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"Long may it wave o'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

RAILROADS' NEW MOVE

The new move on the part of the railroads to construct the proposed building for the express company at the west end of the present depot, is just as interesting as the former proposition to take a portion of the park for this purpose, and in view of the fact that the railroads now wish ten feet of Prospect avenue for this purpose, it should be objected too just as hotly as the former attempt.

It is understood that the railroads will make application to the council to this effect Tuesday evening, and it is said that some members of the council assured the railroad officials that the ten feet of the street would be forthcoming for the purpose.

There are four very good objections to this plan that the railroads are putting forth.

One of these is the fact that this proposed structure, to be built of wood, can only add to the unsightliness of the present elegant Union Passenger Station, which gives every visitor a poor impression of the city as they come into Alma and a heart-rending pang of regret as they leave with the thought that such a bustling community as Alma must be saddled down under such a depot, which would not be worthy of a place one-third the size of Alma.

Another reason why this frame addition, or structure (call it what you will) should not be built to the west of the depot, using ten feet of the street as a portion of the site, is the fact that this would partially block Prospect avenue, and with the city growing as it has been during the past few years, none of us are able to tell what demands may be made upon this street for traffic within the next few years.

One strong reason why this structure should not be built, is that it would aid in harnessing this already totally inadequate depot upon Alma for years more, with it becoming more and more inadequate to take care of those people who are forced to await the arrival and departure of trains. It was constructed years ago for a struggling village and was adequate then only.

We doubt also that the construction of this addition will aid in making the depot a more sanitary place. The Record has previously made the statement that at least one of the laws regarding sanitation is being violated every day at the depot, which alone should be sufficient argument for the condemning of the depot and sufficient argument in favor of a new structure.

It now seems evident that the railroad holding the title to the property to the east of the present Union station has discovered a reversion clause in the deed which might prevent it from constructing the proposed nest for cream cans, chicken crates and boxes, at the east end of the station, and now quietly seeks to put one over on the city by obtaining a lease to the ten feet of Prospect avenue which it needs to carry out its new ideas.

Alma has done much for the two railroads, in both freight and passenger business, and it should be borne in mind in this connection that Alma has had nothing in return of any importance. Years ago when the present station was constructed, it was Alma money and Alma property to a great extent that was used in its construction.

Now, when the mind of the community and of the traveling public revolts at the thought of using this depot for another decade, if the railroads can patch it up and get by with it as they will if the council leases this ten feet of ground to them, it is time that some action was taken to call a speedy halt to these plans and that insistent demands be made that the railroads construct a new and up-to-date station in this city.

there is no longer such a demand for cannon for use in Europe, we would suggest that the board now turn its efforts to the securing of a cannon or two to be displayed in Wright Park in the future.

The Record believes that some cannon there, as relics of the present war, would be an aid in making the park an interesting place, and in our more sober moments would have a deep meaning for us, as relics of a passing epoch, when the United States kept apart from the affairs of the world, to the new epoch, when the United States stepped forth into her new position, as the leader for all mankind, and the protector and savior of the weak nations.

Efforts banded in the proper sources at Washington, particularly to our congressman and our senators might have the effect of bringing to Alma some of these cannon for park purposes.

BRENNAN CASE IS POSTPONED

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he got in that night. She also identified Brennan in the court room as the man, who was rooming at her home.

Monday afternoon the prosecution rested its case, and the defense at once began the introduction of the evidence upon which, to a great extent, will depend whether Brennan goes free or is sent to prison for the remainder of his life.

It had previously been decided to hold night sessions of the court, so that the case might be completed by Christmas, and the first of these sessions held Monday was a stormy one. A hot fight was started when the defense asked for the proceedings of the John Doe investigation held shortly after the murder in Justice Johnson's office in this city.

The prosecution flatly refused to give up a copy of the proceedings, and stated that no court had the power to force them to be given up. The prosecution also contended that the defense wanted these proceedings more for the Johnson trial which will come up next month than for use in the Brennan case.

SWORD WORSE THAN GUN

There Were No Wounded in Caesar's Casualty Lists.

In spite of the long casualty lists of the present war, fought with all the fiendish contrivances of modern science, the destruction of life is not so great in proportion to earlier wars when soldiers fought hand to hand. The most deadly of all weapons was the Roman short sword. Caesar reported that, at the battle he fought near Narnum, his soldiers slew 90,000 of the Nervii. There were no wounded when the weapon was the short sword. As men began to fight at longer range, the death lists grew shorter. It is an axiom of modern war that it costs a marksman his own weight in lead to kill one of the enemy.—From The People's Home Journal.

SOME WILL RETURN

Word has been received that a number of the Alma college men in the service will return to college for the second semester, these being men who left their college work with the outbreak of the war to give their services to their country.

How many of these men will get back for the second semester is not yet known, as some of them have not yet secured their discharges. It is believed that at least a dozen will have their discharges, however, in time to enroll for the second term.

Others have expressed the intention of returning next year if they are unable to secure their discharges in time to get back this semester. In this latter class are some of the college men who are now in France, and who will not be able to get back for the second semester.

OBITUARY
Miss Mary Dickerson died at the home of Oscar Vibber of pleura-pneumonia December 1st, 1918. She was formerly employed by the Union Telephone company and later entered the office of the Republic Motor Truck company and was in their employ until her last short illness.

