

AMERICAN LEGION NOTES

Fremont, Nebraska, certainly has a warm place in the heart of each member of the department executive committee. The Commercial club of that enterprising city took the boys out to dinner and gave them the key to the city, on March 22, when the committee gathered there for a meeting. After hearing an explanation of the compensation program which the Legion is backing, the business men unanimously endorsed the same. Score one for Fremont!

National headquarters of The American Legion desires to call attention of all posts and departments to the very desirable feature of using at all times the full name—The American Legion. The word "the" is a part of the term, and should always be so used.

"The soldiers are trying to run the country," wails the slacker. Funny no one heard such remarks during the war.

Joseph E. Palmer post, Broken Bow, recently staged a play that netted \$400 for their organization. The expenses were over \$500, so one can readily understand that the affair was put over in great shape.

American Legion posts can now obtain grave markers from the emblem division, national headquarters, American Legion. These are made of cast bronze with an enlarged copy of the legion emblem. On the back is a plain side for engraving.

The Nebraska Woman's auxiliary of The American Legion is growing very fast and promises to have over 50,000 members by the end of the year.

Over twenty Nebraska posts already have their auxiliaries organized, and many more are now under way. The national dues for the auxiliary have been fixed at 25 cents a year, and the department of Nebraska executive committee has fixed the state dues at fifty cents a year. That makes the total dues seventy-five cents a year, plus whatever the local unit may desire to assess.

National headquarters is now working out the regulations to govern the organization. It is expected that the women will have their own department and national officers and function separately, altho coming under the jurisdiction of the national and department American Legion executive committees. However, until such time as the auxiliary have their own officers The American Legion officers will handle the work and assist to put the organization on its feet.

Nebraska state headquarters is now preparing forms, etc., and will be ready to register members and collect dues for the auxiliary within a short time.

The total of men in the service during the World war, as recently compiled by the War Department, is given as follows: Army, 3,992,581; Navy, 551,736; Marine corps, 57,144. The grand total is 4,601,461.

The War Department is now engaged on plans for the distribution this year of about 100,000 army rifles to the posts of The American Legion throughout the country. Provision was made for the distribution of these rifles, valued at about \$2,000,000, by legislation recently enacted by the Congress.

In addition to the loan of rifles, the bill provides for the sale to posts of The American Legion of blank ammunition in suitable amounts for said rifles and further specifies that the rifles be "obsolete or condemned army rifles" and that the number distributed shall not "exceed ten such rifles to any one post."

The posts of The American Legion requested these obsolete rifles for use "in connection with the funeral ceremonies of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, and for other post ceremonial purposes."

Posts of the Nebraska American Legion are making a very rapid growth. Many posts but recently organized now have a goodly number of members and are hot on the trail of their older brothers who got an earlier start in the world.

An interesting feature of the race for numerical rank is the fight that is being waged for third place in the state. Of course Douglas County post of Omaha leads by a big majority, now having 1,948 paid members, and Lincoln comes second with 1,250 paid comrades. But the third place has four contenders who are mighty close together at the present time, Kearney now holding the belt with 279 members. Close behind comes Scottsbluff with 237, Beatrice with 232, and York with 200.

The following list gives the "rank" of Nebraska Legion posts with a membership of over one hundred:

- Omaha, 1,948; Lincoln, 1,250; Kearney, 279; Scottsbluff, 237; Beatrice, 232; York, 200; Grand Island, 200; Nebraska City, 181; Fremont, 179; Fairbury, 175; Alliance, 173; Hastings, 156; Norfolk, 149; Columbus, 139; Aurora, 126; Holdrege, 117; North Platte, 116; Superior, 113; Blair.

"Safety First," a three-act comedy by home talent players. April 25. Senior class play.

Random Shots

Only a polite burglar, we are informed, leaves a receipt.

All the amateur camera fiends, and most of the professionals, were snapping pictures of snowbanks on Box Butte avenue, the last day or so.

Next week is clean-up time.

We heard of one brother who planted his front yard to tobacco, and then set out a row of spittoonias in front of them.

As the esteemed D. P. would say: "It's a privilege to live in Alliance."

Dave Bowden has the system. He got a prize photo of "the gang" by a clever subterfuge, so they tell us.

We wouldn't have thought it of Dave.

All's fair—during snow storms.

