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

A DEPOT OR AN EXCUSE

As it is only a few days now before the council meets again and will probably be asked to act on the proposition to lease a portion of Prospect avenue to the Pere Marquette, so that an addition may be constructed to the present union passenger station, The Record believes that attention should be called to at least one more matter, and that a suggestion or two might not be out of place in this regard.

It is understood that if the request of the railroad is granted for a portion of this street, an addition for express is to be constructed, and that the downtown express office will be moved to the depot, a reversion to the days of the lumberwoods and pine stumps, which we do not believe that the people of Alma are hankering for, especially the business men of the city, because of the convenience of an express office downtown.

The fact that the addition will not make the depot sanitary, that it will not provide more room for railroad patrons ,that it will not improve general conditions there, that the present structure is inadequate, and that a dangerous crossing will be made, if this request is granted, have already been pointed out in this column.

The Record would suggest that it might be a good idea for a committee from the city council and another from the Board of Trade wait upon the general manager of the Pere Marquette railroad at his offices in Detroit and put the matter of a new depot, and the necessity for a new depot, squarely up to him and ask that Alma be given some consideration in this respect.

TELEPHONE RATE RAISE THREATENED

The announcement of the Michigan State Telephone company that it will ask the Michigan Railroad Commission for permission to standardize, alter and change its schedule of rates, brings up a mater which Alma has not had to contend with in some years, but which is now causing considerable comment in the city.

That there may be just cause for a raise in the telephone rates few business men deny, owing to increased cost of materials, help, etc. There is in their minds, however, no good logical reason for the doubling of the telephone rates in Alma for single party, business or residence telephones, as the schedule of changes of the Michigan State Telephone company indicate will be the outcome, if permission is obtained from the Michigan Railroad Commission on January 7 to raise the rates by "standardizing and making more nearly adequate the schedule of rates, etc."

There is little doubt in our minds, but what, if permission is secured and the rates raised, that the Michigan State Telephone company will lose a large portion of its patrons in Alma. Many of the business men and other telephone users of Alma feel a need for both telephones, but few feel the need of two when the rates on one are doubled.

DAVIS DISTRICT

Fred Crozier of Camp Custer spent Christmas with his mother and sister.

Lloyd Fletcher has his discharge from the U. S. service and is staying with his mother, Mrs. James Frye.

Harly Inbody moved back from Alma last week where he has been living during his work in the sugar factory.

Goldia Husted of Detroit came Christmas day for a week's visit with her parents.

Archie McPhaul and family spent Christmas at the home of Guy Hibner and wife of Newark

Mrs. Iris Felch rturned to Grand Rapids last Thursday after visiting her parents.

NORTHWEST SEVILLE

After thirteen months of suffering with gall stones, Mrs. John Hagerman passed away at the home of her son, Bert, Monday, December 23. Funeral was held Thursday at the home. Interment in Seville Center cemetery.

Mrs Helen Steele and daughter, Zilpha are visiting at the home of the former's son, James Steele.

Mrs. Stafford of Ithaca is visiting her daughter Mrs. Cora Inman.

Carl Hill left Tuesday to spend a few days with his brother, Roy, in North Star.

[illegible] Dickinson, who has been ill with pneumonia is improving very [illegible]

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-tf

PRIVATE STITT TELLS OF WORK

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ing it up and destroying most of my equipment and part of Carl's.

The next morning our artillery opened up a heavy barage and Fritz did his best to return "tit for tat." Shells seemed to be falling everywhere and the noise of their explosion together with that of our guns made the din terrific. Orders had to be shouted from man to man in the line. It was not light enough, when we started, to see much but one could distinguish through the gloom and dust and smoke, the artillerymen feeding their guns and forms of men running hither and thither. It looked like confusion but really it was order. I'll never forget this scene of flashing powder in the gloom. When we had advanced about a kilometer, an overhead shrapnel exploded very close to me. The concussion made me dizzy for half a day. I also found an extra hole in my overcoat and a cut in my breeches but my skin was more lucky; it escaped entire.

My gun had been blown up in my dugout the night before and I was carrying one that simply was good only as a handle to a bayonet. It would not shoot.

One of our boys being wounded I was sent back to help carry him to the dressing station. When I returned our section had advanced and between it and me was a heavy barage through which no one was passing. So I simply laid around in shell-holes all day.

I was then on a real battle field with nothing to do but wait. That night I went to the hospital myself. I was sent there for shell shock, but I think it was more of nervous exhaustion. The things I saw that day on the field I will tell you some other time. It was my first day, and now we know undoubtedly my last day in battle. I was in the hospital and a convalescent camp about six or seven weeks and am now being sent around from one place to another and not staying long in any place. Just at present I am three or four miles from the city of Toul, staying for the time with the 338th Infantry. This is one of the regiments that was in Custer when I was. I think my old Co. 340th is near here and I'll surely hunt them up if I can.

