

SCALES WALLS OF PEKIN FOR DRILL

A Plattsmouth Boy Sees Many Places in Many Climes, in Six Years Absence From Home

After visiting a week in this city with his parents, Herman Bestor and wife, Daniel Bestor departed today for Des Moines, Iowa, where he expects to secure a position at the fort at that place driving a corral wagon. Mr. Bestor had not been at home for more than six years. When he first left home he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he enlisted as a private in Company B, Twenty-second U. S. regiment, and was sent to Ft. Logan, Colorado. He returned seven months and was then transferred to the Philippine Islands. Here he remained two years, and during that time was in no engagements where it was necessary to shoot in the offensive or defensive, and was called out in only one action, which was settled without the firing of a single gun.

During the trouble in China, that claimed the attention of all nations for three or four years, Mr. Bestor's regiment was sent from our island possessions to the Flowery kingdom, being stationed with the garrison whose duty it was to protect the United States legation at Peking, where they remained about seven months. He tells of some interesting features of the ancient capital of the Celestials.

He says Peking is situated about forty miles inside of the great wall of China, and is enclosed within an inner wall. This inner wall is about thirty miles in length and on an average about fifty feet high. Its sides are almost perpendicular, having every four feet an offset of three inches.

By way of drill the troops were compelled to scale or climb these walls daily, using nothing but their hands and feet, carrying meanwhile their arms and knapsack. A fall from the top meant death or a stay in the hospital. The walls are built of marble, polished on the inside. The city is divided into two portions, the northern portion being inhabited by descendants from the ancient Tartars, while the southern part is the dwelling place of the Chinese proper. The Tartar part is built in a four sided enclosure, subdivided into three parts, one of which is called the "Forbidden City," where the Imperial family reside. The second is called the "Imperial City," and is occupied as a residence for the Imperial princes, officers of the army and others

of high rank. The third division is where the six tribunals sit, and is the part allotted to the legations of the United States, Great Britain and France. There are many notable buildings in the ancient city, among which are the "Temple of Peace," failing in its influence upon the people, however, as indicated by the boxer movement—also the "Mohammedan Mosque," the "Observatory," the "Temple of Agriculture," and the "Temple of Heaven." In the latter, the emperor goes once a year to offer sacrifice. The building is a vast circular structure with many roofs, the edges of which are turned up. The inside is painted and decorated in all the hues of the rainbow. In the neighborhood are allowed temples of all the known religions in the world.

There is nothing to support the city other than its being the seat of government, having been occupied as one of the capitals since 1282.

After leaving China the regiment in which Mr. Bestor was serving, returned to the United States and was stationed at Ft. McDonald on Angel island, near San Francisco, where they were located at the time of the earthquake disaster. The heavier shocks were felt on the island and one of the buildings at the fort was partly destroyed.

When martial law was declared he was among those who did patrol duty, to keep looters from committing robbery of the United States treasury and other places where valuables were exposed. Later he was transferred to South Dakota, when trouble with the Indians was feared. He served seven months there and was honorably discharged, having served his full time.

During the entire time he did not have to shoot at an enemy, nor was he shot at, a very rare experience considering the length of service and the scenes through which he passed.

He came home about a week ago and has been visiting his folks here and in the country west of town. Should he not succeed in finding a suitable opening at Des Moines, he expects to go to North Dakota to look for land.

The representative of this paper saw him at the Burlington station, but was not able to elicit a great deal from him about his experience, as he considered it only every day duty, and was not looking for notoriety.

Influenza

It seems to be beyond doubt that influenza has again invaded this country and that it is rapidly spreading from east to west. The advice of all doctors is to try to gain as much strength as possible in order to withstand the attack of that treacherous disease. To do this you have to strengthen first your digestive organs with Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine. It acts directly on these organs and makes them capable to work without difficulty, that is, to accept food and digest it. If your stomach is weak, if you cannot eat as much as usual, if you do not feel well after meals, if the food does not agree with you, if you are getting weaker, if your tongue is coated, and your breath is foul, if you feel bloated, Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine will help you better than any remedy in the world. Whoever needs bodily strength and a healthy stomach, should try this preparation. If you need free medical advice, write to the manufacturer, Jos. Triner, 616-622 So. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Will Visit Over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. White departed this afternoon for David City, where they will visit with Mrs. White's brother, Wm. McKendall, and will look after some business as well. They will also visit during their absence at Surprise, where they will be a guest of Dempsey White, a brother of Mr. White. They do not expect to return until next week some time.

