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Shark skins are tough and durable and some of them show a beautiful sur-face pattern which persists in the tanring process. Leather made from the kins of the larger sharks has consid-eable body and such sharks will be in greatest demand if the experiments of the bureau of fisheries prove as suc-ressful as anticipated, although the skins of minor sharks and the gray-fish are also being handled. Arrangements have been made for procuring from Florida fishermen a supply of large shark skins, and further specimens are expected from other sources, especially from a number of lightships off the south Atlantic and gulf coasts. The bureau of lighthouses is cooperat-ing in this matter and will authorize the men on southern lightships to catch sharks and preserve their skins. The bureau of fisheries is supplying fishing tackle. The skins will be sent to tanners for treatment in various ways and it is for treatment in various ways and it is shoped that such raw material will prove so useful that fishermen on all parts of our coast may hereafter find a market for the skirs of all kinds of sharks now incidentally caught in line and net fishing. The bureau of fisheries solicits correspondence with tanners, leather dealers and manufacturers who may desire to cooperate with it in exploiting. desire to cooperate with it in exploiting this waste product.

A conservative estimate is that the population of Serbia today is 1,150,000 less than it would have been had times remained normal. From this figure must be deducted about 200,000 Sermust be deducted about 200, must be deducted about 200,000 Serbians who are on the Saloniki front or in Corfu, France, and Brigain, and another 200,000 who are prisoners of war or interned in enemy countries. These deductions leave a total of 750,000 as representing the minimum losses sustained by Serbia in killed or died through epidemics between 1912 and 1916, during which time Serbia has been almost constantly in a state of war. In almost constantly in a state of war. In short, war has during the last four years wiped out at least a fifth and probably nearer a fourth of the Serbian

Denmark has never previously expe rienced such prosperity as during the last two years and the increase in the number of automobiles registered shows that at present there is a good market for motor cars of all descrip-tions. There were 5,718 automobiles registered in the kingdom on September 1, 1916, against 4,831 on September 1, 1915, and 3,430 on the corresponding date in 1914. The total indicated horsepower rose from 28,100 in 1914 to 35,200 in 1915 and 50,500 in 1916. Since the beginning of the war the increase has thus been 2,288 cars and 22,400 horsepower.

The curtailing of racing in England last winter did not lead to any great curtailment of betting—and street betting at that, in spite of the act. One bookmaker—not a big man either—took over £4,000 in football bets in one week, and a week or two previous he paid out over £3,000. The week before that however he paid out only £2,000. that, however, he paid out only £200, winning over £3,000. Not a few book-makers, particularly in South London, have, however, been badly hit by the facility with which football enthusiasts have spotted winners.

The electric current is rapidly displacing the old time red lamp, which it was customary to place as a warning against temporary obstructions. An against temporary obstructions. An electric exchange recently printed a picture of a large sign which was placed in the roadway to indicate that the road was closed during repairs, and at night time this sign is illuminated with several electric lamps.

Maine is the only state in the Union which can boast of having three native born sons knighted by English kings. They are: Sir William Phipps, of Woolwich, once royal governor of Massachusetts, who was knighted in 1694; Sir William Pepperell, of Kittery, who captured Louisburg for the British, and Sir Hiram Maxim.

The Rev. J. C. Roberts, of West Bowdoinham, Me., drove to Lisbon Falls in his automobile, got Florence M. Harding, Frank R. Allen, Gladys E. Walker and George O. Allen, took them back to West Bowdoinham, married the two couples and again car-ried them to Lisbon Falls.

The electric furnaces already placed the United States represent in the United States represent the utilization of 125,000 to 135,000 electrical horse power. This represents an output of about 1,000,000 tons of ingots or castings per annum. The Heroult system represents some 70 per cent of the tall tonger. the total tonnage.

Recently a young French soldier who was wounded at the beginning of the war woke up after a nap of over two years. During the whole of that period food was administered artificially and today he is just as strong in body and mind as he was before his unique expe

first American flag for the United States navy was flung to the breeze by John Paul Jones, the first American naval officer to engage a for-eign foe. This flag had but 12 stars on it and it flew at the topmast of the goe i ship Ranger.

