

Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Exchanges

Lyons Mirror: M. M. Warner, wife and daughter, Mary, visited the family of B. J. Sheldon at Walthill, Sunday.

Sioux City Tribune, 19th: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall Friday, April 13, at their home near Hinton.

Tekamah Herald: Mrs. D. W. MacGregor returned on Friday from Wayne, where she had been recuperating from the effects of her recent illness, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Rennick.

Walthill Citizen: Editor Mose Warner and family of the Lyons Mirror, visited here Saturday evening and Sunday, guests at the B. Sheldon home. He gave us a pleasant visit. Mrs. Warner and Mary remained until Tuesday.

Sioux City Journal, 23rd: Thirty-five members of the Coleridge, Neb., contingent who came to Sioux City Saturday to enlist in the army yesterday were guests of the Crystal Lake Gun club. The Coleridge men are members of the gun club at that place.

Newcastle Times: Father O'Toole was a passenger to Jackson Tuesday noon. Mike Heenan was a visitor at Jackson, Tuesday afternoon. W. A. Verzani was transacting business at Jackson, Wednesday. The Homer high school ball team played here with the locals last Friday, score 13 to 1, in favor of Newcastle.

Ponea Journal: Jim Sutherland of Jackson, spent Saturday at the home of his father. Rev. Perea went to South Sioux City Tuesday to attend the Northeastern Nebraska Presbytery, which was held Wednesday. Henry Gath and crew of six men came up from Jackson Saturday evening and spent Sunday in Ponea. Mr. Gath has contracts for several large jobs in Jackson.

Allen News: Archie Twamley was a passenger to Sioux City Tuesday noon. R. Cark went to Sioux City Tuesday for a visit with his son, Walter, who holds the position of assistant cashier in the offices of the Cudahy Packing Co. Henry Hinz and Miss Elsie Glou, of near Nacora, were united in marriage, Friday, April 13th, in Sioux City, Iowa, and now live on the Hinz farm, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hinz having moved to Waterbury.

Sioux City Journal, 20th: Miss Eleanor Watterson, of Sac City, and Mr. Clarence Rasdal, of Wayne, Neb., were married at noon yesterday at the First Presbyterian church in this city by Rev. Wallace M. Hamilton. After the service Mrs. C. E. Watterson, the bride's mother, gave a luncheon in their honor at the West

hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Rasdal will make their home in Wayne after a visit in Omaha.

Wakefield Republican: C. J. A. Larson and wife visited Wakefield relatives over Sunday. Edwards & Bradford have sold their lumber yard at Primrose and Art has been given the position of bookkeeper and assistant manager at South Sioux City. Some of the friends of Senator, H. P. Shumway remembered his 61st birthday by giving him a very pleasant surprise party last evening. The following gentlemen and their wives were present: W. S. and Harold Ebersole, Frank Westrand, E. T. Dunlap, I. O. Peterson, Walter Carlson, L. W. Schwedhelm, R. D. Aller and H. B. Ware.

Emerson Enterprise: Mrs. Chas. Londegren died at a hospital in Norfolk last Saturday and the remains were taken to Hubbard Monday for burial Wednesday. The pen is said to be "mightier than the sword." Mell Schmied's Dakota City North Nebraska Eagle gives evidence each week that the scissors are mightier than the pen. Mrs. Church and her little daughter of Homer returned home last week after several days' visit with the families of Charles Rockwell, Clyde Myers and John Church. Nick Ryan has purchased the Sol Smith building, now occupied by the harness shop, and will move his drug store therein as soon as it is made ready. A new plat glass front, steel ceiling and a full basement are some of the changes contemplated.

Sioux City Journal, 18th: If Sioux Cityans want to take advantage of the offer made by the Nebraska State Game association, which is now seining Crystal lake of all "soft" fish, to sell the fish at cost, they should come to the scene of the operations before the peddlers buy up the supply. W. J. O'Brien, state superintendent of fisheries, announced yesterday. All the fish taken from the lake will be sold at from 6 to 8 cents a pound. Peddlers from Sioux City have the right to buy supplies at these prices, but they sell the fish at from 10 to 12 cents a pound in Sioux City, thus defeating the purpose of the offer. More than a ton of buffalo, carp and spoonbill catfish have been taken from the lake during the last two days. Four men are engaged in the operations. It is estimated that it will take this crew about two weeks to exhaust the supply. Geo. C. Koster, of Lincoln, chief game warden, and Mr. O'Brien, will return to Omaha tonight after having supervised the laying of the nets.

