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**Red Cross Trench Work**

Red Cross surgeons and orderlies give first aid to the wounded in little underground dressing stations in the front line trenches. In these dark, wet places, cold and ill-ventilated, it is sometimes necessary to perform major operations—such as an amputation, for instance. War records in France show that as many Red Cross workers as infantrymen are killed by enemy fire in the trenches. Red Cross field service requires courage of the highest order. Soldiers have the stimulation of fighting and giving the enemy shot for shot and blow for blow. The others don't.

**THE SIGN OF THE RED CROSS**



Millions and millions of stricken people in devastated Europe must depend on the activity of the Red Cross society alone for the most meager necessities of life—just enough to keep body and soul together. The Red Cross organization is the universal helping hand. But in order to extend this hand to the sorrowing and afflicted, it must have your support. In fact, if you would do your part to relieve the suffering in the world, you can do it most directly and efficiently through the Red Cross. Become a member today. Give one dollar—two dollars—five dollars—as much as you can.

**OUR RED CROSS IS NOT AIDING ENEMY NATIONS NOWADAYS**

Patriotic Americans who have been helping the Red Cross have of late been making anxious inquiries as to whether the humanity and the neutrality of the Red Cross would constrain it to send food, medicines and hospital units to Germany.

"I want to give to help our boys, and the stricken people of France and Belgium and Serbia," many a one has written in; "but I don't feel like doing anything if the Germans get part of it."

Americans need be under no apprehension. Not a cent of Red Cross contributions is going to Germany, or has gone there since the war was declared by the United States. General Pershing has gone to Europe to convey to the Kaiser Uncle Sam's compliments in the form of shells and American bayonets, but the Red Cross has no part in

that except to care for such of General Pershing's men as may need care.

The matter of sending Red Cross supplies to Germany was brought up in the recent Red Cross war council in Washington. Charles D. Norton, one of the members, answered inquiries thus:

"The answer is exceedingly simple. We do not purpose to be tried for treason. We do not purpose to lend aid and comfort to our enemies. We mean to attend our own American Red Cross affairs."

Former President Taft, who is chairman of the executive committee, supported this view. He said that when wounded Germans fell into the hands of the American Red Cross they will get the same treatment as our own men; but that it would undoubtedly be treason to send supplies to Germany as we did before we were forced into the war.

So Americans can give freely, knowing that every cent is for our own and our allies' wounded, and not for the enemy.

**1916-17 Valuation of Personal Property**

The following table gives the 1916 and 1917 valuation of personal property in Webster county, also the increase and decrease, as furnished by County Assessor G. W. Hummel.

	1916	1917	Increase	Decrease
Guide Rock	\$ 288,925	\$ 348,900	\$ 59,975	
Guide Rock Village	328,610	306,360		22,250
Beaver Creek	235,735	289,870	54,135	
Stillwater	272,935	304,980	32,045	
Oak Creek	233,855	278,625	44,770	
Garfield	143,565	163,350	19,785	
Pleasant Hill	186,630	200,165	13,535	
Cowles	80,045	96,165	16,120	
Cowles Village	132,065	148,850	16,785	
Elm Creek	153,335	204,155	50,820	
Line	112,925	115,715	2,790	
Red Cloud	388,840	440,400	60,620	
Batin	179,500	231,635	52,135	
Glenwood	299,615	393,330	93,715	
Bladen Village	207,930	225,725	17,795	
Potsdam	218,635	258,410	39,775	
Blue Hill	346,875	346,420		455
Walnut Creek	267,455	381,035	113,580	
Inavale	303,610	371,590	67,980	
Catherton	247,960	292,510	44,550	
Harmony	109,675	223,065	113,390	
Red Cloud City	560,810	591,255	30,445	
Specials	72,445	72,445	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,437,970</b>	<b>6,279,225</b>	<b>841,255</b>	<b>22,705</b>

**C. E. Convention**

The Christian Endeavor Convention of the ninth district met in session at Red Cloud on June 15, 16 and 17th. Everything was in readiness to receive the delegates on Friday evening. The decorating committee had beautifully decorated the Congregational church with pennants, banners, flowers, charts, etc., in the red and white or C. E. colors. The street was resplendent with the U. S. flags and pennants. The merchants, also, were loyal in their decorations.

Mr. Deidrich presented the Christian Endeavor with beautiful bouquets of red and white carnations and hundreds of sweet peas, as gifts to each delegate.

The registering committee, reception committee, Juniors and Intermediates were on hand to meet the Hastings train Friday evening and the convention began. About fifty delegates came by Sunday.

Some of the people from a distance taking part were: H. C. Portwood, of Edgar, former Vice President of the ninth district; Miss Grace Hooper, Superintendent of Junior department work of the state and also Field Secy; Mr. Hamilton of Boston; Rev. Hamilton of Superior; Miss McReynolds, of Fairfield, who is to be missionary from our district to Africa and Rev. Knauer of Hastings. These were all fine in their lines of work. The delegates were so enthusiastic and easily entertained.

The display of efficiency charts and honor rolls was great. The Ong delegation of six small Juniors took back the "honor banner" with them, as their standing showed they had truly earned it for this year.

The "get acquainted" social of Friday evening was immensely enjoyed by every one present.

The music by the choir and that of the Red Cloud male quartette, Messrs Walker, Bush, Cotting and Thomas, helped out wonderfully in all programs. The solos of Theresa Reigle, Charles Sherer and Katherine Thomas were very appropriate and enjoyable. Everyone that did any part expected of them has the thanks of every Christian Endeavorer concerned.

