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PLATTSMOUTH BOY DIES AT SEA

JOHN SLAPNICKA DIES OF PNEUMONIA ON BOARD SHIP GOING OVER.

BROTHER A GERMAN PRISONER

Bringing Body to Home—Will Hold Funeral Services Today.

From Monday's Daily.
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Slapnicka, 1345 Drexel street, South Side, this morning received a telegram saying their son, John, aged 28, had died of pneumonia October 6 while at sea on board a ship bound for France. The body is being returned to Omaha, and will arrive at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the Korisko chapel at 2 o'clock today, with burial in Graceland Park cemetery.

Another son three weeks ago was reported to be a prisoner in the German prison camps.

A third son is in the army and a fourth is waiting the call.—World-Herald.

This family lived in this city for a number of years, and made their home in South Park, when here, working in the Burlington shops for a number of years.

XMAS FOR SOLDIERS

INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHRISTMAS PACKAGES FOR MEN WITH AMERICAN FORCES ABROAD.

In an effort to meet the eager desires of the families of men in service abroad the War Department has decided that each man may receive from his family a Christmas package of standard size, and approximately standard articles. To this end an arrangement has been completed between the War Department, Postoffice Department, and the American Red Cross, whereby the latter has undertaken to co-operate in the preparation and mailing of these Christmas parcels. To expedite the plan a large number of specially manufactured cardboard cartons have been purchased which will be distributed through the chapters to the relatives and friends of men in service overseas.

1—To insure avoidance of duplication and of erroneous addresses, Army Authorities under General Pershing are issuing a Christmas Parcel label to each man. This measure is required by shipping space limitations.

2—The man will be instructed to mail this label to home relatives, or friends, who upon receiving it, will present it to the nearest Chapter or Branch Headquarters, or such other place as may be designated by the Red Cross. They will secure one carton 3 inches by 4 inches by 9 inches in size.

3—The person receiving a carton may fill it with any combination of articles which will fill it, and which are not barred by the Post Office Department. When completely packed and ready for mailing the weight of the carton must not exceed three pounds.

4—Parcels ready for shipment will be presented at place designated where Red Cross representatives will examine the contents, in order to exclude any articles barred by Post Office Department from Christmas Parcels, such as liquor, explosives, breakables, liquids, etc; remove any notes or messages found among the contents wrap, tie and weigh the parcel; place on the parcel the Christmas Parcel label received from abroad, bearing the address of the man for whom it is intended. The person sending the parcel shall then, in the presence of the Red Cross Representative, affix stamps sufficient to carry the parcel to Hoboken, N. J. The postage charges for Christmas packages shall be at the rate of fourth class or parcel post zone rate. The Red Cross inspection label certifying to the complete inspection of the parcel by the Red Cross shall then be placed on the parcel. Parcels ready for mailing shall remain in the custody of the Red Cross until delivered by its representative to the Post Office authorities.

No Christmas Parcels can be mailed later than November 15, 1918.

GLEN THOMPSON PASSES GOOD EXAMINATION

From Monday's Daily.
Glen Thompson who is at Ft. Riley taking special training in the army service, has just passed a successful examination, and will be sent to the officers training school. His per cents were high, and the entire examination and record was eminently satisfactory.

IS CONTRIBUTING MONEY AND EFFORT

STATEMENT REGARDING SITUATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF J. R. VALLERY.

From Monday's Daily.
Relative to the report which this paper contained of the action of the County Council of Defense, J. R. Vallery has to say, that he would like to be placed in the true light as it is before the public as to his attitude to the matter of assisting in the war, and being a patriot. Mr. Vallery is seventy years of age, and during the summer is out in the field farming early and late to help raise something to feed the boys, and during the other portions of the year, is working many hours per day to raise stock for the market, for the same purpose. He has something more than five hundred dollars in stamps and thousands of dollars in bonds. He has bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan as well as the others. He feels that he is doing many times the service in both work and contribution of money, than many of the harping critics, who are doing so much talking, and perhaps, have nothing as evidence of their patriotism, other than one "Baby Bond."

Incorrect reports of a man's patriotism should not be circulated because of personal dislike, this is as bad as being unpatriotic.

