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Mrs. Samuel Deakin

Mrs. Samuel Deakin, well-known resident of Cowles, was called to the life beyond, shortly after midnight Tuesday. She had suffered a severe attack of influenza some time previous, and complications following this gradually weakened her until death ensued. She had resided at Cowles for twenty-five years or more, and was about 71 years of age. Immediate relatives surviving are her husband, two sons, Thomas H. at home and Wm. E. of Omaha, and two daughters, Lottie L. and Mrs. Henry Keeney, both of Cowles. Two children, James and Flossie preceded the mother, passing onward several years ago.

Dean Lacy Writes

Preutin, France, Nov. 26, 1918
Dear Folks:—
I will drop you a line so let you know that I am alright as usual. I am at a different place from where I was the last time I wrote you. We moved a day or two after I wrote. There will be no use for you to try to find this place on the map because it is too small a place, unless you have a map as large as Webster County. We arrived here the evening of Nov. 21st or that is the most of us got here. We came by truck train two aero squadrons and two photo sections. We're all day on the road. This place is situated about eight or ten miles from the German border just about opposite the southwest corner of Luxemburg. We only expect to stay here for a few days. I guess we would have been away from here now if it had not started into raining again. Now I guess we will stay until the weather gets a little better. From what I hear the next move we make will be to a German aviation field about five miles from the city of Luxemburg, and from there to Cologne, probably will not stay in any of those places only a short time, after that I think it will be back to U. S. A. We surely are seeing some of the country now. The trip up here was certainly great. We came through Verdun, past Dead Mans Hill and drove for miles through where possibly the hardest fighting of the war took place. One cannot realize what a desolate place Verdun and the country around it is without seeing it with ones own eyes. Some of the principle places that I have been in in France are Le Havre, the port we landed at; Paris, St. Maxnut, that is northeast of Bordeaux, Tours, Colombey La Belle, that is in the eastern part of France and about fifty miles southwest of Metz. From there I was sent to a little village about five miles from Barle Duc to join the photo section I am now in. Was there until our move to this place. I received a letter from you tonight that was written Sept. 24th. Have had only one letter from you that was written any time lately. How do you like my German stationery? Well about all of us are out of stationery and we just write on anything we can find. Some of the fellows are using enlarging paper, but I think by the time it gets to the states some one is going to be out of luck reading what is on one side of it. One can't buy a single thing in these villages. The inhabitants are almost all gone. I don't think there are more than three or four families living in this place now. I was in hopes that I would get home in time for Xmas but I guess I won't make it. However from what I hear I don't believe it will be more than six or eight weeks at the most before we are on our way home. Well I guess I better quit for this time as I must write another letter or two tonight. Everyone goes to bed about seven or seven-thirty these days. It is almost dark at four o'clock. The days are much shorter here than in the states this time of the year. Well I will write again soon. Lots of love from DEAN.

Commercial Club Active

At a meeting held in the Commercial Club rooms Tuesday evening interest in community affairs was aroused, the club was reorganized on the community plan uniting the farming and business elements. Prof. P. M. Whitehead, Rev. J. D. Hammel, Dr. McBride, E. M. Ege and Ed McAllister addressed the large assembly. Secretary F. W. Cowden, to whose efforts this revived activity are largely due, presented plans whereby the city could secure an artificial ice plant, which met with unanimous approval. All the old officers were reelected, and a number of new members enrolled.

Death of Soldier

John Slaby died at Camp Funston last week, after several week's illness with pneumonia and complications following. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slaby were with him at the time of his death. The remains were brought here Monday and funeral held Wednesday at the Catholic church. Six soldier boys in uniform acted as pall bearers. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Gleaned From Near and Far

Mrs. John Darwin of Guide Rock, 65 years of age, fell when getting out of bed and broke a bone in her left hip. James M. Tyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tyler of Guide Rock, well known in this section of Webster county, died of wounds overseas, Dec. 11th. He was 26 years old. Munsel Bros. of Cambridge, sold fifty herd bulls and cows for \$192,250, which is \$700 higher than the world's previous record. Score another point for Nebraska. Roy L. Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Peters of near Guide Rock, died of influenza at Independence, Kan., Dec. 30th, age 31 years. George Anderson of near Bladen, and Miss Hilda Waugh, of Sutton, were married New Years day. They will reside at Friend, where Mr. Anderson has employment as Wire Chief for the telephone company. Thos. Hornberger of near Bladen slipped and fell upon a wood saw last week, the saw severing his collar bone and several ribs. His heart was visible through the wound. Senate file No. 1, the first bill brought before the new legislature at Lincoln, was for ratification of the proposed prohibitory amendment to the United States constitution. There is no doubt expressed as to its immediate passage. It is reported from Topeka that the country-wide shortage of labor that has existed for the past eighteen months is being rapidly wiped out. Another hunting accident last week—this time over in Franklin county, Jens Anderson of Upland, was shot in the leg, one of the bones being broken off. The gun was lying in a wagon in which he was riding and was discharged, evidently, by a jolt thereof. It is suggested that wherever memorial services for the late T. R. Roosevelt are contemplated, Feb. 9th be the date thereof. J. E. Morris, long established hardware merchant at Riverton, has traded his stock for farm property and retired from the business. Kansas City papers of Tuesday report snowstorms west and southwest of that city. One who knows remarks that the boys who brag of going through the entire war "without a scratch" have evidently forgotten the "cooties." A casual reader of the Guide Rock Signal remarked, "Not much in the paper this week." Had he read the Advertiser of date immediately subsequent the cause would have been apparent. A Supreme Court decision is to the effect that carrying intoxicating liquor into a "dry" state is illegal even when the goods are intended for personal use only.

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