

NOTABLE ESSAY WRITTEN BY GIRL IN ARMY CONTEST

Frances E. Gassaway of Holdrege, Neb., Submits Story of Jack Malone in Fiction Form.

The first rule of writing is: "Make it interesting," and with that firmly fixed in her mind, Frances E. Gassaway, Holdrege (Neb.) school girl, cast aside the rules of the rhetoricians that would make dry expositions or windy argumentation of her essay, and in composing a paper in competition for the prize offered in the army contest turned to the interesting narrative style and made it a short story.

Frances stuck close to the rule that her essays must deal with the benefits of enlisting in the United States army, but instead of basting her argument with facts, she wrote about a fictitious soldier and the benefits that came to him in the service. Jack Malone was her hero's name, and the motives that led him into the service and his experiences there make up her essay.

Her contribution, which will be considered with hundreds of others from school children in the Omaha district, reads as follows:

Jack Malone's Story.
"At the beginning of the war Jack Malone's conscience pricked him, and partly on this account he enlisted. He had other reasons, however, such as the fact that his father's clerks were going, and he did not wish to think that he, a rich merchant's son, should have less honor than a mere clerk."

"For this decision he was given months' training, passage on a European-bound steamship, and a chance to lick the Hun."

"When he was discharged and had gone home, people began to ask him of the benefits he had derived from his enlistment. He finally decided to make out a list, which he could learn by memory, and which he would recite when asked for. From his list were these articles:

List of Benefits.
"Enlistment in the United States army profited me these things: I was rather a weakling, but physical training made me a man of superb health and strength. I had eaten what I pleased until my digestive system was seriously impaired. By wholesome food this defect was overcome. Though I had plenty of money I had not traveled extensively. During my enlistment I saw wonderful scenery that I can ever hope to see again. I thought that my father's clerks were not fit associates, but one of these same clerks gave me life for me, and through him I have humble respect for all clean, true American citizens. I imagined that the English Tommies were a bunch of snobs and that the Frenchmen were frivolous, while on the other side I discovered that there are as many great souls among other nations as were in my own."

"While in a hospital after a severe wound I was shown that splendid men and women are giving their fortunes and lives to Red Cross work. Through this revelation I am giving to and helping the Red Cross to the best of my ability. Above all else I learned to love and respect my country and my fellow citizens and to: 'Love my neighbor as myself.'"

**TRAFFIC STAFF OF
MISSOURI PACIFIC
READY FOR WORK**

J. R. Duckworth in Charge and Philippi, Barrett and Dozier to Return.

J. R. Duckworth, division freight agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad, is to become assistant general freight agent here Monday. J. O. Philippi, commercial agent for the Missouri Pacific here before the period of federal control, will resume his duties in the same capacity.

J. R. Barrett will return to Omaha from Kansas City, where he has been connected with the railroad administration, to become a freight agent.

R. M. Dozier, formerly assistant general freight agent in Omaha, and more recently a traffic assistant for the United States railroad administration in Washington, has been appointed assistant freight traffic manager of the Missouri Pacific at Chicago.

**Daniel J. Keegan Dies
At Lord Lister Hospital
From Hardened Arteries**

Daniel J. Keegan, 39 years old, prominent South Side business man, died yesterday morning at Lord Lister hospital from arterio-sclerosis. Mr. Keegan had been a resident of Omaha for 32 years, and for the past 12 years was in charge of the business of the Western Weighing association on the South Side.

Mr. Keegan was a Catholic and Knight of Columbus. Survivors are the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Keegan, 2302 P street, pioneer residents of South Omaha, three brothers, John A., Arthur and Frank R. Keegan, of Omaha, and a sister, Mrs. William O. Neill of Kansas City.

Funeral services will be at 9 Monday morning at the residence, and St. Agnes church. Interment in St. Marys cemetery.

**Puts Burglars to Rout as
He Switches Electric Light**

After cutting the telephone wires running to the house, burglars attempted to break into the basement at the home of Charles Gruenig, 2406 Tyler avenue, at 4 yesterday morning.

Mr. Gruenig was awakened by their noise, and when he switched on an electric light downstairs, the burglars were frightened away, he told police.

Nothing was missing from the home.

