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FRANK SMITH WRITES FROM OVER THERE

FORMER JOURNAL REPORTER DIRECTS LETTER TO COL. BATES RECENTLY.

IN SERVICE NEARLY TWO YEARS

Tells of Experiences in France and Says He is Hopeful of Getting Home This Summer.

From Monday's Daily.

Colonel M. A. Bates received a letter lately from our former reporter, Frank H. Smith, who has been in the service very nearly two years now and who is located at LaMans, France, where he is a company clerk for the American Expeditionary force.

Frank writes a very interesting letter, in the course of which he says that although many of the boys are returning, he has no idea when he will return, but hopes to be able to get back to the states some time this summer. He also states that he met Matthew Herold a short time ago, but that he seldom ever gets to see a Plattsmouth boy over there.

Mr. Smith also suggested it would be pretty nice if he could receive a few copies of the Plattsmouth Journal and some news from the old town.

The particular branch of work in which he is engaged precludes the possibility of Mr. Smith's early discharge, as there are innumerable company records to be straightened out and the work closed up as men are demobilized.

WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME—!!

From Monday's Daily.

One day the lad you had loved from babyhood marched away to war. It seemed then that the sacrifice was yours instead of his. Later you visited him in camp and said good-bye, before he went overseas. As his tears mingled with yours and he pressed you to his heart, the burden seemed greater than you could bear, your heartstrings all but snapped. Last month your boy came home to you, strong, broadshouldered and handsome, better physically and mentally for his training. Then your joy knew no bounds, nothing in the whole world mattered, you had him safe at home.

Women of Nebraska! Let's make the Victory Liberty loan the Thanksgiving donation, the real peace offering of the world war. Let's be proud to do it, and let's not be stingy about it.—Woman's Victory Liberty Loan Committee.

RECEIVES AN IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE POSITION

From Monday's Daily.

Hon. R. B. Windham, who is a member of the Nebraska legislature, departed yesterday afternoon for Lincoln to resume his work, after having spent Sunday at his home in this city. Mr. Windham has received an appointment as a member of the sifting committee, whose function is to go over the large accumulation of bills that have been introduced and remain unpassed during the last few days of the assembly, setting the time at which the more important ones should come on for hearing and otherwise disposing of them. This is a highly important appointment and the work of the sifting committee entails upon its various members strict attention to each of the innumerable bills and the familiarizing themselves with every pet measure that has been introduced, in order that they may not pass up a really meritorious bill. In this capacity, however, Mr. Windham, on account of his large experience and broad views, will prove himself just the man for the place.

FARM FOR SALE.

The E. R. Todd Homestead 80 acre improved farm, 3 miles west of Plattsmouth, now owned by Russel Todd. Price \$250.00 per acre. T. H. Pollock, Plattsmouth.

VISITED A SHORT TIME HERE.

From Wednesday's Daily. J. J. Roberts, brother of J. M. Roberts of this city, who has been visiting here for some time and stopping on his way from California, where he has been for some time past, departed this afternoon for his home in Sioux Falls, So. Dakota. Mr. Roberts was called to the west to see his sister Mrs. John Sinclair, who lives at Los Angeles, and who has but lately lost her husband. It will be remembered that Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair visited in this city last fall, and were the guests at the home of Mrs. Sinclair's brother J. M. Roberts of this city. Since returning home last fall, Mr. Sinclair sickened, and died, which necessitated the going to the west of her brother, J. J. Roberts to look after some business matters for his sister. He was visiting here on his return to his home in the north.

HEARS FROM BROTHER NOW OVERSEAS

Mrs. Jean Mason Receives a Letter from Her Brother, Sol Brissey, Written February 27th.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. Jean Mason is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Sol Brissey, now overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, telling of life in France as he is seeing it with the army of occupation. Here is his letter, written from Liffot le Grand, Vosges, France:

February 27, 1919.

Dear Sister and All: Your welcome letter of February 2 arrived yesterday. Glad to hear from you and that you got the handkerchief. I sent you some French coins some time ago. Hope you got them all right.

I am well and very anxious to get back home. It rains over here about two-thirds of the time. I have been in the army over nine months now. I received nine letters yesterday. No, I haven't heard of or seen any of those boys you mentioned. I haven't any more pictures of myself, but will have some taken when I get home and send you one. It is very hard to have pictures made over here. The French are so hard to understand.