The resolution for the adoption of the stars and stripes as the American emblem was passed by the continental congress June 14, 1777. An American ship, the Columbia, carried the Ameri-can flag around the world in 1787-90.

In a new rear signal for automobiles the word "stop" appears when the foot brake on a car is pressed, and other words denoting direction can be displayed by the driver pushing buttons on the steering wheel.

The Rev. William Jasper Cotter, of Newman, Ga., age 93, has been a mem-ber of the North Georgia annual con-ference for 71 years, and for 70 con-secutive years has attended its meet-

Four smaller fans are attached to the guard of a, Massachusetts inventor's electric fan, to be driven by its breezes and break up the forces of its draft.

The timber and other lands owned by the United States are a so profit which is growing yearly.

Montclair soldier boys are to have a chiropodist and a trained nurse for their feet.

Six supposed "Jack the Snipper" vic tims in Pennsylvania were young girls who confessed they cut their own hair to get their names in the papers.

A census has been ordered in Ger-many of all shoes-working, walking riding, sporting, evening, sandals and

Capt, John Lyon, skipper of a ferry-boat between Nyack and Tarrytown, has begun his 65th year with the com-

A "submarine kiss" is one given un-der water while bathing. It was in-vented by a Chicago preacher.

OUTLOOK FOR CROPS IN NEBRASKA BETTER

Recent Rains Have Improved Wheat-Planting Is in Full Swing.

Aurora, Neb., May 14 .- When enthusiasts declared that the recent rains in Nebraska, after a winter of unusual drought, meant millions of dollars to the state, a few doubters were quick to discount the statement by asserting that the moisture arrived too late to do a million dollar's worth of good. Acording to reports received by state

officials here from all parts of the state, however, the rains poured mil-lions of bushels of wheat and corn and ats and other foodstuffts into Uncle am's bread basket. Winter wheat, which had been de-clared almost negligible in quantity picked up wonderfully and many farm-ers who had considered plowing the crop "under" now expect a fair yield

Spring planting is now made possible there most vorable conditions, and with an even break of weather full crops may be reaped in the fall. OAKLAND WILL GRADUATE

CLASS OF 22 STUDENTS Oakland, Neb., May 14.—There are 22 in this year's high school graduating class. There were 25, and the class would have gone on record as one of

would have gone on record as one of the largest in the 20hool's history, but three dropped out for various reasons and thus cut the number down.

Here are the graduates: Ellen Cecelia Anderson, Carroll Wesley Beckman, Buel Sherman Ford, Martha Clarissa Franklin, Ida Caroline Gustafson, Kerwood William Hanson, Ethel Floyde John on, H. rold Minier Holmquist, Carita Gertrude Hulbert, Eugene Vernon Larson, Clyde Kenneth Moseman, Laura Emel'a Natt, Agnes Lois Neiburg, Ernest John Nelson, William Waldemar Nelson, Alvin Roy Nelson, Henrietta Margaret Pearson, Linnea Dorothea Peterson, Gladys Bernice Peterson, Lucille Carrie Rasmussen, Eda Alvena Toxword, Earle John Eda Alvena Toxword, Earle John

JUDGE DECIDES ELECTION

CONTEST BY TOSSING COIN West Point, Neb., May 14.—The election contest for the office of city cierk of West Point was 1 and by the county judge on Thursday. The votes at the municipal election were a tie. Judge Dewald ordered the ballots to be recounted and the same result was obtained—each candidate being counted. counted and the same result was obtained—each candidate being equal. The judge then threw a coin to the ceiling and the contestants guessed on the result. The toss was won by Karl Kerl, who was then declared the duly elected clerk of the city. His opponent was Peter Poellot. Mr. Kerl succeeds August Hanft, who has ably filled the office of clerk for five years past.

DEMAND BETTER MORAL CONDITIONS FOR TROOPS

. Omaha, Neb., May 14.—Nebraska members of the Young Men's Christian association have taken the initiative in starting a campaign for good morals in soldiers' mobilization camps. At a re-cent meeting of the directors of the association Superintendent Leavitt of the Nebraska division was instructed to induce all clergymen in the state to join with the association in an appeal to congress for stringent legislation against the assembling of women of ill

repute at mobilization camps.

