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LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

EDWARD SCHEEL WAS AT FAMOUS WINTER RESORT

Chamonix, France, 2-9-19

Dear Folks:

It was an awful trip to reach this part of the world but it surely paid to make the trip. We waited at regimental headquarters two nights and a day and eight five-ton trucks were on the streets the whole time and never a wheel turning waiting for the word to run six miles up the road to Bernecourt, the Seventh Division rail-head. Here the men from the whole division assembled and after 12 more hours, our train of third class cars and side door pullmans was ready for us.

After we got started we ran a few minutes and spent the night at all day Sunday in a big rail yard, met German engineers who were running the locomotives into American sections according to armistice terms.

Sunday evening we passed Four and reached Nancy and tied up.

Monday we passed through the Q. M. C. clothing shop and got all we needed in clothing & fresh underwear and then had a real bath. Spent another night in Nancy in our fine cars and then pulled south.

Reached Aix les Bains, the former leave area, Wednesday evening and tied up and Thursday reached the end of the P. L. M. and finished our trip on the electric.

We ran for about eight hours in mountain country. Mountains all the way and the electric went right into the heart of them. You can't imagine how magnificent such sights are. We followed the same stream that flows through Chamonix to get in here and the road ran on the edge of the gorge most of the way and crossed it finally. If you remember how that building at Lincoln and Austin looked after the fire it will give you some idea of the ice on the sides of these precipices. The mountain sides are covered with snow and pine timber and when the sun hit the glistening peaks it looks wonderful.

Yesterday afternoon I tried a short hike to Plan de le Chapell and had a dandy time. A captain of engineers two Red Cross girls and about six enlisted men took the climb to a point 500 meters above Chamonix just opposite Mont Blanc. There was a big telescope and we got a good view of the peak.

We were about 1760 feet above the town on a little platform and certainly enjoyed the scene. Coming down was the most fun as we slid nearly all the way. We squat down and balance ourselves with the pike and come down the steepest kind of a hill right-side-up. The girls were good at it and seldom got off their feet but the captain took one tumbling fall on a spot where the snow had melted away and left bare ground.

It is actually hot on a climb like that because of the reflection of the sun on the snow and we were glad to get in the shade whenever we passed a clump of trees.

Mont Blanc is never climbed during the day but the start is made between one and two in the morning from the half-way house and is all over before the sun gets hot. They make about 200 ascensions every summer.

This morning the French held their annual contest for the children for tobogganing on the big course. Boys and girls competed each using their own sled and a little boy no bigger than Walter took the vent by running the course in forty-two seconds. This is an 800 meter track laid out "S" fashion with three sharp curves and

several smaller ones. The winner averaged 45 miles per hour, figure it out.

Have been trying to have a picture made but materials are too scarce. A kodak is out of the question, they say there are none even in Paris. I would give fifty dollars for a good kodak and films enough to last me, but there is no chance.

The other day I stepped on a scale at the depot and registered an even 80 kilograms with overcoat and full uniform, figure that one out.

We are stopping at the Hotel Belgique, our twelve F. C. men are all here and about twenty others and some thirty guests are here now. We have dandy service. It takes about four hours during each day for meals but our dollar a day goes on just the same. We should worry. O. D.'s, make good dress suits and our hobnails march into the dining room as though they carried millions. Dinner is never over before 8:30 and then the evening program starts at the Y.

The Y. M. C. A. has a monster establishment here in the ground floor of a new hotel which will open up this season. The main floor is arranged like the city hall in Chicago, but is longer. The corridor running from Washington to Randolph is used as an auditorium and the other longer one is the passage from which all the rooms open. There are a bunch of secretaries, about twenty-five, I imagine and they have at least that many more French folks hired to keep the place going and work in the kitchen. And believe me, they are certainly giving us the time of our young lives. Their evening program keeps us going until nearly twelve o'clock and every kind of entertainment is provided.

Our seven days will soon fly. Yours, Edward H. Scheel, Co. E. 53 Inf., A. E. F.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County, Illinois, at a special meeting held at the Court House in Wheaton on Thursday the 6th day of March, 1919, at 10 a. m. pursuant to call of chair.

Meeting called to order with Chairman Fisher presiding.

On roll call, all members present except Supervisors Kennedy and Cramer.

Minutes of last preceding meeting read and declared approved.

All bills and communications on file read and the claims referred to the proper committees.

On motion of Supervisor Kokley the following resolution on State Aid Road was declared adopted.