English Spavin Liniment removes Hard, Soft or Calloused Eumps and Blemishes from horses; also Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring Bone, Stiffes, Sprains, Swollen Throats, Coughs etc. Save \$50 by use of one bottle. A wonderful Blemish Cure. Sold by Gering & Co., Druggists.

New Provision On Passes.

Passes now issued by the Burlington contain a saving clause on the back for the protection of the company never before used. It is to the effect that the recipient of the pass agrees not to use the pass in violation of any state or interstate law affecting the issuance of passes.

The Epworth League Reception.

The annual reception of the Epworth League at "Sunmyside," the home of the Wescotts, was a most enjoyable occasion. The reception was held from eight to ten o'clock on Tuesday evening, the last day of the year. An account of the work done by the local society at this place was taken, which was of such a character as to give the members of the order much encouragement for the time and efforts spent to make the work which it is the aim of the auxiliary to accomplish.

Some of the pleasing features of the meeting was the singing of a solo by Miss Zelma Tvey, which was received with applause. Three of the young people gave readings, which also pleased the audience to that extent that they were repeatedly encored. The ones to favor the occasion were Misses Mildred Cummins, Marie Douglass and Master Bonnie Windham. A very pleasing and unique diversion was the calling of the roll of the League for the past twelve years by E. H. Wescott, and of the members there about fifteen responded to the roll call for the period, which is speaking good for the order. With the ever changing stream of humanity, some going and some coming—many have come and many have gone during these years.

Receive Bids for County Work.

Today being the day for the filing of propositions for doing the county bridge building, bids were received from the following firms for the construction of the work needed: The Nebraska Construction Company, Lincoln; the Standard Steel Bridge Company, Omaha; John W. Towle, Omaha.

Have Embarked in Business.

In the south room of the new Ebersole building, which has just been completed, Otto Herold and Ernest Wurl are opening a new modern and up-to-date machine shop. They have gotten their engine installed on the first floor, and most of their machinery in place and are ready for business. Both of these gentlemen are men of experience and good workmen. We do not see why they should not make of this enterprise an abundant success.

Henry Kingery was a passenger to Omaha to visit his son today.

Young People Entertained

The young people of the Presbyterian church were entertained on New Year's eve at the home of the pastor. The specific purpose of the gathering was to discuss the interests of the Christian Endeavor society for the coming year. After this matter was disposed of the rest of the evening was spent socially. Many diversions had been provided and the time was spent most pleasantly by every one. The rooms had been decorated with pictures, advertisements, drawings and clippings, each of which represented some well known or recent book. The pleasure of solving these was granted everyone there and the zest put into the exercise was commendatory on the interest the young people take in good literature. The honors went to Miss Esther Larson and Livingston Richey who tied for first prize, and in the guess off Mr. Richey won the box of stuffed dates, which were designed to sweeten the taste for more good reading. The hostess served chocolate and cake, after which Miss Mildred Cummins gave one of her inimitable dialect readings, followed by Ben Windham with an impersonation. He was greeted with cheers when he appeared and applauded uproariously when he had done. Miss Marie Douglas entertained the assemblage delightfully with her reading about what happened when Mr. Brown got his hair cut.

The pastor then wished them all a happy New Year, and the merry party broke up with good wishes and cordial sympathy for all men every where and with this spirit they were ready to enter another year and its responsibilities.

A Pleasant Affair

Saturday evening at the home of Wm. Peters and wife near Weeping Water Miss Irma invited about twenty-five of her friends to play progressive carrom. Leone and Dan Switzer carried off the prizes as the best players.

A midnight lunch was served, after which some very pretty selections were played on the piano by Misses Rosa and Christina Shafer, Hazel Jameson, Nellie Cockrell and Irma Peters.

Those who were present to enjoy the occasion were Ed Dowler, Roy and Margaret Gilberson, Leone and Dan Switzer, Hazel Jameson, Alice Hoback, Walter Jensen, Nellie Cockrell, Chas. Hutchins, Wayne Switzer, Rosa and Christina Shafer, Herbert Ratnour, Otto Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Worman, and Katie Britton of Burwell.

