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We are offering at Bargain prices all the High-Grade Shoes in our store. This is a splendid opportunity for the people of this city and vicinity to purchase high-grade footwear at lower prices than they can now be purchased in the eastern wholesale markets.

### Sale Continues Until Saturday Night, Jan. 26

Included in this Sale Are Shoes of the Following Popular Brands

Ladies'	Men's	Boy's	Girls and Misses
Krippendorf-Dittman	Famous Bostonian	Original Boy Scout	Karl-Zimmer
Selby Shoe Company	J. P. Smith	World Famous, Shoes For Boys	Buster Brown
R. R. Smith	Harlow Shoes	Buster Brown	Selby Shoe Company
Clara Barton	Nunn and Bush		

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No Approvals!

No Returns!

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O'Neill, Nebraska

#### Council of Defense Meeting.

That we have here in Holt County as many loyal, and patriotic citizens as any county in the state of Nebraska—men with the same brand of patriotism that was exhibited at Valley Forge away back in '76—has often been surmised and asserted, but never fully proven until Thursday of last week. On that date a meeting of the Holt County Council of Defense was held in the court house at O'Neill. The day was distressingly cold, the thermometer ranging around ten degrees below zero all day, with a strong, penetrating north wind that would cause an Eskimo to shiver. Chairman R. R. Dickson, arrived at his office in the court house about 9 o'clock looking and feeling blue and discouraged at the prospect of any meeting at all because of the condition of the weather, but by 10 o'clock members of the Council began to arrive, and by noon there was a goodly number present but no meeting was held until afternoon. At 1:30, when the council was called to order, there was in the neighborhood of one hundred people present, and ninety per cent of them were from out side of O'Neill. Members were there from all parts

and from all the four corners of the county, and it was quite evident that had the weather been favorable, the court house would not have accommodated the attendance.

The meeting had been called by R. R. Dickson, Chairman of the Holt County Council of Defense, for the purpose of discussing and devising ways and means of looking after the sale of government bonds, thrift stamps, to encourage Red Cross subscriptions, and to stamp out disloyalty and declare war on lie-mongers and German sympathizers. It was a grand meeting and it would have sent your blood tingling with patriotism through your veins had you been there and heard the many splendid patriotic talks and visualized the stamp of earnestness and determination plainly apparent upon the faces of those present. There was no camouflaging, every thing said and done had a true, earnest, patriotic ring, and hereafter all slackers and pro-Germans in Holt County, whether they be native or foreign born, will do well to imitate the proverbial groundhog on a sunlit day, and do it very quick.

Chairman R. R. Dickson called the Council to order at 1:30 and stated the

object of the meeting. He said that he had found from investigation, that a large majority of the people of this county, strange as it may seem, have not purchased any liberty bonds of either issue, or subscribed to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., or the K. C. funds. He said that a number of the people had subscribed and purchased bonds to the full extent of their ability and for that reason they would be unable to purchase other bonds or thrift stamps without depriving themselves of the necessities and comforts of life. That many people who were well able to purchase bonds and thrift stamps had only purchased a very small amount. That the burden of purchasing bonds and thrift stamps and the maintenance of the various war service organizations, must necessarily fall upon the people of means, and they must subscribe for those who cannot subscribe. He said that everybody must be made to do their share, and suggested a division of the county into districts for that purpose.

After some discussion, the Council voted to divide the county into districts and for the appointment of a committee from each district, and a committee was appointed by the chairman to make such division, consisting of Holden of Chambers, Mack of Atkinson, McDermott of Stuart, Trommershauser of Ewing, Cole of Emmet and O'Donnell of O'Neill. The committee retired and shortly afterward reported the following division, giving each village or town in the county a district, which was unanimously adopted by the Council.

EWING DISTRICT—Ewing, Deloit, Golden, Lake and McClure.

PAGE DISTRICT—Verdigris, Wilowdale, Iowa and Steel Creek.

INMAN DISTRICT—Inman.