PLATTSMOUTH SOXS FOR OUR OWN BOYS

THE SOX KNITTED BY PLATTS-
MOUTH LADIES ARE APPRE-
CIATED BY OUR OWN BOYS.

From Monday's Daily.
The following from the Camp Dodge, the official paper of Camp Dodge, Iowa, shows that little we know where our work is going, but in reality it is going to "Our Boys" just the same:

"Sergeant Major C. F. Schmidtman of Development Battalion No. 2 recently had occasion to reflect on how small their little world really is. His home is in Plattsmouth, Neb. Not long ago there was issued to him some woolen sox from the Red Cross. Examining them he discovered both pairs had been contributed in his home town by people he knew there. The card in one pair, bore the name 'Clair J. Bookmeyer, Plattsmouth, Neb.' and in the other was inscribed 'Mrs. D. W. Neill, Plattsmouth, Neb.' Yes this is a small world."

OVER FOUR INCHES OF RAIN.

According to the Government gauge at the Burlington station, the amount of rainfall during the past forty-eight hours ending this morning at seven o'clock, was 4.8 inches, which will go a long way towards moistening the ground which has been so dry for so long, and more of the same kind would not hurt.

For baby's croup, Willie's daily cuts and bruises, mother's sore throat, Grandma's lameness.—Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil—the household remedy. 30c and 60c.

BUSY HOUR WITH CITY FATHERS

MUCH SIDE WALKS HAVE BEEN
CONSTRUCTED, SOME YET TO
BUILD THIS YEAR.

VOTE ON ELECTRIC LIGHT RATE

Lighting Committee Favor Raise Of
Fifteen Per Cent Over
Present Charges.

From Tuesday's Daily.
After the disposition of the minutes, and the recording of all the members present, the matter of a communication asking for the return of a certified check, which Peters & Parker had left with the clerk, to insure the acceptance of a contract for constructing side walks. The council concluded to hold the check until the season is over.

A military map institution of Chicago, a portion of the Government has asked for a map of the city, to further their work, but were not able to furnish one. The Board of Education asked to have the city furnish the walks near the school crossings and assess it at one seventh the amount per year, and no provision was made in the bonds for the caring for the walks.

Financial Report.
Following the communications was the report of the finance committee which shows the following:

Bills Paid.	
Peters & Parker, walks.....	\$ 338.64
Wm. Hassler, repairs.....	8.10
C. S. Wiles, drag roads.....	3.38
M. Lutz, salary.....	48.00
John Maurer, road work.....	38.50
James Wynn, road work.....	37.80
Louis Rennard.....	74.90
Q. K. Parmelee.....	3.50
S. G. Stone.....	6.30
August Kopp, nozzle man.....	1.50
G. Johnson, drying hose.....	3.00
O. Sandin, nozzle man.....	1.50
Wm. Barclay, salary.....	75.00
G. H. Manners, salary.....	65.00
John Zitka, road work.....	35.00
Peters & Parker, walk.....	1027.90

Total\$1,768.12

Report of Chief of Fire Dept.
The report of the chief of the fire department showed a fire had occurred in the city hall, with a damage of \$200.00 and fully covered by insurance; cause of fire, ashes in a wooden pail.

Lighting Rate Ordinances.

The lighting committee reported through their chairman Geo. Luschinsky an ordinance which was intended to increase the rates of light to private consumers fifteen per cent. The ordinance provided some other changes, but the principle thing was the increasing of the rate from 13 1/2 to 15.4 Luschinsky offered a motion which was supported by Patterson for a suspension of the rules, that the ordinance might be passed at that session, by reading once by text, and the remaining two times by title. The vote resulted in, Patterson, Kunsman, Weber, Luschinsky, Johnson and Beeson voting for the suspension in all, and Buttery, Vorndran, Larson and Harris voting against the motion. This made the vote 6 for the motion, but the state statutes require .75 of a vote on such a motion, section 1154 of the compiled statutes. The motion was declared carried, and the matter of the passage was taken up. A good deal of discussion was had on the subject, Larson, Buttery and Harris opposing it on the floor, while Johnson, Weber, & Luschinsky championed the cause. The vote on the intended passage; though they really did not have the question before the council as the motion to suspend rules had lost, was the same as the former vote. After the vote, Mayor Schneider said that he would reserve the veto until the next regular meeting.