Sioux City Journal, 24: Frank B. Buckwalter and Ralph J. Haley have received seed potatoes valued at from \$5,000 to \$6,000 from North Dakota and Minnesota. The potatoes will be distributed for planting in Thurston and Dakota counties in Nebraska. The potatoes are Early Ohio. The cost for seed and planting will be about \$50 an acre. Funeral services for John W. Greene, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Greene, of South Sioux City,

Neb., whose body arrived in Sioux City yesterday from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where death occurred Sunday from blood poisoning, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist Episcopal church in South Sioux City. Burial will be in Graceland Park cemetery. Greene scratched his finger on a barbed wire fence several weeks ago. The finger became infected and Greene was sent to Excelsior Springs in an attempt to regain his strength. He died from the effects of the poisoning, which spread through his system. Greene was a student in the South Sioux City high school. Besides his parents, Greene is survived by five brothers and sisters, Hazel, James, Edward, Harold and Helen.

Sioux City Journal, 16th: Rev. G. M. Pendell, of Homer, Neb., is visiting his son, Goodsell T. Pendell, and family. J. P. Twohig, 2622 Pierce street, reported to the police that his five passenger automobile was stolen from Tenth and Iowa streets Tuesday night. The car carried the license number 145,042. One thousand, four hundred pounds of fish were taken from Crystal lake yesterday and were sold to consumers and peddlers as fast as they could be removed from the seines. The fish were sold at 5 cents and 6 cents a pound. Peddlers who brought them to Sioux City sold them at 10 cents a pound. Spoonbill catfish sold at 8 cents. A military funeral will be given Michael McNally, 20 years old, the first recruit from Sioux City to die while in the service of his country, this morning at 9 o'clock from the church at Willis, Neb. Burial will be in the cemetery at Jackson, Neb. It is expected that a number from the Sioux City recruiting station will attend the funeral. McNally enlisted on March 29th and was in apparent good health at the time. He was sent to Fort Logan, Colo., for his training. He was taken with an acute attack of appendicitis and was not able to rally from the operation. McNally is survived by his widowed mother, Mrs. Alice McNally, who lives on a farm a short distance from Goodwin. Funeral services will be held at Willis, as there is no church at Goodwin.

Santa Fe Special in Sioux City Journal, 21st: Elbert W. Blancett, on trial for the murder of Clyde D. Armour of Sioux City, Ia., tonight took the stand and admitted killing Armour with a shot gun on the afternoon of October 23. The killing, Blancett said, was accidental and took place while he was intoxicated. It occurred, he swore, in some woods twenty miles east of here while he was on the way from Denver, Colo., to Fresno, Cal., in an automobile with Armour. Blancett testified that he and Armour left the car for a short hunt. Armour walked approximately twenty-five feet ahead of him, the accused man said, and when he stumbled, the shotgun he was carrying in the hollow of his arm was discharged and Armour received a portion in the back. When he had ascertained Armour was dead, Blancett averred, he started for Santa Fe to notify the authorities, but became frightened at the thought of possible consequences of the affair. Being out of money he impersonated the dead man in order to secure funds, later selling Armour's automobile the same reason. After procuring Armour's money Blancett said he got drunk and lost it all in a gambling game. The largest crowd ever in the court house here listened breathlessly to the statement of Blancett, telling a chronological story in answer to questions by his attorneys. Blancett still was on the stand when court adjourned late tonight. He will complete his statement tomorrow. The state concluded its case today. Renhan closely cross-examined G. Hamma, the Denver handwriting expert who testified that Blancett had signed Armour's name to telegrams and hotel registers. The defense sought to show that if Blancett wrote the letter to the governor of New Mexico, signed "Edelman," from Seattle, he did so while under the influence of Morphine given him by his nurse while he was suffering from the wound in his neck. The testimony showed that the entire charge of shot from a 10-gauge shot gun went through Blancett's neck below the Adam's apple and came out at the back, making a round hole an inch and a quarter in diameter. Doctors declared that it was a miracle that the wound was not fatal. A peculiar coincidence was found in the fact that the wound was almost exactly like that which killed Armour.