Mystic Legion Gets Members.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Irish, departed this afternoon for Ashland, where they are to work in the interest of the Imperial Mystic Legion of America. With the completing of their two weeks work in this place they have added just 56 new members to the order. Coming into this community perfect strangers and having to get acquainted during the time and working while doing so it seems as though their success in the line of adding to the lodge here has been more than what would have been expected. They know though they have a good order for which to labor, which coupled with active earnest presistent work has won the success in this instance.

Steps Down and Out

F. A. Bricka, who has been manager of the Republican, ceased his business connection with this paper last Saturday, and goes to Woodbine, Iowa, to assume proprietorship of the Woodbine Chronicle, in company with G. G. Adams. They have purchased the Chronicle and will be permanently located there as soon as convenient. Mr. Bricka's family will not leave until school is out. Woodbine is a good town and the paper is well patronized, and these gentlemen will undoubtedly enjoy a lucrative business. Their friends here will wish them every success.—Weeping Water Republican.

The Journal wishes Mr. Bricka success in his new field of labor.

Why Suffer from Rheumatism?

Do you know that rheumatic pains can be relieved? If you doubt this just try one application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It will make rest and sleep possible, and that certainly means a great deal to anyone afflicted with rheumatism. For sale by F. G. Frick & Co.

Mother Very Sick.

Gust Roman received a message yesterday saying that his mother, Mrs. Caroline Roman, of Sioux City, Iowa, was very sick, and for him to come. Mr. Roman departed on the early train yesterday for the bedside of his aged parent, who is past 84 years. Mr. Roman's father died some two years since at an advanced age.

Henry Westingberg, of Omaha, was a visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the home of Joseph Wurga.

The Accusation Was False

Some time ago a news item appeared in the daily press, purporting to show Mrs. Lillian Ford guilty of unlawfully living at the home of J. C. Quinn. At the time she was arrested and taken to Burwell where she was tried for adultery and proved innocent. This appears that she may be placed right before the public.

A CALL TO ACTION AT SIOUX CITY

The Movement to Place the Missouri in a Navigable Condition.

A meeting of the supporters and friends of the movement to place the Missouri river in navigable condition will be held on January 22 and 23 at Sioux City. The call sent out by the executive committee expresses the belief that this is the opportune time to push to successful completion the navigation of the Missouri river its entire length. To accomplish this is a herculean task.

Yet, nevertheless, it is not an impossible one. The word of engineers is pledged that the Missouri can be made permanently its entire length at no greater cost than the selling value per mile of a single track railroad from the river to Chicago. All that is needed is to convince congress of the benefits that will generally accrue from the improvement of this natural highway. There will come the real work.

The purpose of the Sioux City convention is to organize a permanent association embracing the states contiguous to the Missouri, each to be represented by one vice-president and one director. The directors will later select the officers. Business men of Lincoln and Nebraska are vitally interested in this work being pushed. The railroads are not opposing the improvement, so far as we have been able to learn, but rather welcome it as one way out of the vexing problem of transporting all that is offered there. A waterway will be a very good regulator of rates, and it can carry a lot of commerce at small expense. M. Jusserrand, the French ambassador, in a recent speech, said that the benefits to commerce in that country from the great era of waterway improvement and canal building now on has been wonderful. The rule there now is to have throughout France free waterways and canals, as they have free roads. These rivers and canals, he says, acts, in a way, as a rate bill, a self-regulating one.—Lincoln News.

On a Noble Mission.

Early yesterday morning we met our friend, John P. Sattler, wending his way to the south part of the city. His mission was to visit the sick Odd Fellows, of which there are three or four in that section of the city, and to pay them the usual amount allowed for benefits. A noble mission, indeed, on a bright New Year morning, and also a noble order which provides for its sick and distressed. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is one of the oldest orders in existence, and its motto, "F. L. and T." means all these letters signify. They make a specialty of providing for their sick and looking after them, as well as the widows and orphans of deceased members. We delighted in seeing Mr. Sattler's happy smile as he proceeded on his way to visit his sick brethren and to give them aid.

A Big Fat Turkey.