Today's Best Story.

One Alliance young lady borrowed a pair of pumps of a friend for a friend the other evening. When the big snow came up, she was worried with a fear that they'd be spoiled, and so she borrowed a pair of shoes. She had got just as far as the P. O. corner when she stepped in a puddle of water, one foot going under. When she dragged it out, one of the shoes was brown and the other gray.

Maybe you think she wasn't worried!

It wasn't the mud that caused the damage. It wasn't the water. It was the mixture of two pair of shoes.

This isn't a bad story:

The patron was reversing the tables and the barber hadn't been able to do much but listen to self-praise.

"Yes," said the man in conclusion, "and the beauty of it is I'm a self-made man."

"Self-man, eh!" remarked the tonorialist. "Well, you might have given yourself a little more hair."

And there's a point to this one, even if it is a story of war times:

The young lady was suspicious of every one she saw in civilian clothes. Finally she turned on the young man sitting next to her in a street car. "Why aren't you in the army?" she asked rather fiercely.

"For much the same reason that you aren't in a musical comedy chorus," he replied. "Physical disability."

An Alliance young lady confided to us the other day that she had to wear puffs over her ears. It seems she made the error, in her youth, of starting the practice, and if she stopped now she'd be sure to take cold.

Well "Armed"!



When company comes there is no time to waste—no chances to be taken—so mother sees that there is always a can of

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If that's true, young ladies should beware of earrings.

For three mornings this week, the same door at the postoffice was open when we entered. But the custodian locked the other one this morning.

Wonder if they're trying to make the hinges on both doors wear out at the same time.

We are given to understand, by an authoritative source, that spring is in the air.

A stranger in the city was telling a merchant of the "fog" Friday morning. "Man," said the merchant, "that's sand."

A Lincoln jury awarded a would be bride \$22,000 in a breach of promise case—a thousand dollars for every year she waited.

Guess it's true that hope springs eternal.

We're never going to doubt the constancy of woman again.

Not that we ever did doubt it. The Office Heartbreaker says that's the trouble with 'em.

Press reports tell of a Cleveland woman who lost a \$50,000 necklace on a train. Why was she wearing all that wealth on a train? We thought necklaces were brought out only at evening parties.

Maybe it will develop that the woman was a railroader's wife.

Today's Best Story

The Sunday school teacher asked little Mary Jane how many commandments there were.

Mary Jane—Ten.

Teacher—And what happens when you break one?

Mary Jane—There are nine left.

Yale students have started a campaign to wear old clothes to cut down the high cost living.

They'll get over it as soon as spring arrives and the "fussing" season opens. A college man can't do his courting unless the sartorial effects are just so.

We've watched 'em do it.

Daylight saving is hard to kill. Denver is going to put it over by ordinance. What chumps they are, to figure that a man can't get up an hour earlier unless the clocks are set ahead.

However, thank heaven we don't hear any more about "God's time" and "Wilson's time."

The politicians are making life interesting this week.

Things will calm down a trifle after the twentieth—but not for long.

After that everybody will tell you of a dark horse. One brother confided to us that LaFollette was going to be the next president. They don't make 'em any blacker.

Friday, April 23, is the date for the senior class play, "Safety First." A three-act comedy by home talent players. Don't fall to see it.

HOME INSTITUTIONS WORTHY OF LOYALTY

Farmers, stockgrowers and residents of this territory in general are known to be prosperous. Consequently there is a constant stream of salesmen for various enterprises of one kind or another dropping in on us. Some of them have the best of credentials—and some of them have no credentials at all. It's up to the individual buyer to pay his money and assume his risk or collect his profits.

But, if you have any money to spend, spend it at home, where the majority of it will stay, making your property and that of your neighbors worth more. If you have money to invest, follow the same rule. There are just as attractive propositions right here as anywhere.

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The Alliance Home Builders' association is another. Every single activity of this organization is building up this community and this section of the state. Why chase rainbows with unknown pedigrees when you have an opportunity to invest money wisely and with a double profit to yourself. The man who sends his money out of his territory is cutting off his own nose. There's nothing that will pay dividends like loyalty.

—Safety First," April 23.

The aviation officers who believe that states should leave the question of airplane traffic laws to the federal government are evidently convinced that some day congress will call off its anti-aircraft battery.

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