Santa Fe Special in Sioux City Journal, 22nd: In an attempt to disprove E. W. Blancett's story of the accidental killing of Clyde D. Armour, of Sioux City, last October, in which the accused man blamed the tragedy on his drunken condition, District Attorney Crist late today began a severe cross examination of Blancett in which the attorney expects to show that the crime

was premeditated. Every detail of Blancett's narrative, commencing with his birth and ending in a penitentiary hospital, will be assailed by the district attorney. Blancett today continued his story, begun on the stand last night. In recounting the events of the trip from Denver to this city in Armour's car he told the story of his continuous drinking of strong liquor at every stopping place. Armour he said, only drinking a little beer occasionally. Blancett, in telling the story of his life, said he was 22 years old. He was born in Aztec, N. M., worked as purchasing agent at salmon canneries in Washington, on the cattle ranch of H. L. Allen, Salida, Colo.; in a Denver garage and for the Thomas Cusack company as driver. He said that he was "fired" from the last concern for being drunk. He then hung around a pool hall and a "blind tiger" in Denver until Armour hired him as a motor companion. He emphasized the fact that he and Armour became warm friends. Blancett said that he was not real drunk at the time of the killing, but had been drinking a good deal. He said he was carrying a shotgun across his left arm with his right thumb on the hammer and finger on the trigger, the gun being cocked. Armour was twenty or thirty feet ahead of him. He declared he stumbled, tried to catch himself, and the gun was discharged. He said he was not accustomed to a hammer gun. Armour fell, he ran to him, turned him over and saw he was covered with blood. He called "Armour, Armour!" He saw Armour was dead, and picked up the gun and ran back to the car in a panic, not noticing that he picked up Armour's rifle instead of a shotgun. Afraid of what might be done to him in a strange country if he told the story of the accidental shooting, Blancett said he decided to keep his lips sealed. He said he got drunk, gambled and spent his time in a sporting house here in an effort to forget what had happened. He claimed he got a railroad pass, a Sioux City Gas company note and other of Armour's possessions out of the grip in the automobile.

Santa Fe, N. M., special in Sioux City Journal, 24th: Arguments began today in the trial of Elbert W. Blancett for the murder of Clyde D. Armour, of Sioux City, Ia. The defense placed Blancett's mother, Mrs. Charles Baker, of Friday Harbor, Wash., on the stand for the purpose of showing that Blancett was too ill to have written the "Edelman" letter from Seattle to the governor of New Mexico declaring the innocence of Blancett. Blancett was subject to a severe grilling by the district attorney on his story of the alleged accidental killing and following events, Blancett's answers purporting to show only a hazy recollection. "The state," declared Assistant District Attorney E. P. Davies in opening the state's argument this afternoon, "wove such a net around the defendant that it became a veritable rope around his neck and it was only after he had seen, and astute counsel had seen, there was no possibility of doubt that defendant opened his mouth." The prosecutor declared that through greed of money Blancett shot down his motor companion in cold blood and that afterward without any formality proceeded to rifle the pockets of the dead man, taking everything that was money or represented money, leaving only a cheap watch. Blancett sat unmoved as the denunciation proceeded. His mother, Mrs. Baker, wept. "You must not allow yourselves to be swayed by a woman's tears," declared Attorney Davies to the jury. "Her son here has sat throughout this trial without one sign of human emotion, leaving the poor old mother to bear the brunt of sorrow. If we are to consider sympathy for a mother in this case there is another mother I must mention—the mother of the murdered man. With most of us while our loved ones are cold in death there is a lovely casket to hold the remains and sweet smelling flowers to waft perfume and a smile of repose on the face of the dead and marks of attention of the embalmer. Mrs. Armour will not have that consolation. All her life there will be that terrible recollection of gnawed bones, eaten away by wild animals, and memory of the last vestige of the face which she beheld beautiful in life scarred by sharp-teethed coyotes and wolves." Many women in the courtroom wept aloud during the prosecutor's speech. He ridiculed Blancett's story of accidental shooting as "absurd, improbable and ridiculous," and declared every proceeding and succeeding incident showed proof of cold premeditation and concealment. Attorney Renhan, for the defense, spoke tonight. District Attorney Crist will close for the state tomorrow. The case is expected to go to the jury at noon tomorrow.

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Team of horses, weight 1400; 1 disc; 1 new Henny carriage; 10 tons wild hay. P. Jones, Hubbard, Nebr.

Soldier Boys Go to Coast

Howard Rockwell writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rockwell: Office of the Quartermaster, Ft. Logan, Colo., April 21, 1917. Dear Mother and Father:

This is about the first opportunity I have had to write you a few lines, so will do the best I can.

I am feeling fine now, although the first few days I was quite sick, but am getting along all right now. I think it was the typhoid inoculation and the vaccination, also the climate that put me on the bum.

I am detained by the quartermaster as stenographer indefinitely. Do not know how long I will be here, but suppose for a few months anyway, and probably all summer. Write me at Fort Logan, Colo., care of the Quartermaster.