If we could just store up all the good things given it would be food for serious thought for sometime to come. To hear that Nebraska Christian Endeavor had reached all the goals meant for her to reach, and far in excess, and to know that Christian Endeavor work is greater in Nebraska this last year than ever before, is a great delight. To have a real, live missionary go to Africa from our own district is showing the results of Christian Endeavor work in our district. To notice what big men and women, educationally, are interested in Christian Endeavor work and to have the privilege of hearing these experts is no little treat.

Mr. Hamilton, of Boston, gave such a splendid address, Saturday evening, on "The Principles that Make the C. E. Worth While." He mentioned four definite essentials—service, training, fellowship and loyalty to the local church. This did every C. E. present so much good and made them plan on what they could do to make their C. E. worth while.

Miss Grace Hooper is certainly a live wire in any convention. As she goes from convention to convention she gathers such a fund of good things that it is a pleasure to hear her unfold plans for C. E. betterment from A to Z.

Rev. Hamilton, of Superior, spoke on "Efficiency or Effective C. E." This was the best address of the convention up to this time. "More Efficient Endeavors" is the motto of C. E. societies, as well as the slogan of the twentieth century.

Rev. Knauer, teacher of the Bible in Hastings college, showed his knowledge of the Word in his sermon on Sunday evening. We hope to hear him again at state convention in Hastings next fall.

The convention songs that proved the most popular and appropriate were "Onward Christian Soldier" and "Brighten the Corner Where You Are." If we will take to ourselves the spirit of these songs we will be ready to do our C. E. work better than ever before, and enthusiastic enough to be a delegate to every big convention, like this has been declared.

**Red Cross Makes Omaha Center of Nebraska District**

The readjustment of the Red Cross territory, giving the Omaha District the state of Nebraska, is a recognition of the natural trade territory of the metropolis.

When the original districting was made, Nebraska was placed in the Denver District. However, much opposition came from this division because the natural trend of trade and trade relations from Nebraska are into Omaha.

Throughout the state, repeated requests came that the readjustment be made to attach Nebraska to the Omaha District, and the Red Cross Directors heeded the requests by the reapportionment of territory.

**How you can "Do Your Bit"**

President Wilson's words of counsel to the people to be thrifty and curtail waste during the war, have apparently been misunderstood in many quarters.

Newspaper reports show that there is a tendency towards really dangerous "economy". Public work is being slowed down in some quarters; people are curtailing their purchases, and the effect is to check business, even if slightly, at the very time when it should be the best, if the country's interests during the war are not to suffer. What President Wilson really said was this: "It is evident to every thinking man that our industries, on the farms, in the ship yards, in the mines, in the factories, must be made more prolific and more efficient."

A business depression at this time would be the most serious thing that could happen to the United States. It is true we should be "thrifty," but we must not be miserly.

"Waste is bad," says Howard E. Coffin of the government's Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense, "but indiscriminate economy is worse. We need more business, not less. There is real danger in hysteria. Indiscriminate economy will be ruinous. Now is the time to open the throttle."

We are in the world's war—and we must win. To do this we must meet the heavy demands being made on us and meet them with the least possible disarrangement of business conditions.

Only a few of us will be called to arms. If 2,000,000 men are called to the colors, it means that only 2 per cent of our population will be withdrawn from business pursuits.

The others of us must do our duty by the country in some other way than by shouldering a musket or digging trenches.

Only successful business can meet tax levies for war purposes. And business men cannot be successful unless the great public, on whom they depend for support, continues to patronize them as usual.

Don't become timid. Go ahead as you have done heretofore. Buy what you need, as you need it, and we will win this war. But throttle business by unnecessary economy and you are helping the enemy.

Do your "bit" by keeping business moving as usual.

**Writes About Trip to Lincoln**

Guide Rock, Neb., June 13, 1917. Dear County Superintendent:— I had a fine time while attending the Nebraska Boys and Girls Club Congress that was held at the University Farm.

I arrived in Lincoln about 4:45 p. m., Monday, June 4. We went out to the Judging Pavilion where we had our headquarters and sleeping rooms. We got our supper at the Home Economics Building. After supper we played until 8:30 when we went over to another building where we saw two reels of pictures about the chicken industry, by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The next day we got up about 5:30 a. m., took setting up exercises and a cold shower.

Our classes during the day were about: (a) Incubators, hatching chicks and testing eggs. (b) The effect of altitude and latitude on crops in Nebraska. (c) Cattle judging and lectures on beef and dairy types.

In the afternoon the boys and girls who were at the Congress took part in the Lincoln Registration Day Parade. After the parade we went out to the Capitol and shook hands with the Governor.

After we had looked over the Capitol building and occupied the Senate Chamber the boys went down to the Y. M. C. A. and went swimming in the pool.

After supper that evening we went to the movies. We saw two reels. One was about the Pig Club Project and the other about the School of Agriculture.

The next day our classes were about (a) How to care for chickens. (We visited the University Farm poultry houses.) (b) Lecture and slides on the soil. (c) Lecture and sheep judging. (d) Carpentry work.

Our entertainment that night was 3 reels of film. (a) Butter making. (b) Boys Corn Club. (c) Nebraska and Oregon foot ball game.

On Thursday we visited at the University, there are many fine buildings there. The museum was the most interesting place that I visited.

Out at the farm are fine, large gardens and they have tomatoes getting ripe in the green house.

To make things interesting the boys were divided into two groups—the Reds and the Blues. The one who secured the highest number of points each day would get the flag to put in their room.

On Friday we all were taken to the Orpheum to a fine show.

While at the farm we all had the time of our lives but the good and valuable knowledge that we gained along agricultural lines is certainly worth many times more than the trip cost us. I am,

Sincerely yours,  
Newton Crowell.

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