

JESSE STENER WRITES INTERESTING LETTER OF JAPAN AND THE EAST

Is an Electrician in The United States Navy, and Is Getting to See Much of Asiatic World—Does Not Think the Navy Job a Good, One, However.

Jesse Steiner, a local boy, who is now an electrician in the United States navy, assigned to the U. S. S. New Orleans, writes from Yokodata, Japan, to M. S. Briggs an interesting letter, which Mr. Briggs has given permission to the Journal to publish. After thanking Mr. Briggs for the papers sent to him, he writes as follows:

"As I have plenty of time I shall tell you of the last five months' cruise of the Asiatic fleet, consisting of three ships—the Saratoga, the flagship; the New Orleans and the Albany. I was transferred to the New Orleans to station and duty on March 21, 1914, while the ship was still on target range.

"On April 13 we got under way from Manila for Hong Kong, the distance being 600 miles. We arrived in Hong Kong early on the morning of the 16th, and moored at a buoy. In the afternoon liberty was given to twenty-five men from each ship to land. I was one of the lucky number from my ship, and we were soon on the beach. Having been in the port several times, I did not spend much time sight-seeing. Hong Kong is a very pretty place, especially at night. The town is on a hillside, making it look like one mass of glittering stars from the ship at night. This is only true of the English district. The Chinese district is dark, dirty and very unsanitary.

"Leaving Hong Kong on the 24th, we arrived at Nagasaki, Japan, on April 29, a distance of 1,080 miles from Hong Kong. After visiting the principal places and temples we set sail for Yokohama, which is a voyage of 1,200 miles.

"The fleet on this trip had an eight-hour speed test, of which the New Orleans took second and the Albany first place. The average speed of the Albany was 20 knots per hour under forced draft.

"Arriving at Yokohama we remained there about six weeks, just outside of break water. Liberty was granted to go ashore every night to both men and officers and everybody had a splendid time. When enough liberty was granted we went to Tokio, which is only a few miles by electric road. There we saw the naval museum and temples too numerous to mention.

"On June 5 the New Orleans left the other two vessels and sailed to Kobe, Japan. We received

from 48 to 72 hours' leave to inland to Oaka and Koyota. We coated our ship and then sailed back to Yokohama. We stayed there till July 6, when we received orders by wireless to sail for Chee Foo, China, via the inland sea of Japan. We anchored two nights in sea because of the numerous islands and shallow water. We did not care to go overland. Being so near the beach so much of the time, there were many beautiful and interesting sights.

"We arrived at Chee Foo late in the afternoon on June 10. The men from the Saratoga and Albany were on small arm target range, and we pitched tents on an island and remained there for nine days on range. Had a fine rest and a good time. After stopping several places we reached Port Arthur in Manchuria. Names of those wishing to go to the battlefields around Port Arthur were taken, and 200 from our ship said they wanted to see the places where the Japs and the Russians fought. Some of the Jap soldiers who were survivors of the siege of Port Arthur went with us as guides. We visited the entire field 203 Meter Hill is the most important. At the top of that hill we could see the trenches and embankments used by both armies, which are now filled with rocks and human bones. It does not seem possible that but a few years ago these trenches were filled with human blood. You would be astonished to see what great holes were made in the earth by the exploding shells which were thrown from the Jap ships in the sea, seven miles away. Where these shells hit they made marks that will always remain.

"We left Port Arthur on August 8 for Miytsu, Japan, arriving there on August 12. We are now at Yokodata. We coal ship here and get under way for Vladivostok, Russia, August 26.

"These letters of mine will give you an idea of the navy. I would not advise any young man to enlist in the navy. If he does he must expect to give up all rights for a period of four years. One gets to see different countries, but he is liable to be restricted to a ship by the commanding officer, and can be kept any length of time desired. I myself have gotten along fine. In most cases it is one's own fault when one gets in trouble. There is not a scratch on my record and it is my intention to keep it that way.

"Jesse Steiner."

DAN CUPID GETS IN HIS WORK AT AVOCA

Miss Julia Katherine Nutzman United in Marriage With Rev. John Kokjer.

