



"Long may it wave,
O'er land of free and home of brave"

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of
the United States of America and to
the Republic for which it stands—one
nation indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all."

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**LET US CO-OPERATE
TO DEVELOP THE COMMUNITY!**

It is a fair assumption that every
newspaper editor believes in Freedom
of the Press. But what is our con-
cept of that phrase? Does it, in our
thinking, imply obligation and re-
sponsibility as well as traditional
right?

Perhaps it would be well for us to
re-examine our belief in Press Free-
dom and test it in our minds and con-
sciences in the light of the follow-
ing statement by a man who was will-
ing to fight and die for freedom. Per-
haps, if we do, we will have a clearer
vision of its true meaning:

In a recent issue of The Nation ap-
peared a 'Letter to the Editor' which
offers an interesting commentary—
and perhaps a new angle on this sub-
ject of Freedom of the Press.

Dated 'Somewhere in Asia' and ob-
viously written by a serviceman, it
told how Lt. Lowell Bready, formerly
a reporter on a morning paper in
Santa Cruz, Calif., who was killed in
action in France, had saved enough
money for a down payment on a
newspaper and, in the midst of war,

According to James—

—Chapter 43, Vol. III—

April showers? Yep! J. Pluvius
turns them off and on, careless like.

—Platte County Gazette—

The world resembles a broken down
merry-go-round in that there are a
lot of people just milling around with
no place to go—especially in Europe.

—The Platte County Gazette—

Every male person who attains the
age of 18 is required to appear in
person at the nearest Selective Serv-
ice Board and be properly registered.

—Platte Co. Gazette—

It is not uncommon for us to re-
ceive letters dated 1944. As a mat-
ter of fact we write 1946 so much in
renewing subscriptions that we are
prone to do it in present business cor-
respondence.

—Platte County Gazette—

Rainfall the past few weeks has
made the ground soggy and the fre-
quent heavy showers we have been
getting lately causes the rivers and
creeks to go on a sizeable rampage,
inundating adjacent fields. It takes
time for accumulated water to be
disposed, so that planting in the low-
lands presents quite a hazard.

—Platte County Gazette—

A harmless and clever way of get-
ting information thru to his folks
was in a letter to his father, C. E.
Hey from his soldier son telling his
dad that the aforesaid C. E. Hey re-
sided just three miles south of the
prettiest town in the world, which
was another way of stating that the
soldier was at South Hampton.

—Platte County Gazette—

Why not provide suitably equipped
playgrounds for all the children of
the Parkville community? The Pastor
of the local colored church, Spences
Cave, leader of the colored Boy Scout
Troop or some other responsible per-
son could supervise this summer at
the Bannaker school. We would com-
mend this to Commissioner Meek and
the Aldermen.

—The Platte County Gazette—

Hitler raves about his werewolves
waging guerilla warfare while he re-
mains holed up safely in his retreat.
That what he thinks in his mad mom-
ents. Like the promise to the Ger-
man people that never a bomb should
fall on his sacred homeland, or that
fortress Europe could never be in-
vaded, or the wonderful Rhine could
not be crossed, etc., etc. Poppycock!

—Platte County Gazette—

We hear of a friend who recently
sold a horse at a \$25 profit to him-
self. The purchaser tied the animal
while he listened to the seller rib him.
Along came another man just then,
noticed the animal and bargained
with the new owner, paying an addi-
tional \$25 which is a fine return on
money invested just a few minutes.