Olden Times Recalled by Ancient Hacks, Ships that Flitted Through Shadows of Night, in Days of Auld Lang Syne

McShane's and the House of Lords Popular Hang-Outs of Old-Time Omaha.

By JOHN E. KENNEBECK.

In the "good old days" of young Omaha, during the popularity of such songs as "When You Were Sweet Sixteen," and "Chippie, Get Your Hair Cut," many of Omaha's pioneer residents had clear reminiscences of them—it was a common street sight to discern the silhouette of a sleepy hack driver, dozing off on an exclusive cushion of a chair in front of an inn waiting longingly to be of service to some weary being.

Many Omaha pioneers remember those days of the early '80s. Cabs, hacks, chaises and hawlers, were then in popular use.

The latter days of local transportation present a radical improvement in speed compared with the methods used in the olden days.

The old time carriages have grown out of existence with the influx of the motor vehicles.

"Remnants of Halcyon Days."

Final evidence of the halcyon days of the tallies and the hacks, was brought to the attention of curious motorists and pedestrians passing Eighteenth and California streets during the past few weeks in the sight of four weather-beaten and dilapidated cabs standing off the curb.

A "For Sale" sign over them beckons to the curious passer-by—mute and worn monuments of civilization in reality, but still sung by our fathers.

They recall reminiscences of the boyhood days of such well known Omahans as Guy Barton, Edward Cudahy, Judge J. L. H. Patrick, Alvin Saunders, John C. Cowin, C. W. Hamilton, A. J. Poppleton, J. W. Worth, George Barker and W. V. Morse.

The estates of these men were scenes of many a jolly, rip-roaring, and enjoyable occasion among the old settlers.

Omaha in those days boasted of a small retail business section about Thirtieth and Douglas streets. The Boyd opera house at Fifteenth and Farnam was a popular play house.

Old-Time Rendezvous.

The Academy of Music at Thirtieth and Douglas was a daily and nightly rendezvous of the working class, cab drivers and transients.

As told by Ed. F. Morearty, a survivor of Omaha's smart set in the days when cab driving was a paying job, "it cost 25 cents for admission into the place, nothing to be bounced out."

Instead of the present day cry of the lone taxi driver: "Taxi? Taxi?" a veteran of the early days heard choruses of pleas from the hack drivers as he stepped into the street from a theater of railroad station in the "wee sma' hours of the morning."

"Hack to any part of the city," was the familiar cry.

Principal cab stands were maintained at the Hotels Millard, Henshaw and Paxton; at all railroad stations; and near play houses.

Thirtieth street was considered

Health Department

**Simoon Over and All
Is Reported Serene**

Affairs in the health department yesterday appeared to be serene, following allegations of offensive language uttered by Health Commissioner J. F. Edwards.

Police Commissioner Ringer declared the health department budget required a decrease in the number of inspectors, three of whom have resigned, leaving a total of nine. The nine are all assigned to specific work, but Mr. Ringer explained that the inspectors who have automobiles will be required to do general inspection in addition to their other work.

He repeated his statement that resignations in the health office had nothing to do with reported friction between the health commissioner and his staff. The health commissioner declined to make further comment.

**William Kavan Appointed
Right Hand Man to Ringer**

Police Commissioner Ringer yesterday announced that his secretary, Harry Silverman, will be succeeded Monday morning by William Kavan.

Mr. Kavan is a native Omahan, recently discharged from military service, holding a commission as second lieutenant. He was graduated from the law department of the University of Nebraska and was business manager of the "Cornhusker" in 1913.

Mr. Silverman announced that he will resume his law practice in Omaha.

**Gunnery Practice Offered
Omaha U. S. Army Recruits**

A year of instruction in military science, artillery practice, physical development, and several other subjects is offered enlisted men of the field artillery at an enlisted specialists' school recently established at Fort Sill, Okla., according to information received yesterday at the Omaha recruiting office.

About 1200 men can be accommodated, and courses in gunnery, artillery construction and repair will be given with training for army clerks and special schools for non-commissioned officers.

**Window Smashers Heave
Rock and Steel 16 Shirts**

Burglars heaved a rock through the plate glass window of J. White's store, 318 North Sixteenth street, Friday night and stole 16 silk shirts, according to police. They escaped.

