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MERRIMAN PETTY IS NOW DISCHARGED

HAD NOT RECEIVED THE "BIT OF WHITE PAPER" WHEN HERE FEW DAYS AGO

WOUNDED IN ARGONNE FOREST

And Met His Brother, Whom He Had Given Up for Dead at Camp Dodge Last Week.

From Wednesday's Daily.
This morning Merriman J. (Bill) Petty arrived in Plattsmouth for a visit with his aunt, Mrs. John Wynn and other friends having been discharged from the army at Camp Dodge yesterday, following his recent arrival from overseas. He was here briefly last week prior to the time of receiving his discharge and now returns a civilian, reinvested with the freedom of movements he gave up to enter the service of Uncle Sam.

"Bill" has had some great experience since he went into the service. One brother was killed and he was under the impression for a long time that his second brother had met with a similar fate. Last September, in the midst of the battle before the Fort of Verdun, he saw his brother being carried off the field on a stretcher, after having been wounded in action, and as soon as he could he endeavored to locate him, being told at the hospital that he had died from the effects of the wound. He then tried to find out where his brother was buried but to no avail. And in the meantime, his brother, on the road to recovery, was writing him letters telling of his miraculous escape, none of which were ever received by the latter.

As the war went on, "Bill" himself was wounded in the right leg in an action in the Argonne Forest between Verdun and Sedan. An account of this was in the casualty reports and reached Hershel, who was in the hospital. Later the report came to him that Bill had died, and so far as each other was concerned they were "dead" one to the other.

The disillusionment continued until last Friday when they met face to face in the Red Cross room at Camp Dodge, where both were awaiting demobilization. Speaking of the meeting, "Bill" said: "I cannot tell just how I felt when I looked upon my brother, whom I had thought of as being dead for many months, and found him very much alive. It was a strange experience."

The wound received by Merriman in the Argonne Forest fighting was in his right leg below the knee, the bullet passing through the leg in such manner as to miss shattering the bone, and thus he was saved a probable amputation of the limb. It is still a little tender, causing him to walk with the aid of a cane, which comes in mighty handy as help guide him over the rough spots.

Speaking of the havoc wrought by the artillery, of which he was a member, Merriman said: "The Argonne Forest before the battle was one of the most beautiful places in all of France, but soon became a wreck and is now all torn to pieces as a mute testimonial to the price of warfare."

After completing a short visit in Plattsmouth, "Bill" will go to Montana to visit with his parents, who are making their home there. Prior to moving west they resided in the southern part of the city for a number of years.

Hershel is still in the hospital at Camp Dodge and will be held there until the army officials conclude he is well enough to be given his discharge and returned to civilian life.

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.

Fancy box paper at this office.

CASS COUNTY'S VICTORY LOAN QUOTA \$729,400

From Wednesday's Daily.
We now know just where we are at on the Fifth Liberty Loan as the quota was received for Cass County this morning by Chairman J. P. Falter, and the total subscription for Cass county will be \$729,400. Not so bad after all, and not nearly as large as the former loans, and we believe that the amount can easily be subscribed with a little effort on the part of each and every one of us. It is not the time now for quitters, so let us put the shoulder to the wheel and put the Fifth Loan over just the same as we have all the former ones. Let it not be said that Cass county slowed up at the finish.

There has been eleven German helmets awarded to Cass county, that will be given to the localities who prove the best hustlers in securing their share of the loan. Who wants the first German helmet?

HUSBAND GRANTED A DIVORCE YESTERDAY

LEROY COVERT SUES FOR SEPARATION FROM WIFE. IS GRANTED PRAYER OF PETITION.

From Wednesday's Daily.
A Nebraska City some four years ago, LeRoy Covert and Miss Margaret Maybee, were united in marriage and have lived together as man and wife since, until on March 12th the wife left the home.

A few days since a petition was filed alleging extreme cruelty, which in answer was denied, and at the hearing yesterday afternoon, the prayer of the petition of the plaintiff was granted giving a complete separation and entire custody and control of the youngest of two children a daughter one year old, Sheila Nadine Covert, while the defendant Margaret Covert was given care and control of the eldest, a boy three years of age, Elburn Arnold Covert.

ELKS TO HOLD ANOTHER INITIATION ON APRIL 29

From Wednesday's Daily.
Petitions to the number of some fifteen have now been received for admission into the local lodge of Elks, and a class initiation—the second within a few weeks—is called for April 29th, at which time the candidates will be instructed in the mysteries of Elksdom and become full fledged masculine "deers."