I am spending lots of time wondering where I am going. My outfit is now marching into Germany and I surely would like to take the trip. There is only one other trip I would rather take, that is to the States which you may be sure I'll take the first time it is offered me, and I think it won't be many weeks until it is. However, I have found out that in the army you cannot make any predictions, military affairs being run so much by special orders, things change very rapidly. So let us not make any plans but only wait for Uncle Sam to say "Enough" to me.

When you wrote the one notable —and still preserved—letter that I actually received, Pa said, "There seems to be victory in the air over there." I guess there was but I hardly knew it then, but on the 11th day of November from 4 to 6, I saw it in a manner I'll remember as long as I live. When we knew of the signing of the armistice there was shouting and cheering that made the camp ring. I was then in a convalescent camp near Chalons. But it was not until 4 o'clock after the boys had quit firing (11 a. m.), that all France went "over the top" in joy as they had previously done in deadly peril. The same spirit prevailed.

Four o'clock was the hour set for blowing whistles, ringing bells. At the time appointed, the noise of blowing whistles and clanging bells filled the air with deafening sounds. A few tried to shout but somehow the spirit of the boys failed to take fire. It seemed as wet powder, strong in latent energy but failing to ignite when the fuse had burned itself away. I am sure that many felt as I, that then was the greatest time for rejoicing Americans had ever known, and it seemed that it was to pass away without the expression of the joy that lay in every heart.

Minute after minute slipped past, during which we waited and listened to the bells and whistles. The inaction grew actually oppressive. But hark! Bum! Bum! Bum! You could hardly hear, but the breeze sprung up and louder it came, Bum! Bum! Bum! The band was out; a murmur as of an approaching storm in a forest filled the streets. Bum! Bum! Bum! Still louder now and we could hear the fife whistling "Yankee Doodle," and then the storm broke. Everyone cheered and shouted and in the open throat was the soul of victorious America. It was the expression of the realization of a year and a half of hope. But satisfaction of such a realization could not be fully obtained even by this. But the whole band was near now and in longing strains and full chorus poured out the suffering and triumph of France in the "Marsellaise." As with an order to charge we started to run with one accord toward the music, only stopping to give "Old Glory" the respect that every soldier loves and is required to render, we fell in behind the band and in ten minutes we were a parade 10,000 strong. We had the Kaiser, too, and he rode as he should—suspended by the neck.

We marched to neghboring villages and did not get home until 'way past retreat time and supper time too. We marched and sang and shouted and laughed until we were tired and hoarse.

The war, we all believed, was over, and more and better than that, right had triumphed and we were on that side. We are still thoughtful of that sublime fact. We often hear the expression: "It hardly seems possible that it is all over." And now we are waiting—as patiently as we can—until we see the sunset over the prow of the ship that is to bear us to America, the best country on earth.

Now this is supposed to be a Xmas letter and I have not thought of it. Surely in all American homes this ought to be a merry Christmas indeed; some, I hope many, of the A. E. F. boys will have their feet under the home table, and soon after most of them will. I am not sending a single Xmas present this year, but it will not require that to tell you how merry a time I wish you.

It seems to me that never since the first Christmas, has the reason for singing "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," been so real.

So hoping to see you soon and wishing you the merriest Christmas of all time, I am,

Your loving son,
Thomas.

Pvt. Thomas B. Stitt, Co. G, 4th Infantry, Intelligence Section, American Ex. Forces, France.

M'INTYRE WRITES

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were so many with eagles and stars on their shoulder straps. The dugout was 200 feet long and six entrances. It was 35 feet under ground. It was immune from shell fire. The officers had their meals there.

We could hear the chief of staff discussing the war plans and directing the progress of the attack. This was at the entrance "for generals only." Think of the responsibility in the hands of these officers when a wrong order meant the death of thousands.

On September 12 after the big drive, we three guardsmen were taken to Ausauville, a town near the front. Here our company had its headquarters. For two weeks I had a detail of ten men and we worked for the 405 telegraph battalion. After that I helped to recoil and repair salvage wire and make it fit for service again.

The war is over so what's the use of writing. But I'm disappointed that our company was attached to the 4th army instead of joining a division as it was supposed to do. We no longer belong to the 85th division. Had we remained with a division we would have done regular outpost company work and followed the doughboys "over the top." There would have been casualties, but I would like to be able to say I had gone over the top with the infantry. As it was an outpost company it was transferred to a telegraph company.

Now, Mother dear, I am on a vacation. I was lucky. Our names were put in a hat and 25 were chosen out of the 310th Field Signal Battalion to make the trip to Monte Carlo. Right now I am up in the building where Harry K. Thaw had his first trouble with Stanford White and gambled away half a million. It is the "Casino." Aix les Bains, the famous watering place, is located in a picturesque valley along the French Alps not far from the Italian border. It is at the foot of Mount Revard and within a quarter of an hour's walk of Lake Bourgst, the largest and one of the most beautiful Lakes in France.

Last Tuesday I rode up the mountain side to the top of Mt. Revard, on a car pushed up by a little squatty engine which operated on a cogwheel in the middle of the track. Up there I could look beyond the border and see Italy and France.