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outside the city limits, as also was Lake and Vinton streets. Cab drivers received well paid fees for driving parties of sportsive bloods to scenes of cock-fights, holiday festivals, sport contests and private parties, held outside the limits of the city for fear of probable molestation from the two policemen then keeping patrol only over the city.

Mr. Morearty tells interesting stories of the cab and hack era in Omaha, for with the passing of the horse-drawn vehicles and the influx of more speedy methods of transportation, has also passed the good old days of sports.

Started at McShane's.

Jim McShane's livery stable that stood at Fifteenth and Dodge streets was a starting place of many an enjoyable crowd of young bloods on their way to Brandeis grove, Croft's place, Hill's Hang-out, Haskell's park or Joe Rolfs' home on the outskirts of Omaha.

"The Drum," a saloon near the old Boyd opera house, was a rendezvous of sporting promoters from Portland, Ore., to Portland, Me., it will be remembered. The place was run by David N. Miller, once sheriff of Douglas county.

"The House of Lords," a saloon next door to McShane's stable, was probably the most talked-of "hang-out" for cab drivers at that time. Many a pioneer driver in silk hat, long brass-adorned coat and silk gloves, stood proudly at the bar in "The House of Lords" while his master enjoyed an opera at Boyd's.

Fatty Glenn's bar at Eleventh and Douglas streets, is also remembered as the scene of many a good time in those mellow days.

Unlike the present day taxicab driver who, we find, is in the game for remunerative returns only, the old time hack driver had a way of his own of transacting business.

Drinks Always in Order.

Liquor was in order day and night. Consequently the hack was a source of means to the inebriated in getting home without making the rounds of lamp posts. No tube of communication from the cab to the driver, as installed in taxicabs, was in use for the passenger to give warning to the driver about "driving fast" or "where to stop."

Incidentally, many an intoxicated being did limited damage by knocking his fists on the glass doors to attract the attention of the driver. If it happened that the driver of such a damaged hack was not of a docile disposition, it is remembered by pioneers of those days that "black eyes, smacked lips and broken jaws" were heard of.

If a passenger of a present day taxicab refuses to pay fare, he is given an additional ride free to a police station. During the hack and cab era, such a passenger was taken an indefinite number of miles outside the city limits, probably close to some Indian reservation, and allowed a chance to explore the country between his "shove-off" spot and Omaha.

Like "Mexican Generals."

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DRAMATIC SCENE IN FATHER'S FIGHT FOR HIS GIRL BABY

Grandmother Cries, and Sister Rages Before Judge Troup, Who Upholds Father.

Dramatic scenes in District Judge Troup's court yesterday marked the hearing of the habeas corpus action brought by Carl O. Nelson, 4122 Wirt street, to get possession of his 3-year-old daughter, Georgia Catherine.

Judge Troup took the child from her grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Nelson, 4221 Wirt street, declaring that "a father has a right to his child, his own flesh and blood."

Mrs. Esther Barber, sister of Mr. Nelson, rose in the court room and exclaimed:

"He is not entitled to this child. Look what he did to his first wife. She was led from the court room and the grandmother burst into tears, sobbing her love for the little girl and declaring her son did not love his child as she does."

**R. B. Howell Expected Home
From Guatemala Next Week**

R. B. Howell, general manager of the Metropolitan Water board, is expected home from Guatemala during the early part of this week, according to information received at his office.

**The Real Cause of
Most Bad Complexions**

It is a stern fact that no truly beautiful complexion ever came out of jars or bottles; the longer one uses cosmetics the worse the complexion becomes. Skin, to be healthy, must breathe. It also must open through the pores, its share of the body's effete material. Creams and powders clog the pores, interfering both to elimination and breathing. If more women understood this there would be fewer self-ruined complexions. If they would use ordinary mercolized wax instead of cosmetics, they would have natural, healthy complexions. This remarkable substance actually absorbs a bad skin, also unclogging the pores. Result: The fresher, younger under skin is permitted to breathe and to show itself. An exquisite new complexion gradually peeps out, free from any appearance of artificiality. Get an ounce of mercolized wax at your druggist's and try it. Apply nightly like cold cream, for a week or so, washing it off mornings.

"Bull Dog Tussles."
Betting at cock-fights and bull-dog tussles was also a popular pastime. As these affairs were held outside the city limits, hack drivers were in demand for transportation.