WILL MAKE HOME IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

From Wednesday's Daily.
Levi Miller and wife departed this afternoon for Omaha, where they will look after some business before going to Council Bluffs, where they recently purchased property, and will make their home there as soon as they can get possession of the place. They have rented the place here and have their goods packed to ship as soon as their new home is vacated.

TWO PRETTY NICE WINDOWS.

At the "Daylight Store" of H. M. Soennichsen, the two sides of the house evidently were endeavoring to beat each other, in the dressing of their windows. To the man who is going home after a hard day's work, the one on the grocery side looks pretty good, for the things are there to eat, and he is hungry. To the lady or girl, who has just come down town after having had an abundance of things to eat, the west window which is dressed with some of the nicer of women wearing apparel, that window would appeal to them the most. We are endeavoring to remain neutral, and will pass it up to the one who looks at them.

MRS. ELIZA KAUFMANN IS SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Reports from the home of Mrs. Eliza Kaufmann, who has been so seriously sick at her home in this city with the pneumonia, is that she is making some very substantial progress towards recovery, and for the first time she was able to sit up a little on last Sunday, and is still maintaining her improvement.

LOAN PARADE WILL BE EASTER FEATURE

A BIG TIME ASSURED AS THERE WILL BE A LARGE CROWD PARTICIPATE IN AFFAIR.

TANKS MANEUVER AT STATION

The Procession Will Form at the Court House At Two O'Clock Sunday.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The tank will be here, that big six ton one, which has done such valiant service on the battle fields of France, and which is making the country in the interest of the Victory Loan which is to be floated, and the drive for which is on the calendar to begin on next Monday. In preparation for this, the parade is being made.

This parade will have much significance, as it will denote the thankfulness of those who have sons, husbands and fathers in the war and who have come back, and are to come back, it will emphasize the fact that people will gladly contribute to a loan to bring the boys back, as they did to send them away.

The procession will be headed by the city band, and after it will be the boys who have returned from the army and navy, the home guards, all in uniform as well as citizens organizations if such can be arranged for and by citizens all who can and will make the trip and those in cars who do not feel able to march. The procession will form at the court house at two o'clock and march to the Missouri Pacific station where the tank will arrive at 2:30, and will remain until seven. The tank will unload and will maneuver in the space by the railroad tracks. There will be barricades made with the piles of walnut logs which are there and over this the tanks will climb.

Be sure and be in this parade and see the tank, and boost for the Victory Loan. J. W. Holmes will have charge of the parade. Call him for information.

WAS OPERATED UPON FOR APPENDICITIS

From Wednesday's Daily.
This morning C. H. Griffin, who has been here for over night visiting at the home of Jesse Cahoon, and family, departed for his home near Rock Port, Mo. Mr. Griffin was just returning from Omaha, where he had accompanied his wife, where she entered the St. Joseph Hospital, and underwent an operation for appendicitis, Monday. When leaving last evening Mrs. Griffin was doing nicely. It will be remembered that Mr. and Mrs. Griffin made their home here about two years since, and from here moved to Missouri.

HOME LOOKS PRETTY GOOD.

From Wednesday's Daily.
J. H. Hines and wife who have been in the western portion of the state visiting at Alliance and Scotts Bluffs, returned home this morning and report some pretty cold weather and much snow in that portion. They tell of drifts of snow three feet in depth, in all the country west of Alliance. They had an excellent time visiting with their friends and relatives, but thought Plattsmouth looked pretty good to them in getting home again.

IT MAKES A HAPPY HOME YOU BET

From Wednesday's Daily.
Yesterday morning at the home of Homer H. Schrader, there appeared a little blue eyed girl baby, which has gladdened the home of Mr. Schrader and wife, until everything seems like a garden of paradise. The little girl and her mother are both doing nicely, while Homer, Oh, well, he is getting along, but does not get much work done now, as he is kept smiling and whistling when he is not singing, for there is a tone of gladness in his song now.

For Sale: Two Red Short Horn bulls past one year old. Elbert Wiles, phone 2521. a11-td&w

LOOKING AFTER SOME BUSINESS HERE

From Wednesday's Daily.
L. M. Briley who has been visiting here for several days past, looking after the affairs of his half brother John Johnson, who it will be remembered, is supposed to have been drowned in whose body was found near Nebraska City some time later and was brought to this city and buried. Mr. Briley departed this morning for Saskatchewan, Canada, where he will visit for some time.

ARRIES BOYS ARE NOT TO COME HOME YET

ARRIES BOYS WIDELY SEPARATED. BYRON AT NEWPORT NEWS, OTHERS IN FRANCE.