On Wednesday, September 5, there was a happy scene at the beautiful home of Mrs. Philephine Nutzman, when her daughter, Miss Julia Katherine, was united in marriage to Rev. Jorden Kokjer. Promptly at 4 o'clock Mrs. John Ruga and Mrs. John Ehlers, sisters of the bride, sang Mendelssohn's wedding march, while the bride, attended by her maids, Miss Fern Ralston and Miss Amelia Nutzman, entered the front parlor by the reception hall, the groom entering the living room attended by Ralph Graham and Carl Balfour. They met under a bower of smilax and ferns and a pink and white background. In a very impressive manner Rev. Andrews of Weeping Water joined their fortunes for better or for worse, the ring service being used. Little Frances Ruge, in pink, and attended by little Willis Nutzman, in white, niece and nephew of the bride, carried the ring in an American beauty rose. Miss Elsie Opp presided at the piano during the ceremonies. The bride was attired in white mauve crepe and carried bride's roses. She looked charming. The groom wore the conventional black. The pink and white color scheme being carried out throughout the house.

After congratulations had been extended the guests were ushered to a large tent on the lawn, where an elegant two-course luncheon was served to over 200 guests. The evening was spent in having a jolly good time, music and

elections by Miss Mable Guller of Bethany. The bride has grown to womanhood in our midst, for seven years has had charge of the primary department of our schools, and is well fitted for the step in life she has taken, and not only be a helpmate to the one that has won her affection, but also in the mission where God's work may call them. The groom is and has been pastor of the Congregational church at Avoca for the past two years. They will be at home to their friends after September 20.

Wedding at Elmwood.

A special from Elmwood, under date of September 8, says: Miss Ethel Thorne and Fred Schuormeyer were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Thorne. Miss Rosa Snyder and Mr. John Hazaker were in attendance, with Miss Ada Davis at the piano. Rev. Mr. Street of Weeping Water performed the ceremony, after which an elaborate luncheon was served in the church dining room. Mr. and Mrs. Schuormeyer will be at home on a farm near Ashland.

Turners Arrive at St. Louis.

A card from Anton Koubek, one of the turners on the Sokol team that went to St. Louis, says that the boys arrived there all right and are ready to do their best toward making a good showing in the tournament. They got there during a heavy rain.

Messrs. C. E. Wescott and C. C. Wescott and the later's son, Mason, returned yesterday on the noon train from Chicago, where they had been for a week laying in a full supply of the latest in clothing, hats, caps and gent's furnishings.

ELMWOOD. Leader-Echo.

Mrs. Frank Trenholm of Wheatland returned home Monday, after a short visit with Dr. and Mrs. Trenholm.

Ollie and Waler Nickel of Pekin, Ill., were guests Tuesday at the home of their second cousin, Peter Nickel, jr.

Thurman Boyles and wife of Overton, Neb., came in Wednesday for a visit at the home of the former's brother, Elmer Boyles.

Dave Kunz, jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bornemeier were called to Milford Tuesday by the sickness of Mr. Stoltz, who is the former's father-in-law and the latter's grandfather.

Bert Shadley and little sister, Ruth, left Monday for their home at Akron, Colo. They were accompanied as far as Lincoln by their sister, Mrs. Herman Penterman.

Mrs. Ella Dwinell, oldest daughter of Mrs. M. J. Irons of Verdigris, Neb., died Wednesday morning at her home after an extended illness following an operation for gall stones. The remains will be brought to Elmwood for interment. Funeral services to take place this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from the M. E. church. An obituary will be published next week.

Mrs. Isaac Mairs passed away yesterday at 11 o'clock a. m. Death was not unexpected, as Grandma Mairs has been gradually failing for a long time past. Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2:30 from the late home of the departed in this city. We were unable to obtain particulars for an obituary this week, but hope to have same ready for next week.

The carpenter work on the new country home of Herman Stege is nearly complete. Contractor Durbin will put the finishing touches to it just as soon as they are ready for him. Besides the commodious dwelling, which is 28x32 with wing 14x16, Mr. Stege has a new barn 32x44 and other modern outbuildings. All will have a most attractive appearance when completed.

EAGLE. Beacon.

Charles Roof, who was badly injured several weeks ago, is able to be up and around.

Henry Stall and wife are the parents of a new daughter, which came to make her home there Tuesday.

