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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Mrs. R. H. Langford and daughter Alice returned yesterday from a protracted visit with relatives in Ogden.

Christian Science service Sunday 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings every week at 8:00. Building & Loan building, room 25.

**FLOUR PACKER WANTED NORTH PLATTE ELECTRIC MILLS.**

The Methodist ladies were accorded a generous patronage at the cafeteria supper served at the church parlors last evening. The menu was excellently prepared.

Capt. P. R. Halligan, chairman of the insurance committee at Camp Cody, announces that the soldier boys at that camp have taken out ten million dollars insurance to date.

Lieut. Roy Cochran, stationed at Fortress Monroe in the coast artillery, spent several days in town this week visiting friends, leaving for the east last night. Lieut. Cochran is looking fine and is enjoying his work in the service of Uncle Sam.

Please phone me your Christmas orders for magazines, also for "True Voice." Mrs. M. V. Mitchell, phone Red 104.

The Union Pacific is getting out service flags for each of the districts and will display them at the terminal stations. The flag to be displayed here will include a star for each North Platte employe who has entered the service.

Freight traffic through this terminal has decreased materially during the past week, due to it is thought to the pooling of traffic by the roads east of Chicago, whereby both east and west bound freight is diverted from the Union Pacific.

The Elk dancing club gave an enjoyable party at the home last evening. There was a good attendance notwithstanding the rather inclement weather.

J. M. Knox, who suffered a paralytic stroke Saturday has regained the use of his body, but his mind at times becomes effected and the services of a care-taker is constantly needed.

Ferdinand Streitz and William Brodbeck, who have enlisted in the 23d engineers corps, will pass through North Platte the early part of next week from San Francisco to Camp Meade, Annapolis Junction, Md., where they will be in training.

The music and art department of the Twentieth Century club was entertained Tuesday afternoon by Miss Irene Stuart, and as a substitution for the regular program the members enjoyed a talk on American art and American artists by a Mr. Yard, who travels for an art house.

Supt. Tout recommends the formation of a community chorus following the holiday vacation, in which both women and men will be included. These community choruses are found in nearly all the larger towns and are proving a success. The towns receive the benefit of good music and the chorus members enjoy the work.

One of the many articles which the Red Cross is asked to send to France are well pumps. When the Germans retreated they completely devastated the country, destroying the pumps, cutting spokes from the wheels of the farm carts, felling orchards and wrecking farm houses. Some of the land owners are now filtering back to their ruined farms and one of their needs are pumps.

The remains of Geo. H. Meyer, of Brule, a soldier who died at Camp Funston Monday of pneumonia, were interred yesterday. At the request of the parents the dead soldier was given a military funeral, drummers Hodges and Garrison of this city, several other members of the Spanish War Veterans and eight high school cadets of this city carrying out the military part.

**Solons Consider Small Pox.**

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday evening the burden of the discussion was the small pox situation and its different phases. While conditions are improving and it is believed will continue to improve, the great need is a pest house. The councilmen canvassed in their minds the entire town, but failed to find a building that would be suitable for such purposes. Here is an instance that stumps the councilmen; A man or woman rooms at a certain house, he or she is taken with the disease, the household demands that the roomer be removed, but with no pest-house, where is the roomer to be removed?

Elsewhere the city advertises for parties who will room and take care of small pox patients. There may be such persons, and there may not—only time will prove.

In the meantime quarantine regulations are being more tightly drawn and enforced and it is hoped to stamp out the disease eventually.

**Christian Church**

Services at the Christian church will begin at 9:45 a. m. on Lord's day, Dec. 9th. The morning service will consist of bible school, communion and sermon. The entire membership of the church is urged to hear this sermon. The theme of the sermon will be "The Scriptural Qualifications of Church Officers." The service at night will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The night sermon will be evangelistic and the theme will probably be "A Voice from Behind." All are cordially welcomed to these services. T. A. LINDENMEYER, Minister.