It was pointed out that experiences in the past, notably those on the Mexican border have shown that as soon as the soldiers are established in camp the organized vice interests entrenched themselves close by. The campaign is intended to secure legislation that will make such impossible.

EMERSON TAX LEVY MORE

THAN DOUBLED BY BOARD Emerson, Neb., May 14.—At a special meeting of the village board the tax levy for the coming year was raised from 10 mills to 22 mills. The two marshals at \$70 each per month were retained and the duties of street commissioner added to the requirements of their office, it was thought that when the saloons went out of business ine marshal would be sufficient. A second poel hall was licensed.

NEBRASKA ROADS CHARGE

THAT THEY ARE OVERTAXED Lincoln, Neb., May 14.—Claiming that while railroad property is assessed in Nebraska at its real value other personal and real property in the state is assessed far below its actual worth, T. A. Polleys, tax commissioner of the Northwestern and the Minneapolis & Omaha railroads, appeared before the state board of assessment to make a vigorous protest. Commissioner Polleys declared that general property in Ne-braska is assessed at about 66 per cent of its true value while the Northwestern railroad is assessed at nearly 100 per cent of its exaggerated value.

ARCHBISHOP HARTY WILL

ATTEND HARTINGTON MEET Hartington, Neb., May 14.—Archbishop Harty, of Omaha, will be in Hartington next Sunday to attend the celebation of the 10th anniversary of the founding of Hartington Cou Knights of Columbus. Delegations be in attendance from Omaha, O'Neill Yankton and other nearby points. large class will be initiated.

LYONS-A Red Cross auxiliary was organized at the city hall Thursday after noon, and a membership of 40 with the majority of them paid member ships. The city hall was crowded and it was an enthusiastic meeting. Mrs. R. M. Dennison acted as chairman, and Mrs. R. Bert Lyon secretary. The following officers were elected: Honorary superintendent, Mrs. Henry Crellin, registered Red Cross nurse: Mrs. D. M. Dennison, president; Mrs. M. L. Hildreth, vice president; Mrs. D. E. Lyon secretary. Mrs. Mrs. D. E. Lyon secretary. dent; Mrs. D. E. Lyon, secretary; Mrs. May Stiles, treasurer. At the next meeting, May 19, plans will be made for the line of work that will be taken up.

LINCOLN-The state scientists are holding their 27th annual convention in Lincoin. Secretary Sheldon stated that the different scientific surveys have made great progress during the past year and that the remarkable development of the potash industry has resulted from suci

surveys.

LINCOLN-A conference in regard to the war situation was held by Governor Neville and United States Senator Hitch-cock at Omaha over the war situation. The governor went to Omaha to meet the sevator. The governor desired more in-fermation as to the scope of the work of the state council for defense.

WAYNE-At the initiative of Daughters of the American Revolution a meeting was called for the Methodist church, and about 160 people assembled and heard of the plans of Red Cross, and its work, and when opportunity came to enroll 95 names were presented.

RUSH DEVELOPMENT OF POTASH INDUSTRY

Believed Nebraska Deposits Can Nebraska Board Deems Move Be Made to Supply American Needs.

Alliance, Neb., May 12.-Potash from school lands in western Nebraska may fertilize areas in the east and south formerly enriched with imported potash from the Stassfurt beds of Germany, in the opinion of men now developing the industry, new here, and members of the state board of educational lands and funds, by whose authority the lands have been leased.

Experts have said the deposits of potash in 40 alkali lakes in Cherry and Sheridan counties is sufficient to supply

the United States.

Development of the potash industry Development of the potasi industry in Nebraska by a company of men well known in the state will be brought about under a new law enacted by the legislature designating pipelines for carrying potash brine common carriers and giving them right of eminent do-

main.

The state will be given one-eighth of The state will be given one-eighth of the profits of the potash company.