I am in a railroad operating division, that is why they call us Transportation corps. I sent mother a nice silk hand worked pillow top today. It had flowers and a big butterfly worked in it. I sent four boxes of souvenirs home. The first one got there the last I heard.

Our company operates a railroad from here to Germany. I have seen lots of country since leaving home. We came through Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, sailing for France from Hoboken, New Jersey. Guess we will be over here for several months yet as we have to help move the troops and supply the army of occupation.

Are prices pretty high over there, and how is work? I hear work is very scarce. We get the European edition of the New York Herald, but I hardly ever get to read it. We have Y. M. C. A. buildings and K. of C. buildings. They furnish us with writing paper and numerous other little articles to help us to be comfortable. Well, as I have several letters to write, I will close for this time. Hoping you are well and happy. I am, your brother,

PVT. SOL BRISSEY.

69th Co., Trans. Corps, Am. E. F. A. P. O. 758.

CAPTURED A LARGE AMERICAN EAGLE

Bird Measured Seven Feet and Eight Inches from Tip to Tip of Its Wings—Fine Specimen

From Monday's Daily.

While out hunting yesterday, Herman Otterstein captured an American Eagle which had in some way been wounded, and this morning he had the bird in the city for display. It is an elegant specimen, but was not feeling very lively, having little strength due to its wounded condition. The bird measures seven feet and eight inches from tip to tip of its wings and if given proper attention may be saved from dying as a result of its wounds.

PLATTSMOUTH CITIZENS RECEIVE BUILDING

DEDICATION EXERCISES LAST EVENING AT NEW H. S. WELL ATTENDED.

AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM GIVEN

Many Out of Town Speakers Present—Glee Club Sang and Local Men Spoke Also.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large sized crowd of Plattsmouth citizens present last night at the formal opening exercises and dedicatory program of the new High school building that stands at the summit of Main street hill. The large audi-

torium was comfortably well filled at an early hour and everything was in readiness for the program which was to follow.

E. H. Wescott, secretary of the Board of Education, acted as master ceremonies, telling in his opening address of the school building which was begun in 1873 and completed in 1875, and how now, nearly fifty years later, another generation had come together to dedicate another and more magnificent temple of learning to the boys and girls of today—who will be the men and women of tomorrow. He also spoke of the struggles incident to the realization of the dream of the board which was being so happily consummated at that time when a half thousand taxpayers and representative citizens of the city were gathered together to celebrate the occasion.

One of First Class Present

There was present one graduate of the first class to go out from the Plattsmouth High school, she being Mrs. Dr. J. H. Hall, formerly Miss Jessie Wiles and a member of the Class of 1879. Although there were numerous other members in the class all but she have gone elsewhere.

Coming down to the present, Louis Hallas, president of the Class of '18, the last one to graduate, was called to the platform and responded with a short but highly interesting talk.

President E. L. Rouse

Mr. Wescott then introduced President E. L. Rouse, the first speaker of the evening, who made a very able address, telling of the struggles of the school in its earlier days when he was a Superintendent here, and complimenting its success. He brought to the minds of his hearers the importance of obtaining in such a building a proper workshop, stating that ours was among the best in the state of Nebraska. Mr. Rouse said he had but recently assisted in planning a school building in his own home town, which had cost a hundred thousand dollars, and which he thought was the best in the commonwealth, but when he had inspected the Plattsmouth building he was willing to concede that there were better appointments here than there.

Need Better Ward Buildings

Superintendent W. G. Brooks, who is now at Nebraska City, where he is making an excellent superintendent of the schools down the river, as he did in this city, was next on the program. It was while he was Superintendent here that the proposal to erect the present building first came up for consideration and he was greatly instrumental in keeping the matter moving along during its early stages. And now he was rewarded by seeing the finished work that he and the board had planned before he left to enter the educational field at Nebraska City. Superintendent Brooks called the attention of his audience to the fact that there is a growing cry for better ward school buildings and he voiced the opinion that the time is not far

distant when Plattsmouth will respond to the demand, as has Nebraska City and provide spacious and elegantly equipped ward schools, as well as the central high school. Mr. Brooks' address was filled with truisms from beginning to end and that it was highly appreciated, is evidenced by the reception accorded the speaker.

Plattsmouth Schools "Star A"

The audience gave vent to their demonstration of joy when Superintendent G. E. DeWolf arose to speak and it was some time before he was able to proceed.

Facts bristled from his every utterance and one thing which he said at the beginning was of more than ordinary interest, it being the calling of attention to the fact that with school being held in the new building the range of percentages had been from fifteen to twenty-seven points higher than heretofore.