I have drawn my clothing and this is what I got: 1 suit of wool clothes, 2 suits of khaki, 6 suits of summer underwear, 6 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of shoes, 1 overall suit, 2 wool shirts and 1 hat. What do you think of that? I didn't draw my winter overcoat nor my rain coat. Everything is of good quality.

We have a cot with a mattress to sleep on, and two good wool blankets to put over us, and we sleep in the barracks built of brick. Our "eats" consists of beans, peas, rice, pudding, meat, cabbage, bread, butter and coffee, and about as much of that as you want.

This is a nice agreeable place here, about ten miles from Denver, and I wouldn't care if I was stationed here all summer.

The rest of the boys left last Thursday for San Francisco. It will take them about four days to get there. They went via El Paso on a special train. They were all very anxious to get started, but I think they will be just as anxious to get off the train by the time they get there. Frank Sides leaves this evening for San Francisco. Then I will be left alone entirely. Saw a couple of the boys from South Sioux City today. They arrived Wednesday and will leave some time next week, about 500 go today. From now on they will send about 4000 a week out of this post.

I guess I will send my clothes home some time next week. When I first came out here I thought I would keep them, but it isn't likely that I would wear them more than once a month anyway, so I guess my uniform is good enough to wear if I want to go to Denver.

Well, I guess I had better close for this time and write some more next week. Let me hear from you at any time. With best wishes, I am your son,
Howard J. Rockwell.

Gerald Hall writes his sister, Miss Frana Hall:
Fort Logan, Col., April 16, 1917.

Dear Sister: Now that I have certain hours off and am not likely to be called at any minute, I will write you a letter telling you what

all I have done since I left.

I left Sioux City at 7:45 Wednesday morning and got into Omaha at 11:15 a. m. I went through an examination there, and left at 11:16 that night. We got into Denver at 2:30 Thursday afternoon. We had a 50 minute wait in Denver, and then we got a train for here, arriving about 4 o'clock. It was after 9 o'clock that night before I got through signing papers and they got through getting my finger prints, taking my picture, and a whole lot of other things. Believe me I was sure tired. The next day I had to sign some more papers and take another examination. They took me over to the hospital, vaccinated me and tested my blood. Say, if that wouldn't almost get a fellow's goat nothing would. They lined up a bunch of us about a block long and took each one as he came. They run a kind of hollow needle into one of the veins in one's arm and drew out a little bottle of blood. Almost every other man would faint. Just as I was about to "get mine" one fellow fainted and his eyes bulged out of his head about six inches—more or less. It was twice as bad to watch those fellows faint as it was to get the needle. The next day they took us to the hospital to get a shot in the arm—inoculation, or whatever it is called. We have got two more of these coming. They say one of the three makes one sick. The first one didn't make me sick, but it made my arm awful sore, believe me; so I suppose mine is yet to come.

We are about eight miles from the mountains. It seems kind of funny to look up and see them all covered with snow, when there is not a bit any place else. I don't suppose I will be here any longer than this week at the most, and probably not that long, for there are about 200 men coming in here each day.

Say, I sure was sore Saturday—the barber cut my hair just about all off—the ignorant fool. Well, I guess this is all for this time. Goodbye, from your brother,
Gerald Hall.

Cards from Frank Sides, Wilfred Kinkel and Melford Lathrop state that they were all feeling fine, and were on the point of leaving for San Francisco, where they would be stationed at Fort Winfield Scott, one of the finest forts in the United States. It was snowing to beat the band when they left Fort Logan last Thursday.

MATRIMONIAL VENTURES
The following marriage licenses were issued by County Judge S. W. McKinley during the past week:

Name and Address	Age
Julius Brehmer, Hartly, Iowa	34
Sereta Peterson, Omaha, Nebr.	21
John M. Horn, Sioux City	21
Nellie F. Pinkham	18
Henry M. Halstead, Worthington, Minn.	28
Minnie M. Tautz, South Sioux City	23
Lewis G. Hofmeister, Battle Creek, Ia.	23
Janet E. Spotts	29
Arthur M. Thompson, Anthon, Ia.	23
May S. Higgins, Zion City, Ill.	23
Samuel N. Maxwell, Sioux City	23
Mable L. Gatewood	23

Dakota City Grocery

Specials for Saturday

3 Lamp Chimneys.....	25c
2 Cans Sweet Potatoes.....	35c
2 pkgs Shredded Wheat.....	25c
2 pkgs Tapioca.....	25c
2 lbs Dried Peaches.....	25c
3 pkgs Krumbles.....	25c
2 15c cans Spaghetti.....	25c
3 Cans Chile Con Carne.....	25c

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