Soil of Nebraska is so rich potash cannot be applied to it without injurious effect. Knowing this no attempt had been made to develop the rich fields in the western part of the state until the supply received from the Stassfurt potash beds of Germany was suddenly out off. As fast as the notash is secured. cut off. As fast as the potash is secured it will be shipped east to the reclaimed swamp lands of Illinois and Indiana. and to the south, where reports say it is badly needed.

The board of educational lands and funds has directed the developing com-pany to proceed with its work rapidly so that potash may be made available for eastern fields as soon as possible.

WILL HANDLE PRACTICE OF

DOCTORS WHO JOIN ARMY Lincoln, Neb., May 12.—The house of delegates, the legislative body of the Nebraska Medical association, now in session, has unanimously adopted a resolution recommending that the medical societies of the various counties look after the practice of those physicians who have entered the military branch of the service, or who may hereafter enter. The proposition is that every physician who is called to the colors shall receive from those who take care of his patients one-thrid of the gross collections. If a patient calls on a doctor he shall be asked if one of the physicians in the service is his regular doctor, and in addition every physician who goes to the front is expensed. physician who goes to the front is expected to file with the secretary of the county society, a list of his regular paeints. Monthly settlements are to be

The association elected the following officers: President, C. L. Mullens, Broken Bow; vice presidents, Lucian Start, Hartington and A. B. Montgomery, Stella; secretary, Joseph M. Aikin, Omaha; treasurer, A. S. Von Mans-felde. LeRoy Crummer, of Omaha, was named as delegate to the American Medical association, which mets in New York city in June, with F. A. Long, of Madison, as alternate. Omaha was so-lected as the meeting place in 1918.

SEEKING TO PUT NEBRASKA ON RATION OF WAR BREAD

Lincoln, May 12.—"Put Nebraska—and the rest of the United States as well on 'war bread' rations."

This is the advice given recently by

food experts of the state, men who have studied carefully dietary needs and re-quirements. They say "war bread" is merely one way of conserving the na-tion's food surely.

tion's food supply.

"War bread" until recently was referred to only in connection with stories from the war zone in Europe. With the advent of the United States into the conflict, however, the federal government has recommended, in subgeneral use of "war bread," the latter being bread made from whole wheat or graham flour. It has been advised that the milling product of the wheat grain be increased from 71 per cent to 82 per cent.

BRISK COMPETITION FOR

INSURANCE OF SOLDIERS Omaha, Neb., May 12.—Competition is brisk between life insurance companies to secure the war risks of the hundreds of young men from the state university other schools who have enlisted The failure of the company executives at a recent meeting, to agree upon a sum to be added as an extra premium has thrown the whole matter open to competition, and the agents are busy. extra war premium ranges from 50 per \$1,000, to \$100. At least one Nebraska company has refused to write any risks. If any of its policy holders go to war this automatically cancels the policy should death ensue, but it will issue a permit. In that case the com-pany will, in the case of death, pay the amount of the reserve credited to the

BEATRICE - The Laborers' Liberty League of America held a meeting Tursday evening and set Monday, May 21, as the date for the first market day. Goods are to be purchased from the merchant making the lowest prices and they will be delivered every two weeks to the members of the organization by the purchas-ing committee. The league was recently organized here to combat with the high cost of living and has about 60 members.

LINCOLN-The government at Washington has appointed H. F. Williams, of the department of agriculture, a "director of labor" for Nebraska, to cooperate with George E. Norman, state labor commissioner, in organizing labor bureaus in every community in the state to supply every community in nelp to farmers and furnish jobs to borers. If plans go through as outlined shortage of farm labor will be mot promptly, if there are idle men in the

LINCOLN-The state railway commission is holding an open session today distening to all objections to the pro-posed rules governing the distribution of railroad cars in times of shortage. The Farmers' union is represented by a group of men, and each of the railroads has its

OMAHA-In a number of the offices railroad headquarters women are work ing into positions where they have not heretofore been seen. They are tak-ing the places of the men who have enisted and have been sent to camps, or out to do guard duty.

NO MINES TAKEN OVER.

Washington, D. C. May 12.- While every effort will be made by the federal government to bring about an igreement between striking coal miners of central Pennsylvania and their employes, it was said by officials that there had been no step to take over the mines for government operation.