Miss Laura Shaw of Cheney, Neb., came last Saturday to make a visit with John Frohlich and family.

Miss Dora Harrington of Auburn came Monday evening for a visit at the home of John Frohlich.

Miss Pearl Betts went to Avoca Tuesday afternoon to attend a social function given that evening.

Charles Young came in from Edgar Monday night to make a short visit with his numerous Eagle friends.

George J. Reitter went to Lincoln Sunday evening to report for duty at the state fair grounds, where he is employed this week on the ticket selling force.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shreada departed Monday for their home at Owen, Wis., after having spent several days visiting with Oscar Anderson and wife.

Mrs. Fred Welch returned last Friday from Dunbar, where she had been visiting with relatives and old acquaintances, also attending the Woodman picnic.

Bert Scheffert, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sheffert of this place, was married in Kansas City the fore part of this week to Miss Edna Isaacs of that city. The young couple will make their home in Kansas City, where the groom is now holding a responsible position.

Henry Schroeder and Herman Low drove to Milford last Saturday and visited until Monday with Fred Schroeder and family. They report that Fred, jr., who had his arm and hand amputated some time ago on account of tuberculosis, is getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Henry and Herman also report having had a fine watermelon feast, as Fred is the boss watermelon raiser of that county.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my most sincere thanks to my Cass county friends for their most kind assistance and aid during my recent loss by fire. Their kindness will never be forgotten.
Fred Dreeson, Unadilla, Neb.

LAND VALUES KEEP UP IN THE MIDDLE WEST

The Middle West Presents a Peculiar Condition to Speculators.

One of the puzzling features of the middle west conditions is the pertinacity with which land values hold to their high figure established during the closing of the land craze of eighteen months ago, says a New York financial paper. While sales have been notably fewer, there is scarcely a sale reported through the farming sections of eastern Kansas and Nebraska that has been at a lower figure than were those of 1909-10. In many instances there has been an advance. Land in central Nebraska and Kansas is selling at as high prices as before, and farms are bringing prices ranging well up around \$1000 an acre near the towns, and \$60 to \$75 an acre farther back. These are as high figures as ever recorded, and there seems no indication that they will show any lessening.

Perhaps one important reason is the continued high prices for farm products, now bringing on the whole as high an average as in any year of the past decade, with the exception of the high wheat point of two years ago. Then there is an inclination on the part of men with money to prefer land as an investment rather than go into new enterprises. This is particularly true of those who have been farmers before and have partially retired. When a farmer who paid \$2,000 to \$3,000 for a quarter section can sell it for \$12,000 to \$14,000, as hundreds of them can, he looks around for a better place for his money, and finds that it is difficult to locate it.

The high rents for land, the income that he gets and the feeling that he will be able to receive as much or more at any time makes him hold for a higher figure. So the sales are all on a high plane of valuation and land continues to be the most desirable property for the western investor. With free loaning by the real estate security investors, it seems likely to remain so.

All to Wear Caps.

This fall everyone will wear caps, according to those who are supposed to know. You won't be real up-to-date unless you have an aviation, an automobile or some other kind of a cap. The clothing stores have put in enough caps for everybody, and if they did not expect to sell them they would not have bought them. The fad is already at its height in the cities, and the traveling men have already begun to take up the style. No, buying a cap won't save you from buying a high-priced hat later on, but for a couple of months you must have a cap.

A Little Premature.

The Journal was a little premature in clipping the article from the State Journal announcing the suspension of the News-Herald. The article was sent to the State Journal from a local correspondent, who, we supposed, knew what he was talking about. Mr. Pribble, we are informed, will lease another room, remove the plant thereto and continue the publication of the paper. As it is not our desire to injure anyone, we cheerfully make this correction and will do all we can conveniently to assist Mr. Pribble in his efforts.

Will Make Repairs.

M. Hild has decided to make some great changes in the appearance of his furniture store in the very near future, one of which will be a complete new coat of paint and paper, on both the interior and exterior. Frank Gobelman and staff of painters have secured the contract and will commence the work within a few days.

To Build Cement Wall.

At a meeting of a special committee of the council and the library board it was decided to recommend to the council the building of a cement restraining wall at the library. The banks there have been washing down badly, and after each rain the sidewalks are covered with mud.

