

## CALL ISSUED FOR FIREMEN'S CONVENTION

Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of  
State Volunteer Firemen's Associa-  
tion at Fremont Next Month

E. A. Miller, secretary of the State Volunteer Firemen's Association, at Kearney, has issued a call to the annual convention to be held at Fremont in January. John W. Guthrie of Alliance is president of the state association.

The Alliance department was assured at the smoker Friday night by the business men present that the special committee appointed to raise funds for the purpose of sending the Alliance department band to the convention, will be successful in their efforts and that Alliance will be on the map not only all the time at the convention but also going and returning. Alliance may decide to ask for the convention to be held in January, 1920.

Secretary Miller's call reads as follows:

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association will be held in the city of Fremont, January 21, 22 and 23 1919. The first session will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, January 21st.

All duly elected delegates of previous conventions remain members of the Association and are entitled to all the privileges of the meeting upon the payment of the annual dues of \$1.00 in advance, which must be paid to the Secretary before January 1st, or a penalty of \$1.00 will be added. This is the Law and, therefore, will be strictly enforced. All such members need no credentials.

Each department that is a member of this Association is entitled to be represented by the Chief on the payment of the annual dues of \$2.00, which must be paid before January 1st, or the penalty will be added.

Each Company that is a member is entitled to a new delegate, and should see to it that your company elects a delegate and that his credentials and the annual dues of \$2.00 are sent to the Secretary before January 1st, or the penalty of \$1.00 will be added.

Chiefs often hold their offices for several years, but remember that your department pays annual dues of \$2.00 and the chief is the representative just as long as he holds the office. When he retires as chief he can retain his membership by paying the annual dues of \$1.00.

In sending in the dues always give the name of the Chief and the name of the delegate elect, and the name of the Company the delegate is to represent, so that I can get their names on the list of members.

In case that you do not intend to send a delegate but you want to pay

the dues so as to keep your Company in good standing, just say when you remit that there will be no delegate, then I can give your Company proper credit and make the note that there will be no delegate.

I would appeal to the Departments and Companies, pay your dues whether you send a delegate or not, but I would urge you to at least send the chief or one delegate, for the benefit of your department.

I would urge that the Chief, or some member of the department collect the dues and send all at one time, giving a typewritten list of the names and what Company they belong to, as I like to have every person's name correct. I hope that all will comply with this request as far as possible, for it will be a great help in having that report ready at the Convention.

Remember that the time for paying dues has been changed to January 1st. This means Departments and Companies as well as members. Call a special meeting during December, if necessary, and elect your delegate, so you can remit before the penalty goes into effect.

President Guthrie suggests that we call it the "Peace Convention," good enough, "Peace Convention" it is, let every member possible attend and help make it the banner Convention ever held.

The Fremont Fire Department and receives this letter with blank Chief's report and blank Credentials, you will notice that one blank is for the Chief, and the others are for the New Delegates elected from the Companies. Please see that they get into proper person's hands.

HEADQUARTERS will be at the Pathfinder Hotel. Any further information will be cheerfully given.

Germany's Oldest Railroad.

The oldest railroad in Germany is one of the shortest in the world. The Ludwig railway, connecting the cities of Furth and Nuremberg, is just three and three-quarters miles long, and has never been extended. It was conceived by Johannes Scharrer, a wealthy hop merchant, the Philadelphia Inquirer tells us. The plan was first published in 1832, and as King Ludwig favored its construction it was named after him. There are about 90 employees. The railroad carries about 4,000,000 passengers a year.

Can't Be Done.

If there should be found a way to inoculate the milkman's voice with this new anesthetic, nikalgin, sleep might not drop so many stitches in her pleasing occupation of knitting up the raveled skein of care.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

**Cause of Apoplexy.**  
Despite the fact that medical men look upon apoplexy as nine-tenths pre-disposition, the courts and laity have at times regarded it as almost traumatic in its nature. The physician thinks in terms of the blood pressure, hypertrophy of the heart and vascular degeneration, and to a much less extent to muscular effort and emotional stress, for these factors only precipitated an inevitable accident. An exciting cause may be minimal, a sudden exposure to cold, or absent altogether.—Medical Record.

**Original William Tell Sermon.**  
Still another version of "William Tell" comes from Denmark. The self-same story is told in the Danish legends, two centuries before it crops out in the Swiss narrative, and further investigation shows, according to a Danish historian, that it was borrowed by Danes, the original apple having been shot from the original child's head by a German bowman named Eigil, when King Niding sought to test the man's skill and nerve. In that remote story it is related that Eigil concealed another arrow in his bosom with which to kill the king if he injured his child.