Our good friend, Billy Gillespie, received a New Year present from Oklahoma in the shape of a big, fat turkey, already dressed for roasting. It was sent to him by Mike Swatzfischer with the wish that he and his wife would enjoy eating same on the first day of the new year. "Billy" feels greatly delighted to be thus remembered by his old friend.

Departs For His Home.

R. P. Wright, of Lake Chalan, Wash., after visiting in the city for some two or three weeks with friends and relatives, a guest of his father, departed for Minneapolis last evening, where he has two cars of apples from the Pacific coast on the market. Mr. Wright started with four cars, but fearing the cold weather through the northwest placed two cars in store, and will ship them after he has returned home. He finds Minneapolis a very good market the apples selling as high as \$2.50 per bushel.

W. W. Coates departed last evening for Kewanee, Illinois, on the Burlington, where he is looking after some business matters in connection with his department store at that place.

Henry Williams, of Norfolk, after visiting in the city for some time with friends, departed yesterday morning for Greenwood, where he will visit for a short time before going home.

Miss Mayme Graves, of Lincoln, after having visited in the city for some time, a guest at the home of her mother, departed for Lincoln this morning, where she is employed as a trained nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Werdeman of Lee this state departed for their home this afternoon, after having visited with friends and relatives in and south of the city, the guests of Mrs. Werdeman's sister, Mrs. Etta Nickels.

Misses Hanna Black, Hermia Spies and Mable Trussler, made up a merry party who visited with friends in Omaha last New Year's afternoon, returning home last evening.

Paul Morgan departed for Lincoln this afternoon, after visiting in the city during the holidays. He will take up his work again in the State University.

PARCELS POST FOR RURAL ROUTES

The House Committee to Vote for Measure Confining Services to Country Districts Only.

A special Washington correspondent, under date of January 1, says that the prospects for the establishment of a special parcels delivery post system in the rural districts of the United States, for the benefit of the farmers and country merchants, are exceptionally bright, but there is no chance whatever of a law being enacted by the present congress for the general parcels post system for the people of the cities.

A bill is now being prepared by the officials of the postoffice department providing for a parcels post in the rural districts. It will be submitted to the House Postoffice and Post Roads Committee, which will perfect the measure, and send it to the House, with a favorable recommendation, provided the bill can be drafted so as to confine the service to the country districts.

Representative Overstreet, chairman of the Postoffice Committee, favors this proposition, and a majority of the committee will vote for it. Those who are interested in this project have sounded many members of the House and it has developed that it will be adopted by a large majority, if the measure is voted on. Practically every member of the House who lives outside of the cities will vote for it.

Convenience in Buying.

A large proportion of the rural members declare that the country merchants will be greatly benefited by the establishment of a parcels-post system, and declare they will enjoy an era of unparalleled prosperity, as the farmers will be able to telephone their orders to the stores and have the goods delivered by the rural carrier without being forced to neglect their work to go to town to make their purchases. There is no objection to this scheme on the ground that it will trespass upon the domain of private business enterprises, as it would develop a new line of business and there are no express companies in this field to oppose the plan.

It is contemplated to provide for the establishment of the parcel-post system on rural delivery routes for packages originating on a rural route or at the distributing Postoffice for delivery by rural carriers to the patrons at a rate

of 5 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound up to eleven pounds. For two ounces or less the charge will be one cent; over two ounces and up to four, 2 cents; four to eight ounces, 3 cents; eight to twelve ounces, 4 cents, and twelve ounces to one pound, 5 cents. No packages could be mailed from the cities to the country districts under this system, as the law would strictly limit the service to the country districts.

Assistant Postmaster General De Graw says:

Plan Means Better Roads.

"This will be a great boon to farmers who have not the conveniences for obtaining the necessities of life, such as residents in cities enjoy. The scheme will facilitate consumption and increase the business of the country merchant. Increased trade for the county merchant means increased orders for those from whom he purchases supplies. It will increase the sale of postage stamps, and advance automatically the salaries of all the fourth-class postmasters, whose salaries are based on the amount of sales. I believe that the revenue derived from the rural parcels post will be clear gain, and it goes far toward making the rural free service self-sustaining.

"Other advantages to be derived from this system will be the improvements of the roads brought about by increased transportation over the rural routes. The improvement of the roads will benefit the farmer, and he cannot improve his condition without helping the rest of the country."

