar stubs and etc.

At seven o'clock we fall in for drill, drill four hours and are dismissed for dinner. At dinner we eat, with eight men in a bunch. The Corporal and

seven men that he has in charge. We eat just like we did at home. The meals are set on the table and every man helps himself.

At 1:30 in the afternoon we have military school for one hour. We are then dismissed until 5:30. Then we fall in line with our rifles and stand at attention and present arms, while the band plays for retreat, The Star Spangled Banner. After retreat we have supper, and the time from then on, until taps, is our own. Taps is at 11:00 o'clock when every man must be in bed.

Tomorrow night Company K. goes on guard. Guard is one of the most serious things to contend with in army life.

Well I have told you quite a bit about army life and that isn't half of it. We take another examination before we leave this country. Quite a few of the boys were not accepted in this examination, it is so rigid I bet it seems funny around there now without old Joe and Jim. We will be back some day, and I will have lots to tell you, about things that I have seen because I see a good many things here every day. They have taken great measures here in the protection of the soldiers. The soldiers go to the Y. M. C. A. at nights and sing, play the piano and different instruments and have a good time. No civilians are permitted to be in camp, except newsboys and car drivers that take the boys to town at night. Well I must close now hoping to hear from you soon. I remain, as ever your brother,
 Hubert D. Stratton,
 Co. K. 5th Nebr. Inf.,
 Camp Cody, New Mexico

Mrs. Julia Weesner

(By Rev. F. M. Drulliner)

While all nature was busy decorating herself in the gorgeous robes of autumn time, while birds were calling to their mates to prepare for the long journey to the southland, while the earth was pulsating in rapture at the wooing of the sun, amidst the laughter of children on the street, the sounds of toilers at their tasks, silently, but upon his swiftest wing, the death angel flitted through our beloved city and bore away a neighbor and friend, and yonder, beyond the realms of pain and weakness and parting and death, the beautiful, motherly, Christian spirit of sister Julia Weesner has gone, but robed in white now, full of exuberant life now, singing with that mighty chorus now, whose sweet strains reached her ears a few days ago, free from pain and weariness and emaciation now, yes, just over yonder, "Awake in his Likeness."

Mrs. Weesner made no pretensions to distinction in the larger affairs of life, but wrought with faithful untiring effort in her sphere to provide for the needs and comfort of those she loved dearest. She claimed not perfection, but recognized and lived for a higher goal as the years swept on. She carried no hatred in her heart, and malice was not born for her in the hearts of others. Her greeting was cheerful, her wishes for all was well. She was faithful to her duties, devoted to her family and home, and recognized her Creator in her life. She had virtues that others might well covet, and habits worthy of emulation. We shall miss her as we walk the streets, and assemble in the house of worship, but we have good ground to hope and believe that her life has passed into a broader and more joyous realm, and that she is looking out upon the sunrise of a blissful eternity.

Julia White was born in Green County, Tennessee, on April 18th., 1863, passed from this earth at Red Cloud, Nebraska, October 12th., 1917, at the age of 54 years, 5 months and 24 days. On January 7th., 1883, she was united in marriage to William L. Weesner; after living about a year near her old home in Tennessee they moved to Jewell County, Kansas, where they made their home for 22 years; from there they came to Red Cloud, Nebraska, where they have remained these last twelve years; four children came to bless the lives and cheer the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weesner, John, the eldest, a prosperous farmer living just over the line in Kansas, Roscoe, one of the substantial merchants of Red Cloud; twin daughters, Lora, wife of the present County Clerk of Webster, and Cora, wife of a promising young electrical engineer. Mrs. Weesner had a strongly developed mother impulse, and when a little nine months old infant, some years ago, needed motherly nursing and a home, she was received and cared for and raised as tenderly as were her own children.

Mrs. Weesner was converted and united with the Methodist church when seventeen years of age, transferring her membership to the Methodist church in Red Cloud upon moving here and remaining a faithful member until her death.

There are two items that are of particular interest to the immediate relatives; viz., the birth of twin daughters occurring on the anniversary of her wedding day; and the death of Sister Weesner occurring on the anniversary of the wedding of her daughter, Cora. The funeral services were held from the Methodist church in Red Cloud, conducted by her pastor, Rev. F. M. Drulliner, assisted by Rev. Beebe of the United Christian church, the interment being made in the Red Cloud cemetery.

Mrs. Weesner was the oldest of a family of 13 children, eight girls and five boys, all of whom survive her except one. Her aged mother is still living at the old home in Tennessee. Relatives present at the funeral are: John F. White, a half brother from Leoti, Kansas; Miss Bertha White, a sister from Lacrosse, Kansas; Miss Edie White, a sister from Knoxville, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Brown, the latter a sister, from Paradise, Kansas; Bruce White, a brother from Smith Center, Kansas; William White a brother from Esbon, Kansas. A. J. White, a brother residing here was absent on a visit to Tennessee. The following relatives were unable to be present for the funeral: Mrs. Mollie Brown, Weesner, Idaho; Mrs. Debbie Lloyd, James White, Idaho; Mrs. Jennie Davis, Mrs. Fannie Simpson and the aged mother, Mrs. Rachel White, all of Baileytown, Tennessee.

B. C. Boys Were too Rough

On Friday afternoon the Beaver City high school football team defeated the local high school team in a fast game, by the score of 27 to 14.