DECIES REPORT DENIED.

London, May 12.- The report that Lady Decles, formerly Vivien Could, of New York, has joined the Scottish women's hospital contingent is declared to be incorrect by the Times.

CENSORSHIP PUT ON BY DEFENSE COUNCIL

Wise Because of Big Alien Population.

Lincoln, Neb., May 12 .- A state censorship of war news has been estab-lished in Lincoln by the state council of defense, through its secretary, H. C. Richmond. All news with respect to the selective draft will be handled through this bureau. Adjustant General Hall is of the opinion that this presents a delicate task in Nebraska, where there are 40,000 Germans and as many Swedes many of whom as many Swedes, many of whom says that the selections will be care-fully made in order that the most effective men are secured. Enough men will be left on the farms, in the banks and on the railroads so that no interruptions in those branches of the service will occur.

One object of the censorship will be to dissipate some of the wrong notions and theories held with respect to the service and the selection of men to fill out the different branches.

NEXT PYTHIAN MEETING TO

BE HELD AT SCOTTS BLUFF Lincoln, Neb., May 12.—The 1918 teeting of the grand lodge of the Nemeeting of the grand lodge of the Nebraska Knights of Pythias and of the Pythian Sisters will be held in Scotts Bluff. This is the first time in its 50 year history that a grand lodge has been reld in the western part of the state. The city of Scotts Bluff put up \$1,000 to pay the difference in railroad expense. The following officers were expense.

Grand chanceller, H. A. East, No. 16, Grand chanceller, H. A. East, No. 16, Lincoln; grand V. C., W. H. Ingles, No. 115, North Platte; grand prelate, Charles Witte, No. 72, Elkhorn; grand K. R. & S., Will H. Love, No. 16, Lincoln; grand G. M. of Ex., John B. Wright, No. 16, Lincoln; grand master at arms, E. L. Lewis, No. 106, Fairfield; grand inside guard, Ira W. Mafford, No. 47, Answorth; grand outer guard. C. H. Pidirit, No. 112, Ravenna; grand trustee. Dr. Ray A. Dodge, No. 1

C. H. Pidirit, No. 112, Ravenna; grand trustee, Dr. Ray A. Dodge, No. 1, Omaha; grand supreme rep., W. I. Allen, No. 110, Schuyler.

The Pythian sisters elected the following: Past grand chief, Mrs. Lizzie Cawkins, Fremont; grand chief, Nellie Hellweg, Lincoln; excellent senior, Della Gessman, Omaha; excellent junior, Nona Lantz, Hastings; manager, Eugenia Day, McCook; grand mistress of Nona Lantz, Hastings; manager, Eu genia Day, McCook; grand mistress of genia Day, McCook; grand mistress of records and correspondence, Estelle Dudley, Lincoln; grand mistress of finance, Druzilla Pedler, Loup City; grand protector, Lutie Warrick, Scotts Bluff; outer guard, Mrs. Barber, Fullerton; supreme representative, Mrs. Bushnell, Fremont.

IOWA CROP REPORT.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—A summary of the May crop report for the state of lowa as compiled by the bureau of crop estimates is as follows: Winter Wheat—May 1 forecast, 2,-380,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 6,290,000 bushels; two

years ago, 13,975,000 bushels; 1910-14 average, 7,613,000 bushels.

Rye—May 1 forecast, 920,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 1,110,000 bushels; two years ago, 1,121,000 bushels.

Meadows—May 1 condition, 84, com-

pared with the 10-year average of 88.

Pastures—May 1 condition, 83, compared with the 10-year average of 85.

Spring Plowing—Per cent done to May 1, 1917, estimated 65 per cent, com-May 1, 1917, estimated 65 per cent, compared with 71 per cent May 1 last year and 68 per cent the 10-year average. Spring Planting.—Per cent done to May 1, 1917, estimated 54 per cent, compared with 55 per cent May 1 last year and 53 per cent the 10-year average.

Hay—Old crop on farms May 1 estimated 730,000 tons, compared with 1,-234,000 a year ago and 501,000 tons two years ago.