A few minor matters were then attended to among which was the ordering of a few side walks, when the session came to an end.

FROM THE EDITOR.

War has made another demand on the publishing business, this time in the form of an order issued by the United States Government for a 15

per cent reduction in the amount of paper consumed. In appealing to the publishers to reduce the size of their papers and also to eliminate all wasteful practices, the War Industries Board of the Government says it is absolutely essential that the consumption of paper be cut during the war. If the 15 per cent reduction now ordered does not bring the expected results more drastic regulations will be issued and enforced after Oct. 1, 1918. It is estimated the 15 per cent reduction will mean a saving of more than 250,000 tons of paper, to say nothing of the saving in coal and in freight, a very considerable item at a time when every ounce of material and every inch of carrying space is essential to the winning of the war. Under the new rule, the public will be able to judge the patriotism of a publisher by the size of the paper he prints, as well as by what is said in the paper.

SOLDIER'S LETTER FROM FRANCE

FRED H. RUTHERFORD WRITES
VERY INTERESTINGLY FROM
THE WESTERN FRONT.

From Monday's Daily.
Fred Rutherford who left here more than a year ago, is in France, where he is the head cook for the company, with which he is stationed; he is seeing France as it really is and writes the following letter to his mother Mrs. John H. Rutherford:

France, Sept. 25th 1918.

Dear Mother:
I will drop you a few lines, telling you I am well and enjoying the best of health. Army life is some life as long as one has his health, but sure he is out of luck if he is sick.

It rains over here every other day, or night, just as it happens to be. They say it has been dry here until just two weeks ago, when it began to rain, but I do not think it ever has been dry here.

The people over here have a funny way of doing their farm work, and this is a place you never see a buggy, but all two wheel carts. They also have a little two-for-a-nickle railroad. It is an endless amount of amusement to talk to, what few of the people can talk English, many of them cannot understand it at all. When I wish to purchase anything, I just hold out my hand and allow them to take what money they want. There are about fifteen hundred German prisoners in this camp, and they are kept working on the railroads. Many of them said they did not get enough to eat and surrendered to the American army in order to get something to eat. They are mostly mere boys. The airplanes are thick, often seeing a dozen at a time in the sky.

With love to all,
FRED H. RUTHERFORD.
Address: Cook U. S. A., Am. E. F., 335 F. A. France.

SISTER DIES AT HAMBURG, IA.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Mrs. John Wall who has been at Hamburg, Iowa, for some time past called there last week by the serious illness of her sister Mrs. Clinton Dennis, who has the pneumonia, resulting from an attack of the flu. Mrs. Wall arrived at Hamburg, the sister had died. Mrs. Dennis leaves besides her husband, three small children who were also sick, but are some improved.

CAUGHT STEALING CHICKENS.

From Monday's Daily.
F. W. Elliott has been missing chickens from his coop and a half dozen good fat hens are of considerable value, he thought he would try and apprehend the chicken thief. So he layed for the marauder and was successful in bagging the robber who gave him name as O'Possum. A settlement was made right there and the thief was sentenced to death, and according executed. Mr. Elliott hopes to have no more trouble with his chickens.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, try Doan's Regulets, a modern laxative. 30c at all stores.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN FARMER'S BANK

ORIGINATES IN THE FURNACE
ROOM IN THE CELLAR, SUP-
POSED TO BE FROM

FURNACE OR NEAR THERETO

Firemen Fought Heroically To Ex-
tinguish the Fire, Loss
Covered.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Just a few moments after two o'clock this afternoon the fire alarm sounded, calling the fire laddies to the Farmer's State Bank, where a fire was discovered in the basement of the bank.

The smoke rolled up in such dense volumes that one could not remain in the lobby of the bank, though there was no fire there. After the furniture was mostly carried out, the firemen got the hose playing on the portion of the cellar where the blaze was, they soon had the fire under control, and while the smoke and water, did a large amount of damage, the fire only burned a limited amount. Taking the entire damage was considerable, taking smoke fire and water all together. The citizens as well as the fire department lent their efforts to extinguish the flames and to prevent loss by removing from the building what they could. The fire was fully covered by insurance. Just how much the loss will eventually be will only be ascertained by a critical examination of the damage done.