The Old Home Paper—The Herald.

☞ The race is not always to the swift—but most always.

☞ That hare and tortoise race would hardly be classed as a sporting event now.

☞ It is the man who delivers the goods who has the blue ribbon pinned on him in this year of our Lord.

☞ If you are running a square race young man, and the race goes to the tortoise, what you need is another job.

☞ Try the want ad way.

## KEEPING HOME FIRES BURNING UNTIL THE SOLDIER RETURNS

The Red Cross has for years been associated with hospitals, doctors, soldiers, sailors, battles, disasters; but it is only within the last few months that those who do not come under any of these classes have come to realize the importance of the assistance rendered by the Red Cross.

Soldiers and sailors must be encouraged to "carry on." Their morale must be upheld. The sailor or soldier who is worrying about the welfare of his family is not able to put his mind on the business before him. For this reason the Home Service Section of the American Red Cross has been organized, and to the folks at home it means neighborliness, counsel and aid—the nation's assurance to the enlisted man that his family shall suffer for no essential thing that is within its power to give.

In practically every large city of the United States there is already a class for training the workers of the Home Service section, so that they may be able to efficiently deal with the very real problems that are before them. It is not the policy of the section to force upon families the aid of the Red Cross nor to burden them with interference. No family should be approached unless some member of the family or some person capable of speaking for them has asked for the service. Because it is the desire of the Committee on Civilian Relief, under whose direction this work comes, to keep the service of the bureau strictly confidential, the wearing of any uniform by the Home Service workers has been discouraged. They call simply as friends and try to call immediately when requested.

In no instance is a visitor permitted to pry into the secrets of the family. Help is always ready, and the call usually comes from the man in the service himself. Through the workers in the camp or at the front he learns that his family may be assisted, and if he does not hear regularly or encouragingly he is quite apt to talk over with the Red Cross man or woman the affairs of his home when he learns of the friendly interest, and thus send local workers to his family. The school teachers also are often the informants, for they know through the children of the needs at home and are glad to see the family's problems solved.

Living is more difficult for every one in war times, and the mothers are lonely and discouraged, and this brings hardship on the heads of the little children. Sometimes the wife and mother is worrying over financial problems, and here the Home Service bureau is always helpful, for it tactfully assists her in properly managing her affairs. In planning her income and, of course, seeing that she is receiving sufficient allotment, and this regularly, and then if it becomes necessary the Red Cross is always ready to supplement the income. Where medical care or operations for the welfare of the

children are necessary the Home Service is ready to assist, to secure proper care for the children needing it and to ease the mind of the mother.

**Milk for Sick Babies.**  
Everywhere in the war zone there are sick babies and babies needing milk. The American Red Cross is establishing milk stations, and the babies of Italian soldiers are beginning to thrive already under the competent care of the nurses, some of whom were Infant Welfare nurses in our own country before going overseas. At

## Children of the Crusade

By JEANNE JUDSON.

Frightened and pitiful, they walk apart,  
Through the familiar village street, grown strange,  
Hand clasped in hand, they hear weird echoes start  
From ruined homes. Fear dumbs each small, child heart.

No tears rain down like dew to ease their woe;  
Horror has dried the wells from which they sprang,  
Like wee crusaders of the long ago,  
Their phantom banners in the breezes blow.

If one should call out "Follow!" they would run,  
Grime of the highway on their tiny feet,  
Headless alike of dust and blazing sun,  
Forget, as dreams, the horrors that were done.

None calls; weary they rest within the shade,  
The ruined church, where once they learned to pray,  
Long years before the war had come, and laid  
Their homes in ruins, made their hearts afraid.

Before the Holy Mother low they bow,  
Perhaps she hears and soon will bring them aid,  
It must be she whose voice is calling now,  
For see the cross is shining on her brow!

The light around her head, a nimbus gleams,  
A Red Cross worker, not from Heaven, they know,  
Yet Mary heard and sent her here to dreams,  
To lead them home to shelter and to dreams.

# Substantial Christmas Gifts

This store has always been noted for its excellent and complete line of substantial Christmas gifts. This year our selection is large and varied, made with care from our knowledge and experience gained by many years of catering to the people of Alliance and vicinity. We give below a few suggestions:

### THE HALLMARK LINE

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## HOLSTEN'S

### The Rexall Store