Home From Missouri.

Charles Lovell, from near Myrand, was in the city Saturday evening, en route home from a week's visit with his brothers at Holden, Mo., and Lamont, Iowa, having a brother residing in each city. He reports a very pleasant trip and everything in the old "show-me" state looking fine and prosperous.

MEN'S AND BOY'S New Aviation Caps FOR FALL 1911

THIS is going to be a great cap season. The new styles are so attractive and beautiful that every man will consider a new Fall cap one of the requisites of his wardrobe. The new styles we are showing have the broad full crown and the curved shovel bill. They come in handsome mixtures of English cloths and are taped seams unlined, making them light and soft. See our west window.

Price 50c to \$1.50

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BURLINGTON CROP REPORT OF OPTIMISTIC SORT

According to Reports From Superintendent Allen's Office the Corn Crop Will Be Heavy.

Nebraska's corn crop will probably be larger than that of last year, according to the Burlington crop report issued Saturday. The report quotes one grain dealer as saying that the crop will probably be 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 bushels in excess of last year's yield, which the government estimated to be 206,000,000 bushels. While not supporting this statement entirely, the crop report of the Burlington for its Nebraska district indicates that the yield will at least pass the 206,000,000 mark. No frost has been reported in Nebraska, according to the report, and the longer it holds off the better for the corn.

Agents' estimates on the yield, based on a full crop, is as follows: Omaha division, 62 per cent (last week 65); Lincoln division, 77 per cent (last week 74); Wymore division, 76 per cent (last week 70); McCook, 50 per cent (last week the same). Soil conditions are generally excellent, declares the Burlington, only scattered spots still being excessively dry. Maximum rainfall of two inches during the last week is reported from several stations.

Fall plowing is in progress all over the state, with prospects for a heavy acreage of winter grain. Pastures and meadows are in excellent condition. On the McCook division the third crop of alfalfa is proving to be the best, and in some places on the eastern end of the district the fourth crop may be the best of the season. The hay crop is generally light, but rains late in the season are making possible a good deal of rough feed. Sugar beets are in good condition and digging will begin about September 10.

Bad Track the Cause.

The Missouri Pacific, north-bound, due here at 5 p. m., did not get in until after midnight last night, as heavy rains near Withers, Kas., washed out the new track being built there and delayed the train.

Philip Thierolf Here.

Philip Thierolf returned home yesterday evening from his three weeks' vacation trip down in Indiana. He reports a very pleasant trip and feels considerably better after his three weeks' rest.

George Piek of Cedar Creek was a visitor in Plattsmouth Saturday.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The old curtain around the platform in the assembly room of the High school has been replaced by a brand new one. The material for this new curtain was purchased with the funds made from the class play given by the seniors of 1910 and was made by two of the 1912 senior girls, Miss Edna Shopp and Miss Dorothy Britt, on last Saturday afternoon.

On next Thursday morning Mrs. E. H. Wescott will sing at the 9 o'clock convocation in the High school room. Friends and patrons of the schools are especially invited to attend any of these 9 o'clock convocations, which are held on every Thursday morning of each week.

The teachers will hold meetings this evening for the purpose of discussing school work. The grade teachers to meet with Mrs. M. Howland in room No. 1 in the High school building and will discuss art work in the schools for the coming year. The High school faculty will meet with Superintendent N. C. Abbott at his office in the Central building and will discuss in general the work of the High school for the coming terms.

C. T. Graham went to Avoca Saturday, which is his home. He has been a draftsman for the Burlington shops here, but leaves to accept a similar position with the Missouri Pacific at Falls City.

WANTED—A steady position on a farm. Apply to M. Herman, Plattsmouth, Neb. 9-8-2td-1tw.

NOTICE.

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss.

In County Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of Anna Margaret Claus, Deceased. To All Persons Interested:

You are hereby notified that there will be a hearing before this court upon the report of the Executrix of said estate, together with her petition for final settlement and distribution of said estate according to the terms of the last will and testament of said deceased, on the 3rd day of October, 1911, at 9 o'clock A. M. That all objections, if any, must be filed on or before said day and hour of hearing.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of said county, this 11th day of September, 1911.

(Seal) Allen J. Beeson, County Judge.