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**First Lutheran Church.**

Rev. C. Franklin Koch, Pastor. Morning worship 11 o'clock with special sermon on the very important subject of "The Second Coming of Christ." Evening worship 8 o'clock. Sermon, "The Lost Opportunity Regained." Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Strangers welcome at all these services.

Meeting of the Mission Band, Saturday, December 8th, at 2 o'clock, at the parish house.

**M. E. Church.**

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., theme "The Foolishness of God." Epworth League 6:30 p. m. At 7:30, special music by the orchestra and sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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**SOLDIER'S LOT NOT SO BAD**

American Fighters at the Front Not in the Trenches Continuously—Plenty of Amusement.

The trouble with the American public is that they have heard and read so much of the great war and its horrors that they think their boys are going to be continually in the midst of bloodshed and constantly in discomfort, and they concentrate on the terrible side of it and ask, "How long will it be before he is killed?" They don't see that that is not all there is to it," declares a war correspondent.

It is natural enough of course. A man writes a book about the war, takes one incident, and another, and another, makes chapters of them, with the result that the man and woman who read his book read a succession of horrors, and they think it is all like that. They don't realize, or they forget, the weeks between these "horrors" and discomforts.

A man is in the front trench under fire, say, two days, and sent back four, or perhaps four days and sent back eight. Usually a brigade is in the "fire sector" 32 days. Then it is sent back to the rest billets for an equal time. Here the men are in practically no danger—perhaps an occasional shell. They are together in jolly comradeship, having lots of amusements—football, baseball—plenty to do. They are well fed, well equipped, well amused.

Of course, the grouch soldier is going to have a grouchy time, but the life of the American soldier on the western front is going to be just about what he makes it. If he goes into it in the right spirit he will find that it isn't so bad as it is cracked up to be. And then he will be in a great state of indignation because the reports of it have made it seem so awful.

When he realizes that it isn't so bad, he mustn't forget to sit down and tell the folks at home! He knows it's a lot better than he thought it was going to be. But they don't.

**PATRIOTIC MEETING IS VERY SLIMLY ATTENDED.**

A rather slimly attended patriotic meeting was held at the Franklin auditorium Wednesday evening, which had been called to hear an address by L. W. Trester, assistant director of the Red Cross work in Nebraska.

The band played on the streets for the purpose of drawing out a crowd, but this did not have the desired result and the attendance did not exceed a hundred.

Mrs. Geo. B. Deny presided and introduced J. J. Halligan, who spoke on the county defense council; M. E. Crosby, whose talk was on the war work of the Y. M. C. A.; and Miss Annie Kramp, who advocated the purchase by the North Platte public of \$500 worth of Red Cross stamps. Mr. Trester was then introduced and spoke

for thirty minutes on the Red Cross work abroad, the need of each individual making sacrifices in order to win the war, and that soon the Red Cross will ask the people for donations of two hundred and fifty million dollars to carry on the work. Mr. Trester voiced the predictions of others that the war will last at least five years, and perhaps ten, and that the people must furnish the funds to carry it on. This means that sacrifices must be made, and that the people must wake up to the fact that we are at war. Next March, when the American troops are in the trenches in large numbers and the casualty lists are daily published, we will then realize the awfulness of the struggle and the need of the Red Cross work.

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**THE OPAL RING**

By EFFIE STEVENS.

After two sleepless nights, during which all the latent superstition of his nature had come to the front, Harold Ashton decided that he would rid himself of his ill-omened opal at the earliest possible moment.

He had had nothing but ill luck since he owned the thing, the crowning piece being his quarrel with his fiancée, Marion Hulbert. She had declared that the great gem in its unique setting was too showy an article of jewelry for a man of good taste to wear. He had thought differently, and the outcome had been his final dismissal.

Yet how to dispose of the ring was something of a puzzle to the unimaginative Ashton.

Finally he decided that the thing to do would be to lose it. But the simple and obvious methods of ridding himself of it, by casting it from a rapidly moving train, or hurling it into the ocean from the deck of a steamboat, never so much as entered his head.

Later in the day Ashton dropped into his friend Jim Benton's office for a chat, and the sight of the trim-looking young woman, industriously pounding away upon the typewriting machine, put a new idea into his head.