Prices-The first price given below is the average on May 1 this year and the second the average on May 1 last year: Wheat, \$2.30 and 97 cents per bushel. Corn, \$1.40 and 66 cents. Oats, 63 cents and 38 cents. Potatoes, \$3.21 and 94 cents. Hay, \$12.45 and \$9.40 per ton. Eggs, 30 cents and 18 cents per dozen.

LCDGE MUST ESTABLISH

NEW RATE TO PAY DEBT Omaha, Neb., May 12.—The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workman at Omaha having voted down a proposition to adopt the na-tional fraternal congress tables of rates and to adopt options that would permit the repairment of its funds, the state insurance board has taken action. At a meeting Wednesday the board, by a unamimous vote, instructed the secretary to notify the grand lodge officers that the organization must establish tates that are adequate to pay outstanding debts, which amount to nearly \$300,000, and to care for future liabilities.

MAN ACCUSED OF MURDER

NEARLY ESCAPES PRISON Omaha, Neb., May 12.—Harry J. Curtis, held here on a charge of implicathe murder of Policeman Counery at Minneapolis, made an most successful attempt at breaking jail early today. He had sawed the bars of the window of his cell and was in the act of climbing out when ob-

served by a policeman.

The officer seized him, but it took half a dozen others to overcome him. Where he obtained saws is a mystery

to the police. Habeas corpus proceedings by which Curtis sought to gain his liberty were set for hearing today.

BOX OF DYNAMITE IS LOCATED NEAR SIDNEY

Sidney, Neb., May 12.—A 50-pound box of dynamite was found in the hills north of Sidney and but a short dis-tance from the Union Pacific round house and shops by two persons as they were taking a walk for recreation. The explosive was turned over to Sheriff Sutton and will be destroyed. The box was partially hidden, but it had not been out in the weather very long

FINE NEW \$15,000 CHURCH

DEDICATED AT EMERSON Emerson, Neb., May 12.—A \$15,000 church building has just been dedica-ted by the English Lutheran congrega-The remaining indebtedness \$4,500 was pledged and the church is without a debt.

TECUMSEH MILITARY BAND PLANS FINE AUDITORIUM

Tecumseh, Neb., May 12.—Tecumseh military band will undertake the or-ganization of a stock company and the erecting of an auditorium to cost not less than \$25,000. The band expects to put on concerts and other entertainment on its own account. The proposition is meeting the approval of so the men of means in Tecumseh.

OMAHA-Harold Desmond, dope fiend and burglar, confessed to police that be had robbed 37 stores in Omaha within the last month and stolen \$5,000 worth of

SHORTAGE OF LABOR IN NEBRASKA ACUTE

At Least 5,000 Men Must Volunteer or Be Drafted for Work on Farms.

Lincoln, Neb., May 11 .- Five thousand men must volunteer or be drafted for work in the harvest fields of Nebraska this year, according to estimates of the state department of labor, which has received reports that even now the reasonable shortage of farm labor is being felt throughout the state. George E. Norman, state labor commissioner, and the state employment bureau, to whom farmers are appealing for help in planting the spring crops, have been able to find less than 250 men since January 1 who will accept em-ployment on the farm. The state is advertising in the newspapers for farm

What makes the situation annoying," said Comissioner Norman "are re-ports from cities and towns all over the state that large numbers of idle men are there, ostensibly looking for

work. "Farm wages in Nebraska are reas-onably high, laborers being paid \$35 a month everything furnished. Later, when the harvest season is on the wag-es will be \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.00 a day.

Commissioner Norman has planned for this summer a newspaper advertis-ing campaign for farm laborers as the ing campaign for farm laborers as the first of a series of efforts by the state to insure that crops are harvested.

Last year a number of wheat fields were not harvested, because laborers could not be secured. At the same time there were hundreds of idle men in the state, a majority of whom were conducting anti-work meetings under direction of Industrial Workers of the World leaders. Every precaution will be taken this year to prevent a repeti-

world leaders. Every precaution will be taken this year to prevent a repetition of such a condition.