From Wednesday's Daily.
A letter from Major Arries a short time since tells of his having been returned to his regiment, and sent from the hospital in France where he has just been released, to Germany to join his division.

He had expected to have come home when he was able but was returned to his unit, and will come with them, but no one knows just when that will be. Byron is in the hospital at Newport News, where he is still receiving treatment, and does not know when he will be out. Don Arries is still with the aero division to which he is attached, and like the others does not know when he will be home.

GETS HIS CAR TODAY.

From Tuesday's Daily.
This morning Frank W. Elliott was a passenger to Omaha, where he drove down the new Republic truck, which he recently purchased from the T. H. Pollock Auto Company. Mr. Elliott will endeavor to care for the business which is coming his way and coming fast. He is arranging to place a rack on the truck, that will hold barrels, to which he will attach faucets until the arrival of the tank, which has been ordered, and which will be installed on the truck as soon as it arrives. Will Weisinger one of the most clever young men is running the truck, which Mr. Elliott has at this time, and a more trustworthy and efficient man could not be found for the place.

VISITS WITH FRIENDS HERE.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Thomas M. McCarty, of Silver City, a friend of Robert Richter, and family was in the city for a short time and left last evening for his home after having spent a few days in pleasant visit with his friends. Mr. McCarty, who was one of the men who guarded the Big Burlington bridge, over the Missouri river, went overseas, and has been recently returned from the camp on discharge. He knowing a number of people here, came over and spent a short time with them. Mr. McCarty is this year, working on a farm near Silver City, but expects to engage in farming for himself the coming year. He had formerly lived near Silver City.

GRANDMOTHER DIES IN DES MOINES

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last evening Guy Keiser departed for Des Moines, Iowa, called there on account of the news that his grandmother Mrs. E. D. Hall had just passed away. Mrs. E. D. Hall was formerly Mrs. Cephas Maister. Mr. Keiser goes to attend the funeral and assist what he can in the trouble incident to the death of the aged lady. The funeral occurs this afternoon.

THE BAND BOYS WORK HARD.

It chanced last evening that the city council continued their meeting until 11:15, and as we were going home even after that found the members of the city band industriously at their work practicing, that may be in condition to serve the citizens in the concerts which we are to have this year. So when they or some one in their behalf comes to you, remember that perhaps you were sleeping very quietly while they were still practicing that they might serve you with delightful music.

SERGEANT RALPH ALLEN IS NOW HOME

OVERSEAS FOR 18 MONTHS, SAW MUCH OF HARDEST FIGHTING OF THE WAR.

WAS WOUNDED NEAR VERDUN

And Has Lain in Hospital Since October 23rd—Arrived in the U. S. on April 2nd.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last Saturday afternoon Sergeant Ralph H. Allen, who has been overseas for a year and a half, and who answered his country's call to the colors three days after was declared—on April 9, 1917—arrived home and was rejoiced to find his family all well and to meet his mother again.

Ralph enlisted in Company "I" of the national guard regiment which was recruited to war strength upon the entry of the United States into the world conflict. This was the Glenwood, Iowa, company, and in it, along with him, were some six or seven other Plattsmouth boys, all anxious to do their bit. From Glenwood they mobilized with other companies of the regiment long before Camp Dodge was thought of. The regiment became a part of the famous Rainbow division, and the latter part of September, 1917, saw them in the overseas fighting. The excessive long and hard service which the division was required to perform was shared in no small degree by the Glenwood company, and Plattsmouth boys, including Mr. Allen, were always found ready to do their part. Of the eight young men from here in the Glenwood company, two were killed in action and practically all the remainder were wounded. Thus the fatalities of the "Plattsmouth squad" ran 25 per cent and the casualties nearly 100 per cent.

While Sergeant Allen was in the thickest of the fighting on the west front, he was fortunate in that he went through to within three weeks of the time of the signing of the armistice without even a scratch. But during the fierce fighting around the contested fortress of Verdun, in the Argonne forest, while the fighting was unusually heavy, and an effort was being made to cut off Metz, a bullet from the enemy's gun found its way into Ralph's left leg, sending him to the hospital, where he lay long after the cessation of hostilities.

Like the brave young American he is, when writing to his mother, Ralph said that he was not with the company, but was staying at the hospital where he was having his teeth worked upon, in order that she might not be worried and think he was severely wounded.

The bullet wound, which was in his left leg, has now gotten completely well and is as sound as a dollar. Ralph presented the picture of health as he swung from the train to greet his relatives and friends in the old home town.

We are glad to greet this young patriot who has willingly sacrificed so much through love of his country and his home.