There is absolutely no chance whatever of congress authorizing an extension of the parcels post system for the entire country, for Representative Prendergast, chairman of the House Postoffice Committee, is strongly opposed to the system, and unless great pressure is brought to bear upon him, this measure will be smothered in committee. Senator Platt, of New York, president of the United States Express Company, is unalterably opposed to a parcels' post, and it is possible for him and his colleague, whose interests are identical with those of Platt, to prevent action by the Senate.

Old Citizen Visits Town.

George Tressler, a former citizen of this place, now making his home at Red Oak, came in this morning for a few days visit with friends and relatives. Mr. Tressler is just returning from Council Bluffs, where accompanied his daughter, Miss Louise Tressler, where she is entering the Western Iowa College at that place. Mr. Tressler will remain and visit until the end of the week.

Dr. Cook's Mother Better.

Word from Dr. Cook who is with his mother at Salem, Iowa, where she is very sick, is to the effect that she is somewhat improved. The doctor will remain with her, and look after the case for the present, and should her condition warrant he will return near the end of the week. The many friends of the doctor will be pleased to know of his mother's improvement.

Bible Class and Teachers Meeting.

The Bible study class of the Christian church will meet jointly with the newly chosen officers and teachers of the Sunday school at the home of M. S. Briggs and wife, in the north suite of rooms in the Bach block on lower Main street tonight. Matters of interest to the Sunday school are to be considered and all officers and teachers are requested to be present.

Elks Observe the Passing Year.

Tuesday evening the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks observed the departing of the year 1907 and the coming of the New Year, 1908, by a dance and reception, at which a good number of the order and their friends were present. During the time while the ball was in session in Coates' Hall, the rooms of the order were open as a reception room, and the banquet rooms furnished something to regale the inner man. While the new year was yet quite young they departed well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

W. J. Black and two sons, Joe and Ed, went up to LaPlatte this morning to work for the Plattsmouth Telephone company, where they are putting their new toll line for Omaha.

W. L. Cooper of Chicago came in yesterday morning and is visiting here and will remain for a short time on account of the illness of Mrs. Cooper, who is suffering with rheumatism.

Miss Gerda Peterson went to Omaha today for a few days visit with friends.

Sustains a Very Severe Fall.

Mrs. Wm. Herold yesterday while endeavoring to communicate with the family of W. T. Smith, who are under quarantine for small-pox, and who are not allowed to communicate with any one except to talk across the lot, and while a great distance away she slipped, falling with her arm under her, injuring and bruising herself badly, and it was thought that she had broken her arm, and though badly bruised it was not broken. Friends carried her into the home of Mrs. S. E. McElwain, her next door neighbor and ministered unto her. After a while she was able to be taken home and is confined to her bed by reason of the fall. No fracture were occasioned, but being somewhat corpulent, and advanced in age the fall with her was very severe.

OFFICIAL MARKET REPORTS

Prepared Especially for the Readers of the Journal.

The following is today's markets furnished by the Cass County Commission company, A. H. Smith, Coates block:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Sept.	90 1/2	90 3/4	90 1/4	90 1/2
May	107 1/2	108	106 3/4	107 1/2
July	99 1/2	99 3/4	98 3/4	99 1/2
Corn—				
Sept.	59 1/2	59 3/4	59 1/4	59 1/2
May	61	61 1/2	60 3/4	61 1/2
July	50 1/2	50 3/4	49 3/4	50 1/2
als—				
Sept.	40 1/2	40 3/4	40 1/4	40 1/2
May	35	35 1/2	34 3/4	35
July	25 1/2	25 3/4	24 3/4	25 1/2

Visit the Boys in Omaha

Superintendent J. W. Gamble and wife were visitors in Omaha yesterday where they were calling upon the boys who are confined in hospitals, who are members of the High school. They are Louis Egenberger, Sidney Miner and Willie Fitzgeralds, and also called upon Ray Christweiser.

Mrs. Dora Schall and two daughters, Misses Rose and Laura, accompanied by Bennie Fanger, after visiting in the city for some time departed for their home at Omaha yesterday afternoon.

Misses Laura Diamond and Alda Goos, of Omaha, after visiting with friends and relatives in the city, the guests of Joseph Fetzer and P. F. Goos and families, departed for their home this morning.