It is estimated by state labor officials that Nebraska will furnish at least 20,000 men for the war. Enlistments are increasing each day and this adds to the farm labor problem, for a large percentage of volunteers are from the farms. Selective conscription also will take its toll of farm labor.

take its toll of farm labor. Commercial clubs, farmers' organizations, bankers, stockmen and ranchers are doing w.' t can be done now to supply laborers to meet an unusual de-

ficiency.

The University of Nebraska and the Union Pacific railroad are sending lecturers into every section of the state to awaken farmers to the importance of increased crop production and residents of cities and towns to the "patriotic call to the farms."

Twenty-five lecturers under auspices of the Union Pacific raildoad have arranged 247 meetings in the state and will make 575 addresses.

High school and college students, and

even pupils of the graded schools, have been organized and will be sent by hundreds to the farm. To create interest, students in a number of schools have been organized and drilled, hoes being used instead of guns, and the great importance of producing and harvesting the grain crop as part of the movement to forstall a world shortage of food has been explained to them. Conservative estimates place the number of the state of the stat ber of students who will be employed on farms at 3,000. These will go direct from school to their work in the fields. Ordinarily this number would relieve the acute labor shortage, but this year

farmers must recon with the increasing number of enlistments for war.

The state labor employment office operates without charge to farmers or applicants, and if it is through this agency farmers are expecting most assistance. In 1917, paraximately 1,006 sistance. In 1915 approximately 1,006 men were placed on farms by this of-

THEFT OF BULL DENIED

BY SIOUX COUNTY FARMER Lincoln, Neb., May 11.-The appeal of Albro L. Hodge, a well-to-do cattleman, convicted in Sioux county of stealing a \$75 bull from a neighbor, was heard in supreme court today. Hodge de-clares that he never stole the bull and that if it had not been for ill feeling in his neighborhood he would never have been convicted. The bull or one like it was found in a shipmnet of cattle sent by Hodge to South Omaha just after the animal had been missed. Hodge claims that the testimony does not show that this bull was the one stolen. It was branded the same, but its ears had not been frozen, as had those of the stolen animal and other marks did not correspond. As another proof of his innocence he points to the testimony of his men that he gave no orders for the sending of any specific animals when he told them to round up

NEBRASKA DEFENSE COUNCIL IS ORGANIZED AT LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb., May 11.—Formal organization of the state council of defense was effected at a meeting held with the governor Tuesday afternoon. R. M. Joyce, of Lincoln, was elected chairman, George F. Coupland, of El-gin, vice chairman, and Charles A. Me-Cloud, of York, as treasurer. The paid position of secretary was filled by the selection of Representative Henry C Richmond, a newspaper man of Omaha. Rooms for the meetings and headquarters will be furnished by the people of

Lincoln. Harries and Metcalfe, of Omaha, and McCloud, of York, were named to propose plans for the operation of the council. The members of the council receive \$5 a day and expenses for all time actually employed.

FREMONT BREWING PLANT MAY BE USED FOR STORAGE

Fremont, Neb., May 11,-Officers of the Fremont Brewing company pects to announce within a few days whether they will turn the big Fremon plant into a storage house or board it up. Vice president L. P. Larson says that the final rush of business during the late period of "wet" was so heavy that the energies of everyone connected with the business were bent to fill or ders. They had no time to consider the future of the plant. Amended articles of incorporation have been filed providing for the operation of a storage house, the manufacture of ice cream and soft drinks. Fifty of the 85 men usually employed are still working at the plant, pending the decision of its

MILITARY SPIRIT IS SHOWN AT MEDICAL SOCIETY MEET

Lincoln, Neb., May 11.-With prelimdetails of credentials disposed of yesterday, the 49th annual convention of the Nebraska State Medical association got under way this afternoon with a two-day program scheduled which reflects the military spirit of the hour. Officers of the association are: president, Dr. W. F. Milroy, Omaha; vice president, Dr. M. S. Moore, Gathen burg; secretary, Dr. Joseph M. Aitken, Graha; treasurer, Dr. A. S. von Mans felds, Ashland.