Whereas, plans and specifications for the construction of a concrete surface on the roadway known as Twelfth Street, running along and near the north lines of Sections Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24) of the Township of York, DuPage County, Illinois, the same being a part of State Aid Road No. 1, extending from the east line of the County of DuPage, westerly to Section A of said State Aid Road No. 1, DuPage County, have been prepared by the County Superintendent of Highways of DuPage County, and

Whereas, it is necessary that such plans be approved by the State Department of Public Works and Buildings, and

Whereas, it is advisable to let said contract as soon as possible, therefore

Be it resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County in meeting duly assembled, that they hereby approve the plans and specifications so prepared by the said County Superintendent of Highways and they hereby authorize and direct the said County Superintendent of Highways to submit the same to the State Department

of Public Works and Buildings for their approval, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the State Roads Committee, as soon as said plans and specifications are approved by said State Department of Public Works and Buildings, proceed to let a contract for said improvement, and that in case any changes or alterations are made in said plans and specifications as now prepared by said County Superintendent of Highways, that upon such alterations and changes being approved by the said State Aid Roads Committee of DuPage County, that then and thereupon said Committee shall proceed as above directed to let said contract for said improvement, and

Be it Further Resolved, that said State Aid Roads Committee of said DuPage County reserve the right and privilege to reject any or all bids submitted.

On motion of Supervisor Hammer-schmidt the Board took a recess to 1:30 p. m.

On reconvening for the afternoon session, the following report of Committee on Fees and Salaries was on motion of Supervisor Lies declared approved:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on Fees and Salaries would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit:

W. W. DeWolf, deputy fees	\$28.00
A. L. Spencer, deputy fees	10.00
Lawrence Hattendorf, deputy fees	112.00
Frank Yeakey, deputy fees	8.00
W. V. Hoff, coroner's fees	71.00
W. H. Johnson, justice fees	6.41
Geo. F. Leineke, clerk hire	60.00
Chas. W. Hadley, salary quarter ending Mar. 1	875.00

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Yackley, Chairman

On motion of Supervisor Fix, the following report of Committee on Claims was declared approved:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on Claims would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit:

John H. Kampp, labor and material	\$4.94
Arthur Webster, surveying	175.25
Arthur Webster, rent of phone	12.00
Western Gas & Electric Co., gas range	120.00
F. M. Taylor, auto hire	8.00
W. L. Miggely, professional services	42.00
H. L. Durran, misc	5.50
Stick & Kochly, misc	11.03
Mrs. John Book, laundry	2.86
C. E. Lederman, auto hire	5.00
Glenwood Manual Training School, care of County inmates	270.00
Chas. W. Hadley, telephone bills	10.10
H. L. Durran, printing	83.65
Aurora Rubber Stamp Works, rubber stamps	2.50
Lawyers Co-operative Pub. Co., lawyers report	5.00
Chicago Telephone Co., removing telephone	1.32
Reliance Electric Co., care of burglar alarm	25.00
Lord Lumber Co., fixtures in Co. Treas. office	505.00
Western United Gas & Electric Co., gas and electricity	18.29
Metropolitan Supply Co., supplies Chicago Fresh Air Hospital, care of T. B. patients	217.16
F. E. Wheaton & Son, coal	246.45
W. H. Blodgett, insurance	96.90
Lewis Ellsworth, surety bonds	120.00
Wheaton Laundry Co., laundry	5.46
Guck, Hahn & Stolze, labor	19.55
Standard Oil Co., gas and oil	48.00
Sewell-Clapp-Envelopes, envelopes	99.79

Has Any One

- Died—
- Eloped—
- Divorced—
- Had a fire—
- Embezzled—
- Left Town—
- Had a baby—
- Sold a farm—
- Had a party—
- Come to town—
- Been arrested—
- Had twins or colic—
- Sold a cow or lost an auto—
- Laid in a stock of whisky—
- Stolen a dog or his friend's wife—
- Committed suicide, or murder—
- Fallen from an airplane or—
- Fallen into a coal hole or—
- Fallen into a legacy?

That's News!

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NOTES OF VESTA CHAPTER, O. E. S.

Vesta Chapter, O. E. S. was well attended Tuesday evening. Several members of Alamo Chapter Aurora, came with Worthy Patron W. V. Devereux, among whom were Worthy Matron, Emma Tomlinson and Jean Harris Terry, G. R. of S. C.

Worthy Patron Devereux acted as Patron during the initiation of his sister, Miss Lillian, and is entitled to much credit for the excellent manner in which he officiated.