"Miss Brown," he asked, "have you time to address an envelope for me?"

"Certainly," replied Miss Brown, finishing the letter she was at work upon and inserting an envelope in her machine.

Ashton walked over to her side and told her the address in a low tone.

After thanking Miss Brown, Ashton hurried from the office, with the envelope safe in his pocket, and back to the seclusion of his own room, where he gave himself up to the pleasant task of packing the opal up preparatory to losing it.

He did the ring up in a small box, upon which he pasted the address which he cut from the envelope.

When Ashton had shoved his box through the slit labeled "parcels" at the post office, he felt more like himself than he had done for some time.

The next morning, drawn by that irresistible influence which is supposed to draw murderers to the scenes of their former crimes, often to their own undoing, Ashton was sauntering past Packard's jewelry store, when one of the clerks hailed him with: "Mr. Packard wishes to see you a moment."

With sinking heart Ashton meekly followed the clerk into the store.

Mr. Packard looked at Ashton sharply through his spectacles, as he inquired: "This is your ring, isn't it?" Ashton's face grew very red under the keen scrutiny of the old man.

"Yes," he stammered, pretending to examine the too-familiar ring which Mr. Packard held out to him. "I lost it."

"Huh!" ejaculated the Jeweler, "Looks more like theft. It came to you by mail. I knew in a minute it was yours, for we never made another one like it," and he pointed to the peculiar setting.

At two o'clock that afternoon he made his way to the Shirley theater, where there was to be a popular-priced matinee for children. As he had expected, there was a large crowd collected before the entrance. Into this setting, pushing mass of humanity Ashton forced his way.

It seemed an ideal place to lose anything, whether one wanted to or not. When he could advance no farther, Ashton slipped the ring from his finger, and without so much as glancing at those about him, slyly let it fall; then he backed out of the crowd as rapidly as he could, and hurried from the scene.

Early that evening, as he was smoking a lonely pipe, and congratulating himself upon the fact of his having at last lost his unlucky opal, the door was flung open and Ted, the curly-headed young brother of Marion Hulbert, entered.

"Door was open downstairs so I just came right up," said Ted, nonchalantly. "Got a note from sis," and, making a sudden dive into the depths of his trousers pocket, he drew forth a crumpled note, which he tossed to Ashton.

Ashton opened it with trembling fingers and read:

"Please come to me this evening. I wish to restore to you something of value which you have lost. MARION." He got rid of Ted in short order, and then struggled into evening clothes.

"Poor little girl," he thought, commiseratingly, as he hastened his preparations, "she's had as hard a time of it as I have had, and now she's given in and sent for me to tell me that she wishes to make up and restore herself to me."

So, when he entered the Hulberts' parlor, Ashton sprang forward and clasped her unresisting form in his arms.

It was not until a triumphant Ashton was bidding a blushing Marion good night that that young person remembered to say: "There, I came near forgetting to return your lost property."

"I supposed that you had already returned it," Ashton replied, with a meaning smile.

"Of course not," Marion pouted. "I wanted to give you your opal ring." "Where on earth did you get it?" demanded the amazed Ashton.

"I took my small niece to the theater and when I reached home I found it caught in the platts of my skirt." Now his opal is Ashton's most treasured piece of jewelry.

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Two and a half years ago Dodge Brothers cars were placed on the market, and today Dodge production is second only to Ford, and is now second largest producer of motor cars in the world.

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Dodge.....1888	Dodge.....207.....117%
Overland.....1733	Overland.....205.....39
Buick.....1688	Buick.....109.....33
Chandler.....763	Chevrolet.....96.....90
Maxwell.....728	Maxwell.....94.....24
Hudson.....720	Studebaker.....35.....9
Chevrolet.....700	Oakland.....17.....30
Oakland.....614	Reo.....3.....5
Reo.....515	Mitchell.....2.....

No other car above listed is as young as the Dodge in years, nor any of their makers as old as Dodge Brothers in experience in building cars.

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