CANTEEN WORKERS NEED MORE MONEY

THE UNITED WAR WORK COUN-
CIL ASKS FOR OVER SUBSCRIP-
TION OF FIFTY PER CENT.

From Tuesday's Daily.
At a meeting last evening the United War Work Council passed resolutions endorsing the over subscription to the fund, which is necessary for the carrying on of the work of the seven organizations. Here follows a message which has been sent to this paper and which is self explanatory:

Omaha, Neb. Oct. 28.
Editor of Journal,
Plattsmouth, Nebr.,

At a meeting today of the state executive committee of the United War Work drive, the committee pledged a fifty per cent over subscription from Nebraska to take care of the increased needs of the seven organizations. Each county will be asked for a fifty per cent over subscription to make good the pledge. This increase in funds will allow the Canteens in France to sell goods to the boys at the same prices as charged by the Quartermasters' stores. Heretofore the Canteens had to charge high prices for certain articles because of the heavy transportation charges, whereas Quartermasters' stores were carried free. Commencing November first, the Canteens in France will sell goods at the same price as the Quartermasters and prices will be universal throughout France. The Canteen in France have never been self sustaining, though the high prices charged led to that impression.

O. H. MEMOLD,
State Director of Publicity.

VISITS WITH MOTHER AND SISTER

From Tuesday's Daily.
Mrs. Fred Majors departed this morning for Sargent, where she will visit with her mother and sister, the sister being sick with the influenza and the mother will have to have one of her fingers amputated, on account of an injury sustained by reason of getting the finger into a cog wheel. Mrs. Majors goes to assist in their care during the time of the sickness and the consequent operation of the finger from the injury received.

WEEPING WATER FIGHTING FLU

From Monday's Daily.
Weeping Water with a commendable degree of energy is fighting the influenza with vigor. There are a number of cases, but with but few exceptions all are getting along fairly well. J. J. Meyer the druggist is confined to his bed, while he is needed at the store, one thing which makes it inconvenient. The post-office is kept closed and fumigated, except when the mails have been distributed, when the office is opened for a short time, then closed again. Mrs. H. H. Stoll living in the country died with the disease last week, and yesterday morning his son Earl aged about 21 died, while Mr. Stoll himself is very sick and a small boy and Miss Edna Stoll are also down with the disease.

FIRE AT THE CITY HALL

SMALL BLAZE CAUSED FROM
ASHES IN A WOODEN PAIL,
CAUSING SOME DAMAGE.

From Monday's Daily.
Last Saturday night was a ripple of excitement, caused when the alarm was sounded, calling the citizens to a fire which had gained somewhat of headway at the City Hall, having started from some ashes which had been left in a wooden pail, in the office of the Police Judge. The fire had burned through the floor, and a portion of the doors leading into the council chamber, but was extinguished without much additional burning, though it required somewhat of work and watching before it was considered as being entirely out. The damage done will range from fifty to one hundred dollars, much owing to the amount of work which it will require to make the necessary repairs.

BUYS A FORD TRUCK.

From Tuesday's Daily.
J. P. Miller, the dealer in junk, has purchased a truck to facilitate his business, making his selection of the Ford, and this afternoon with R. C. Hitchman of the Pollock Garage, went to Omaha for one of the trucks, which he will use in his business.

A Man's Cheerful Recommendation.

W. H. Frear, 63 Myrtle Ave., Albany, N. Y., writes: "I thought kidney trouble might be the cause of my run-down condition and weakness, so I took Foley Kidney Pills, and they did the work. I cheerfully recommend them." They relieve lame back, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, sore muscles. Sold everywhere.

Read the Journal Ads—It Pays

BANKING SERVICE FOR FARMERS!

This bank offers farmers, besides absolute security for their funds, every facility and convenience for the prompt and careful transaction of their banking business.

Checking accounts for handling their current business; Certificates of Deposit for depositing money at interest for short or long terms; safety deposit boxes for the safekeeping of their valuable papers.

You will appreciate the kind of service we are prepared to give once you learn all about it. We solicit the opportunity to talk it over with you the next time you are in town.

First National Bank

Plattsmouth, Nebraska