So, with the cabs grown obsolete, reminiscences of the era in which they figured so prominently are an "Auld Lang Syne" of the past.

No one remains to sing their requiem but a few of the old-time drivers, Jack Carney, John Everett and Don Wallace known as "Says-I." These alone of the old-time drivers live today to tell of the passing of the hack.

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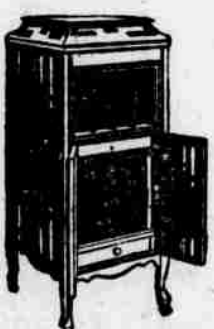
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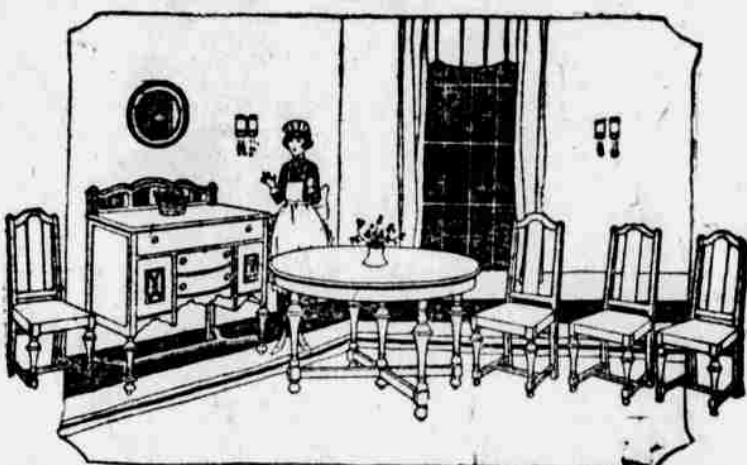
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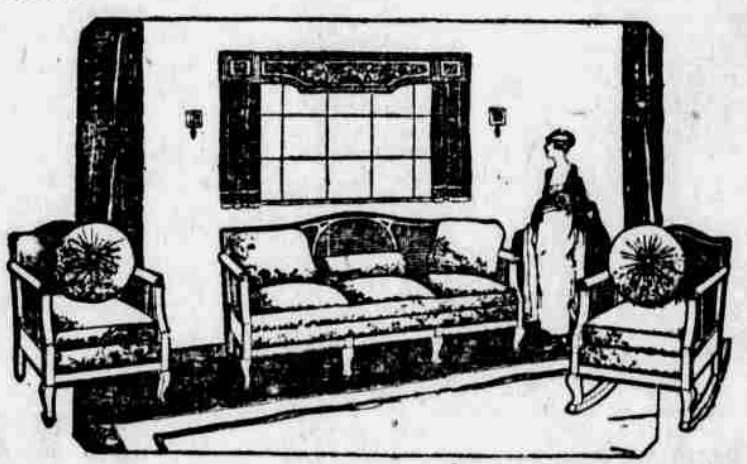
At Prices Which Prove the Value of a Low Rent Location

EVERY spring the world is born anew—the very air is full of suggestions of newness. So what is more natural than that thoughts inspired by warm days should turn upon things needed about the home that will aid in bringing some of the loveliness of the out-of-doors within the four walls we live.



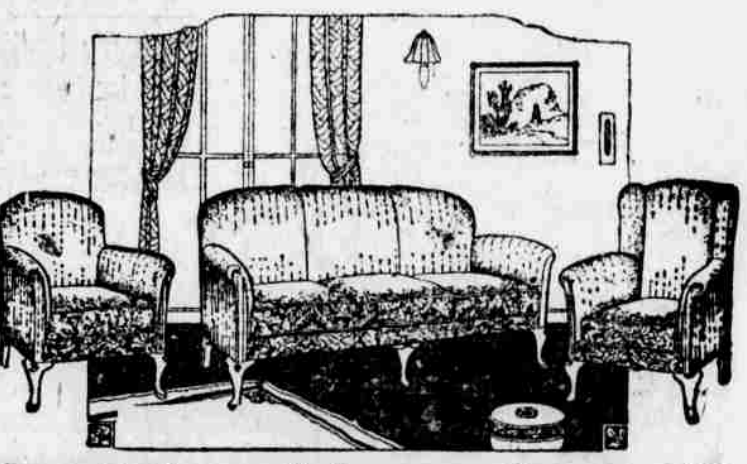
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