He told also of the credits which had been accorded in the past, and of Plattsmouth being in grade "B" or third in line of calculation. But, at a recent meeting of representatives of schools from all over the union, which was held in Chicago, the Plattsmouth schools, on account

of the completion of the new building had been raised to "Star A," the highest possible grade. This shows the ready response with which the improvement has met from outside as well as from home sources.

Doing a Good Business Now.

Harry Baxter who is the authorized sales agent for the Fordson Tractor, the Ford cars, Ford trucks and Republic trucks, and who is with the T. H. Pollock Auto Co., is meeting with much success in his work in this county. He had during the past week sold three cars, and tomorrow is delivering a Fordson tractor to the farm of F. H. Johnson near Weeping Water, where Mr. Johnson will use it on his farm for farming purposes. On Friday he will go to the farm of Harrison Livingston, not far from Louisville, where he will attend a demonstration, in which there will be three Fordson tractors in operation. Mr. Baxter is demonstrating good salesmanship, in the explaining the workings of the machines which he handles to the satisfaction of all whom he comes in contact with.

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instructions as to how to see the building and immediately the audience began upon a tour of inspection. Every room in the building was lit up and open for inspection. The indirect lighting system showed the rooms off to elegant advantage and every appointment was found complete.

The Board of Education

The members of the Board of Education who put the new High school building across so nicely, were seated on the platform with the single exception of one, Philip Thierolf, who was sick at his home. They are Dr. C. A. Marshall, president; Frank E. Schlater, vice-president; E. H. Wescott, secretary; T. H. Pollock, Philip Thierolf and J. A. Schulhof. They were the recipients of many complimentary remarks and much praise for the faithful manner in which they have done their work.

The City Teachers

Plattsmouth is very fortunate in the matter of having an excellent teaching force, and the success which has come to those who have gone out from the local schools, is a testimonial of the efficiency and pleasing methods of this coterie of instructors. From the teacher of the primary department in the ward schools to the superintendent himself every one of the teachers is an artist in his or her especial position. The personnel of the teaching force is as follows:

G. E. DeWolf, Superintendent of Schools.

Senior High School: Edith Woodburn, Principal; Estelle Baird, Mrs. C. Hoberg, Claire Dovey, Jessie Moore, Gretchen Mackprang, Pearl Staats, Glenn Dixon.

Junior High School: Mrs. Mae Morgan, Anna Heisel, Clara Weyrich and Golda Noble.

Grades: Teresa Hempel, Anna Rys, Julia Kerr, Mattie Larson, Mrs. C. T. Dalton, Marie Swoboda, Amelia Martens, Nettie Hawksworth, Jessie Whalen, Zella Elliott, Vesta Douglass, Florence Rummel, Lydia Todd, Norene Schulhof, Jessie Sprecher, Frances Morley, Rose Prochaska, Marie Kaufmann and Ethel Seybert.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OMAHA CYCLONE

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday marked the sixth anniversary of the Omaha cyclone. Both days were warm, only the Sunday six years ago was more sultry and the air remained still all day. Residents of Plattsmouth will recall distinctly the appearance of the sky in the evening as the storm swept down upon the metropolis and cut a swath across the city, killing nearly a hundred persons and injuring five times as many. Today, in Omaha, there is scarcely any noticeable effect of the tornado visible, which shows how quickly a city like Omaha may rebuild its devastated area and continue its program of expansion.

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PLATTSMOUTH GIRL DIES AT HOME IN EAST

LETTER FROM CLEVELAND, O., TELLS OF THE DEATH OF EMILY McFADDEN.

WAS FORMERLY MISS GUTCHE

Left This City Some Seventeen or Eighteen Years Ago—Died from an Operation.

From Monday's Daily.

A letter has just been received by Henry Ote and wife, from John A. Gutche, of Cleveland, Ohio, telling of the death of his daughter, Emily, who was Mrs. J. H. McFadden, and who died from the shock of an operation which she underwent on January 24th.

Her health had been failing of late and she was taken to the hospital for the operation from which she never recovered. Besides her husband, she left four children, two daughters and two sons; her parents, J. A. Gutche and wife, and a sister, Mrs. Roberts, all of whom reside in Cleveland.

Mrs. McFadden and the other relatives mentioned will be remembered by numerous friends here, as having resided in Plattsmouth some seventeen years ago.

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