With love,
Corp. Arthur J. McIntyre.

ALMA WOMEN IN WAR WORK

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The campaign for voluntary membership in the Red Cross, was entirely satisfactory, considering existing circumstances, sickness and bad weather. The number did not reach that of 1918, but it surely will, and even exceed it, when conditions are better. Mrs. Joe Grover, as captain, proved exceptionally efficient and her work well systematized, was much to her credit. The Alma branch greatly appreciates the loyalty of all the workers (who are to be given credit for their hours), and to the post office force, the bankers, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Brunner and Mr. Winslow, we say: "Thank you very much for allowing floor space for the campaign booths, and opportunity for the personal canvass to be made."

The junior work was also good as far as it could be carried, (the captains receiving credit for hours spent, which enables them to wear their cross or bar so much sooner). But owing to the illness of Miss Dunlap, principal of the Washington school, and the absence of so many pupils, we have not reached the 100% mark yet, and it will be necessary to continue the campaign the first week of January. We are glad to announce through this column that late word from headquarters gives the high school the privilege of being entered on the 25 cent list, and the first of next week the school will be organized under regularly appointed captains. Parents are to supply the needed 25 cents to every child of school age, so that there will be no delay in making a perfect junior branch. If any high school pupil has already paid $1.00, that will credit four with a membership. All who can afford that amount, please do so, and the 75 cents will pay for some younger pupils, who are not supplied with needed quarters.

The Red Cross room opened Thursday, January 2, with plenty of work on the skirt and hospital shirt quotas. A bill has been received for a large quantity of material, so that many women must needs plan to give an afternoon at the room.

Every woman should be interested in winning at least one cross, if for no other reason than to keep it as a souvenir to be shown with pride, as the boys here at home show their chevrons on their sleeves.

The regular business meeting will be held Wednsday p. m., January 8, at the room.

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"Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person."

Smoke the best, Wanigas.—64-tf

Swelling Under the Eyes, Grayish White or Waxy Color of the Skin Denotes Nephritis or Inflammation of the Kidneys.

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J. B. White, ex-chief of police of Marion, Ind., and recently proprietor of the Hotel DeSoto, states as follows:

"SAN-YAK, yes I know that medicine. I used four bottles when I was in Benton Harbor, Mich. I was subject to short breath, heart, kidney, bladder and liver troubles; bad blood. I am pleased to have an opportunity to recommend San-Yak to my friends. It is a wonderful medicine and its claims are true. Yours with pleasure.
"J. B. WHITE."

P. A. Kellogg, 289 Second St., Benton Harbor, Mich., says: "San-Yak cured me of paralysis of five years standing. I had bad action of the kidneys, bladder and liver for many years. The hardening of the arteries has disappeared. People of advanced years should use San-Yak for health's sake and a longer life of activity and usefulness."

Dr. J. J. Weir, the eminent children's specialist, Millburg, Mich., says: "This is to certify that I have prescribed San-Yak for a bad case of stomach trouble and I am glad to say that it helped really beyond my expectation. I can cheerfully recommend it to anyone afflicted. One teaspoonful in glass of water half-hour before breakfast bents all antiseptics and tonics for the stomach, bowels and kidneys. I have tried all kinds."

"Of late years I have been troubled with my heart. Upon being examined the doctors told me it was high blood pressure. They tried to relieve me but did no good. I was told to try San-Yak on a guarantee, which I did, and am now very thankful. I have taken several bottles and am not now troubled one bit with my heart. My blood pressure is now down to normal. It is also a very good tonic, for I now feel the best I have felt for several years."—T. J. Parr, R. F. D. 5, Benton Harbor, Mich.

"I have been troubled with my kidneys and bladder and had rheumatism in my knees so that I could hardly stand. I spent a lot of money on a lot of useless remedies and with doctors for the past two or three years. Finally tried San-Yak. I have taken one bottle. Am not troubled with kidney or bladder and my rheumatism has left me entirely. I am feeling 100 per cent better and am now able to go to work. I will recommend San-Yak to anyone."—Albert Blastch, Sodus, Mich.

"Jacob Butzback, Benton Harbor, Mich.: "I have used three bottles of San-Yak and it reduced my high blood pressure and I am not bothered any more. Persons of advanced years should keep it on hand for use."

This is from a lady pretty well along in years: "I have suffered from kidney and bladder trouble for years; have been relieved but no cure. I have taken all kinds of remedies and finally tried San-Yak. Am only starting on my second bottle and I will say that it is the best that I have ever taken. I feel almost like new. When anyone is feeling sick at our home I insist that they take San-Yak."—Mrs. James Moshier, Riverside, Mich.

"I have taken medicine off and on for the past 15 years for kidney and bladder trouble. I tried San-Yak a short time ago and I will say that it is the only medicine that has proved entirely satisfactory to me, for I have tried many different kinds. I am now entirely relieved of my trouble. Thanking you."—J. R. Slater, Benton Harbor.

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