July 9th is the date set by the Worthy Grand Matron for her official visit to Vesta Chapter. This is the one occasion when Vesta shows the superior officers how well the degrees can be conferred.

Only two were reported on the sick list; Fannie P. Weimer and Lydia Pfaff. Edna Simonson, who has been sick, is able to be with the jolly bunch of young people again.

The By-Laws Committee have completed their labors and the little books are being distributed.

Several petitions were voted on and a class will receive the degrees at the next meeting.

Calendars will soon be distributed showing the special features for the rest of the year.

The young people have formed an

organization under the name of Vesta Juniors, with the following officers: President, Marie Olson; Vice, Mabel Riel; Secretary, Wilson Dobyns; Treasurer, Evelyn Brown. The purpose of the auxiliary is to increase interest among the young people and several social evenings are being planned. Regular meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. The Juniors will fill the offices on Young Peoples night in June.

The social committee had charge Tuesday night after the conclusion of the work and coffee and sandwiches were served. It is the unanimous opinion that Sister Brown's committee makes the social hour a pleasant one for all.

MISTAKES

(Exchange)

When a plumber makes a mistake he charges twice for it.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it is just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected.

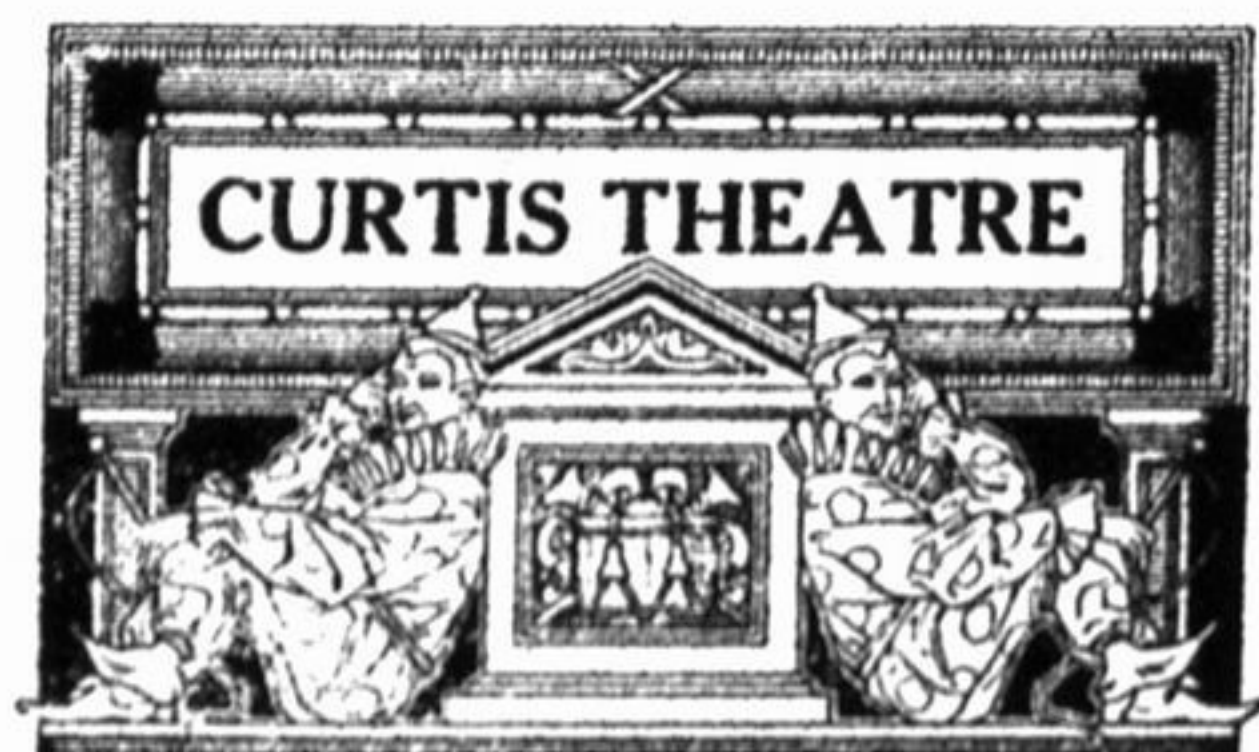
When a doctor makes a mistake he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.

When an electrician makes a mistake, he blames it on induction; nobody knows what that means.

But when an editor makes a mistake—Good night!



Direction Hilliard Campbell.

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and a LOYD COMEDY

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Constance Talmadge, in "Romance and Arbella"

and THE PATHE NEWS

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