RUN OVER SPORT LAST NIGHT

From Tuesday's Daily.
A lot of young fellows were joy riding last evening, and as Mason Wescott was one of them, Sport, his faithful dog was along, not taking a joy ride but a joy run, for he had to keep trotting along you know. A dog spying the car and the dog trotting along so nicely dashed out of a house on the avenue, above the O. K. Garage, which caused 'Sport' to sidle over a little, and was caught by one of the wheels of the car, which ran over him, the wheel passing over the small of the dog's back. Mason said he was able to wag his tail today but appeared to be years older.

"Wanted: Girl for general housework, in small family. Must do plain cooking; good wages. Write Mrs. T. M. Patterson, Plattsmouth, Nebr."

JOHN GOCHENOUR HAPPY MAN.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Incident to the birth of a little girl baby on the Gochenour Island, it is reported that Foxy Grandpa, John Gochenour, is about as happy a man as ever come down the pike. John generally is good natured, but the advent of the little granddaughter was one thing which capped the climax of his good feeling, and even the stock on the farm noticed his beaming smile, and would come up and eat out of his hand since the coming of the little granddaughter. There is a bright speck in all our lives.

MAKES SETTLEMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIM

IN THE MATTER OF THE LOSS BY FIRE OF THE HOME OF IVAN J. TAYLOR, RECENTLY.

Mr. Dickey who is an adjuster of insurance losses, was in the city today and as representative of the American Insurance Company of Philadelphia, made a very satisfactory adjustment of the loss on the property of Mr. Ivan J. Taylor, whose home was entirely consumed but a short time since. The loss was shown to have been total, and so the returns are made to the company, and the insurance which was for one thousand dollars was paid in full. Though the loss was somewhere about three thousand dollars there was but one thousand on it at the time, but this was paid in full.

Mr. Taylor has had his policy through the agency of J. E. Barwick, who is writing insurance in some of the best companies in the country, and is very particular that everything is just right in the policies which he writes. In the case of this policy, is stipulated just what the terms were and this was plain and explicit. Mr. Barwick is doing a very good business and the manner in which he handles it speaks well for him.

ATTENDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From Tuesday's Daily.
Rev. M. A. Shine of the St. John's Catholic Church, of this city departed on the early train this morning for Lincoln, where he goes to meet with the State Historical society in their quarterly convention.

Rev. Shine is a very earnest and enthusiastic student of history, and is well versed in history, both universal, national and state, having the happenings of this state at an early day at his fingers ends.

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CHASED BY THE GRIM SPECTRE DEATH

Andy Moore Has His "Lucky Star" to Thank that He Wasn't Killed in Accident.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Ray Milburn has a motor cycle, which is a goer when it is thrown into gear and given plenty of gas. As a racer it sure has pep. This fact can best be attested by Andy Moore, who had a bit of experience Saturday afternoon. Mr. Moore, wishing to run from the depot to the lumber yard of his moving picture partner, August Cloldt, decided he would make the trip on the motorcycle and as he came up Main street the machine gained speed rapidly. When he came to the Fifth street corner not far from the Journal office the motorcycle was going at a clip that would easily prove its worth in the traffic department of any large city. But when Mr. Moore assayed to turn south at this corner the speed was too rapid to permit of making the turn safely and the machine landed against the curb on the east side of the Holly clothing store, throwing Mr. Moore high into the air and across the pavement, where he struck a wooden railing inflicting a very severe cut in his head. The motorcycle scooted along the walk for a distance of some thirty feet before it stopped. Mr. Moore picked himself up and scurried about to the office of a physician, where he had the wound dressed, a total of nine stitches being required to close the cut. He is feeling somewhat sore as a result of his experience, but is getting along all right and thanking his lucky star that he came out so far ahead in the race with the grim monster, Death.

IS VISITING WITH RELATIVES.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Mrs. Benjamin Cole, of Sanoma, California, arrived in this city this morning from her home in the west on her way to the east where she will visit with relatives in Ohio, and is visiting for some time at the home of her brother-in-law A. G. Cole and wife. Mrs. Cole will visit here for a while before going to her former home in the east.

MRS. OTTO PITZ SOME BETTER

Mrs. Otto Pitz who is at the hospital at Omaha where she has been for a number of weeks, having been in the hospital, where she was operated upon, and has since been making progress which is very satisfactory and it is hoped that ere long she may be able to return to her home in this city. Mr. Pitz was a passenger to Omaha this afternoon where he is visiting with his wife for a short time.

Office Supplies? That's where we shine. The Journal Printery.