Miss Dickerson was universally loved by her associates and was ever faithful in her work and by her competence gained favor wherever she was.

She leaves her mother and brother at Edmore and her sister of this place to mourn her and many friends who will sorely miss her.

Private funeral services were held at the home of Glen Dickerson of Edmore on December 3rd. Burial in Vinewood cemetery.

ALMA WOMEN IN WAR WORK

RED CROSS
Mrs. Sara Smith, Publicity Chairman
Mrs. Henry Soule, President
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Mrs. J. C. Day, Secretary
Mrs. W. A. Hubbs, Treasurer
Mrs. R. H. Wilson, General Chairman
Mrs. R. C. Grimm, Chairman, Auxiliary Units

Some interesting facts about the year's work: The 1918 membership roll shows 1175 members and 528 junior members, a gain of more than 300 over 1917.

110 women have earned a cross for the apron (28 hours work). 60 women have earned the cross for the coil (72 hours work). 25 women have earned the cross and the bar (128 hours work). 15 women have earned the cross and two bars (210 hours work). 30 women will be awarded "A Certificate of Loyal Service to the Nation," through the Red Cross, having earned it by working, since April, 1917, 800 hours, in the work room, in office or at home.

340 sweaters have been shipped and 462 pairs of socks. Of this number, Mrs. Byron Novins of the Arcadia Auxiliary has knit 50 pairs. A few pairs of socks over and above the number to fill the quota, are for sale at the Red Cross room. (Please call Mrs. Stella Moore, 324 Union phone).

The receipts since April, 1917, have been \$11,892.15; the disbursements, \$11,973.38; total balance \$808.77.

The Red Cross work room will be closed for the holiday season, beginning Tuesday, December 24th, 1918, till Thursday, January 2nd, 1919, by order of the general chairman.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The following Y. M. C. A. news notes were furnished by L. A. Murdick, county Y. M. C. A. secretary: Recognition of the sacrifice and willingness to face death on the part of men who put aside their business to serve in the war zone as Y. M. C. A. workers is being given by the Red Triangle organization in the form of certificates of honorable discharge to those volunteers who were not sent overseas. In a statement announcing this, the personnel division of the National War Work Council Y. M. C. A. sets forth the particular need of specialists instead of general hut secretaries, developed by the war department's speed in returning the American Expeditionary Forces. The statement follows:

"The Young Men's Christian Association as one of the larger organizations that have been serving our military forces overseas, finds itself confronted, following cessation of hostilities, with the necessity of a radical revision of its program. The character of much of the work required under present conditions is quite different from that called for while men were entering, leaving or in the trenches.

"Immediately following the armistice it was thought that a largely increased force would be needed, and a call was made for more men. Later, when the return of the army from Great Britain was put into effect immediately, and the early demobilization of the American Forces in France was begun, it was found that entire classes of men needed heretofore in considerable numbers for the Y. M. C. A. would not be required. The 'Y' now has over 5,000 workers in France alone. Hereafter, the requirements will be limited to certain specialists and experienced leaders.

This change of program will assist every materially in conserving the gifts of the nation. Educational work will be largely increased for armies of occupation, and to an even greater extent than before an all around Red Triangle program will be maintained. (This will limit recruiting to specialists.)

The Gratiot county committee is recruiting men for overseas service. Get in touch with the committee if you are interested.

Quotation from cable from E. C. Carter: "Owing to the army our terrible shortage Y. M. C. A. personnel immeasurably alarming. Situation requires 10,000 men. We cannot too strongly urge you make drive for Y. M. C. A. men, women, whose contracts shall read, duration of war and period of demobilization or duration of war and one year after. It is heart-breaking and nerve-racking to be held responsible for meeting reserve needs 2,000,000 men with force of workers so lamentably and indeniably small. Do not regard us as unmindful of your colossal burdens and difficulties, but do regard this as sincere effort to avoid impending disaster and disaster."

ATTENDANCE GROWING

School Attendance is Increasing Gradually With Each Month.

Superintendent of Schools, A. F. Schultz stated Tuesday that the attendance for the Alma public schools for November was 1734, this being an increase of over 51 over the month of October and an increase of 134 since the beginning of the school year in September.

The continued steady increase in the enrollment of the Alma public schools indicates a steady growth of the community, if the growth of the enrollment of the schools in the past, compared with the school census of the various years is taken into consideration.

The attendance at the end of the month of November was the greatest in the history of the schools.

Supt. Schultz also stated that the percentage of attendance for the month of November, of those enrolled, was 93.3, showing that the various diseases which have been prevalent throughout the state, have not been as noticeable in this vicinity as elsewhere, the percentage of attendance being only 2.7 per cent below the normal attendance of 96 per cent.



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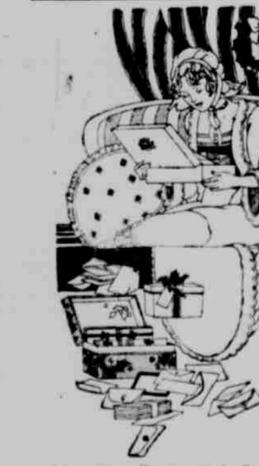
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