TEN MILLION **DRAFT FORMS** MAILED OUT

War Department Prepares for Registration of Vast Army to Be Used Against Germany.

AIDS ROOSEVELT HOUSE

Orders Conferees to Put Back Senate Clause Allowing Him to Lead Army to France.

Washington, D. C., May 14-The war department began the distribution of 10,000,000 registration blanks to be filled out by all men between and inclusive of the ages 21 to 30. The cardi will be indexed. The blanks go to thousands of sheriffs and mayors

Men who are out of town are expected to get their cards filled out and sent to the local sheriff or mayor. Iowa s expected to register 200,000 men. The number of availables estimated

by the census bureau for states in the west include:
Iowa, 199,000; Minnesota. 244,700,
Nebraska, 129,400; North Dakota, 89,000; South Dakota, 80,500.
By a vote of 215 to 178, the House today, after a stormy debate, voted to instruct its conference on the army hill.

instruct its conferees on the army bill to restore the Senate amendment to permit Colonel Roosevelt to lead a di-

vision to France.

The House vote had a double significance, indicating that the hard fought amendment will stay in the bill because it directed the conferces to accept the provision exactly as voted in by the

Leaves It to President. In view of the fact that it carried by a heavy majority, including democrats in the Senate, there seemed no doubt that it would become part of the new

It is by no means certain, however, that Colonel Roosevelt will lead his division to France under its term because the artendment does not direct "the president to accept the division; if merely authorizes him to do so. All the weight of the president's expert advices is against it.

REFORMS MENACE KAISER'S THRONE

Junkers Demand New Chancellor When Von Bethmann-Holwegg Fails to Block Radicals.

Copenhagen, May 14 (via London)— The Germania, organ of the cierical party, indicates that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg does not intend to make a statement with regard to peace terms before the reichstag, having fi nally decided that it was inadvisable

at the present time.

Meantime the conservatives are growing more desperate as the work of the constitutional revision committee proceeds without any intervention from the government to dam the wave of re-form which threatens the political in

fluences of the junkers.
"Where is Hindenburg to raise the fallen kaiser's banner again and defend the rights of the throne?" cries Prince Zu Salam Hortsmar, in the Prussian house of lords. The prince is president of the German naval league and one of the war heroes of the conservative old guard.

"The South German Gazette, the or-gan of the south German conservatives, suggests sending a deputation to the emperor to warn him that his throne is in danger unless he dismisses von Bethmann-Hollweg. The suggestion is taken up by the Kreuz Zeitung, rep-resenting the Prussian junkers and the military aristocracy, the Deutsche Tages Zeitung and the Reichsbote.

Other conservative papers echo thery that the Hohenzollern throne is tottering unless a new chancellor com to supress the reform movement with an iron hand. In spite of all, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg still seems very strong and there is no indication that the emperor's confidence in him is seriously shaken.

MAN WHO DESTROYED 29 GERMAN FLYERS LOST

Nottingham, May 14-Captain Albert Ball, of the British flying squadron, who recently received the freedom of the city of Nottingham for having brought down German airplanes, has been missing since Monday, according to a letter received by his father.

Captain Ball, who some time ago was warded the distinguished service or der medal, was credited with baving brought down 29 German airplanes. He was said to have fought more than 10 battles before he reached his 20th

THREE STAY NEUTRAL

Stockholm, (via London), May 12.— An official announcement in regard to the result of a three days' conference by Swedish, Danish and Norwegian ministers says that the conferees determined unanimously that the three countries should maintain a policy of impartial neutrality.

NAVY NEARLY FILLED. Washington, D. C. May 14-The may will reach its full authorized maxmum war strength of 100,000 enlisted nen next Thursday if the recruitin atlo of the last 10 days is maintained ratio of the last 10 days is maintained. An official statement shows that the service now has a total of 95,028 men, the recruiting campaign inaugurated

April 3 having produced 31,341 men up ENDS HIS LIFE.

Davenport, Ia., May 12.—Financial troubles are believed to have caused the suicide of H. H. Lunace, a prominent young business man, who hanged himself with a clothes line at his home last night. His wife found the lifeless body.