Both teams were on the field promptly at 3:30 and as before a coin was tossed for the decision of the kickoff. The kickoff fell to Beaver City, who kicked to the forty yard line, their opponents carrying the ball back to the twenty yard line. The home boys tried line smashes and made good gains and then trying forward passes lost the ball to Beaver City on an incomplete pass. Beaver City made very little or no gains on line smashes and also tried a forward pass which was caught by Pope and he went over the line for the first touchdown in just 10 minutes of play. Paul Newhouse kicked goal. Beaver City then, on a fine end run also made a touchdown and kicked goal.

At the end of the first quarter the people felt confident that they would see a good game of football the score being 7 to 7. The second quarter started out with Beaver City again having the kickoff and our boys went right into the game like veterans and on a good forward pass Pope went across the line for another touchdown, also kicked goal. Beaver City being seven points behind, thought it time for them to start but in their great hurry one of their men was "off side" and referee Gellatly penalized them 10 yards. This seemed to put additional "pep" into their players and on a fine end run secured another touchdown, this time they failed to kick goal. The score being 13 to 14 at the close of the first half, in favor of Red Cloud.

But the home boys were doomed to disappointment. Owing to an injury to the ankle of Pope he was taken out and Gilbert put in his place. Although very good gains were made by Drulliner, Binkledge and P. Newhouse and the playing of Prevost was nothing short of marvelous, they could make no more touchdowns.

The Beaver City boys made two more touchdowns, one each quarter, but it was the opinion of the onlookers that the last one was not fair. The ball was home for the visitors on a fumble on the part of one of our players and our boys thinking the opponent with the ball was down, let him up and he made a rush for a touchdown, and owing to the fact that the referee's whistle had not blown it was allowed.

Will Hold Regular Services

On Sunday, Rev. W. S. Hampton, one of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Congregational Conference, was in the city and held morning and evening services at the Congregational church. Mr. Hampton has been identified with Congregational work in Nebraska for forty years and has had an acquaintance with practically all of the pastors of the Red Cloud church. His sermons were most interesting and inspiring.

At a business meeting of the church it was decided to hold regular services each Sunday morning and evening and prayer meetings each Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Pulpit to be filled for the present by Rev. G. W. Mitchell, Principal of the Franklin Academy, and wife, both of whom are ordained ministers. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Will Move to the Coast

Joe Fogel, who for several years past has conducted a harness and leather store in this city, returned from a trip through California and Washington, Mrs. Fogel having remained in the west.

Mr. Fogel informs us that he will close out his business in this city, having purchased a ranch near Tacoma, and that his son, Wyeth, and wife will leave for the west on Monday of next week.

We regret very much to see these people leave our midst, but we are also anxious to see our citizens prosper and be content, and as they are of the opinion that Washington has a brighter future in store for them than has Nebraska, we wish them success and happiness in their new home.

While working at his farm on Monday, Chas. Gurney Sr., had the misfortune to have his team run away with him, throwing him off the vehicle on which he was riding, breaking one of his ribs and otherwise injuring him.

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Potsdam Leads

The following are the official returns from the registration of the women of Webster County, from Sept. 29, to Oct. 7, 1917.

Precinct	Chairman	No. Reg.
Potsdam	Mrs. J. B. Lane	226
Potsdam	Mrs. Paul Pope	198
Red Cloud	Mrs. Edgar Cowden	125
Red Cloud	Miss Jesse McCalum	111
Guide Rock	Mrs. G. H. Phelps	65
Glenwood	Mrs. W. H. Tabor	61
Inavale	Mrs. Jas. Saunders	46
Cowles	Mrs. Robt. Williams	29
Oak Creek	Miss Grace Friable	27
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Ed Paul	26
Elm Creek	Miss Bell Hamilton	22
Beaver Creek	Mrs. Chas. Ailes	21
Garfield	Mrs. John Sutton	15
Walnut Creek	Mrs. Geo. J. Baker	12
Catherton	Mrs. J. H. Greenhalgh	3
Stillwater	Miss John Aubushon	3
Line	Mrs. Webb Reynolds	3
Basin		990
Total		990

Fifty-three women have signified their willingness to go anywhere and sixty-nine will go any where in the United States.
 Mrs. Frank Smith, Co. Chm. Women's Com.
 Miss Annie Belle Spanogle, Co. Chm. Reg. County Council of Defense, Webster County.

ATTENTION PATRIOTS

The week of October 21 will be food pledge week for the schools. Arrangements have been made whereby speakers will be stationed in each of the towns of the county on Saturday, October 20.

On this day each speaker will endeavor to explain to the people just what is the object of the food pledge cards which will be distributed for each adult to sign. There is no money considerations of any kind attached to this card, as is thought by some of our citizens. Everyone is requested to be present and hear the addresses.

This schedule gives approximately the time for addresses and speakers at the different towns on Saturday.

Bladen	3:30	Rev. Drulliner
Blue Hill	7:30	Rev. Drulliner
Lawrence	3:30	Supt. Wright
Cowles	2:00	Rev. Beebe
Rosemont	3:30	Rev. Beebe
Campbell	2:30	Rev. Fitzgerald
Inavale	2:00	E. G. Caldwell
Red Cloud	2:00	F. A. Good
Guide Rock	3:30	F. A. Good