CHAMBERS DISTRICT—Fairview, Shamrock, Wyoming, Chambers and Conley.

O'NEILL DISTRICT—East half of Rock Falls, Shields, Grattan, Paddock and Scott.

EMMET DISTRICT—Pleasantview and Emmet.

ATKINSON DISTRICT—Saratoga, east six miles of Sand Creek, west half Rock Falls, Atkinson, Sheridan, east half of Green Valley, east half of Francis and Swan.

STUART DISTRICT—Dustin, Cleveland, west four miles of Sand Creek, Stuart, west half of Green Valley and west half of Francis.

The election of committees for the various districts was then taken up, and the members present from the districts selected the chairman and various committeemen, the selections

being ratified by the Council. The committees elected are as follows:

EWING DISTRICT—J. N. Trommershauser, chairman; J. L. Fisher, O. K. Wright and J. W. Snyder.

PAGE DISTRICT—E. H. Smith, chairman; Lee Drayton, T. T. Waid.

INMAN DISTRICT—Geo. W. Davies, chairman; E. C. Sharp, W. W. Watson and W. A. Gannon.

CHAMBERS DISTRICT—W. J. Dougherty, chairman; A. H. Grose, C. E. Harden and O. C. Sammons.

O'NEILL DISTRICT—Jas. F. O'Donnell, chairman; S. J. Weekes, Ed. F. Gallagher, J. J. Harrington, W. K. Hodgkin and H. J. Boyle.

EMMET DISTRICT—Wm. P. Daly, chairman; Guy Cole, H. J. Garney and J. P. Mullen.

ATKINSON DISTRICT—E. J. Mack, chairman; Fred Swingley, D. L. Jouvenat, J. W. Fullerton and F. O. Kellogg.

STUART DISTRICT—Fred L. Barclay, chairman; Dr. B. V. McDermott, H. L. Thomas, John L. Flannigan and W. N. Coates.

It was decided by the Council that the duties of these several district committees was to personally look after or superintend the matter of the sale of bonds and thrift stamps in their respective districts, and to encourage subscriptions to the Red Cross and kindred organizations. In this connection and as an aid to the various committees in their work, they are to check up and ascertain the name and amount of purchases of bonds and contributors to the various war service organizations to the end that those who have not purchased bonds or made any contributions as well as those who have but are able to contribute more liberally may be solicited to do so. And should any person, in the judgment of the committee, who has been solicited and refused to contribute to the extent of their ability and financial means will permit, the committee is authorized to report the guilty party to the committee on Complaints and Grievances of the County Council of Defense, to be dealt with by that committee. The district committees are also authorized and required to report in like manner to the complaint and Grievance Committee any disloyalty or pro-German utterances brought to their attention in their respective districts.

The Council then proceeded to select the committee on Complaints and Grievances, and after some discussion a motion was made and carried that the Chairman of each of the eight districts, together with H. J. Boyle, County Attorney, Peter W. Duffy,

Sheriff and J. A. Donohoe would constitute this committee with R. R. Dickson as chairman, the chairman to have the authority to call them together at any time to hear complaints.

Ed. F. Gallagher, Chairman of the thrift stamp sales in the county, was present and gave an interesting talk to the Council. He said that Holt County's quota of thrift stamps was about \$350,000 which meant about \$20 per capita of the population, and that they must all be sold within one year. He urged the members not only to buy thrift stamps themselves but to ask their neighbors and friends to buy them.

J. M. Hunter, Chairman of the Food Administration in this county was also present, and gave the Council a very instructive talk upon the matter of food conservation, emphasizing the importance of every one observing meatless and wheatless days. Some one asked that all stand up who were observing these days and conserving food and everybody in the house arose to their feet except three or four who said they were doing the best they could.

The matter of teaching the German

language in the schools of the county was brought before the meeting, and it was ascertained from the reports made, that the teaching of German had been suspended in all the public schools, but that it was being taught in two of the parochial schools. Thereupon a motion was made and carried, that it was the sense of the County Council of Defense that the teaching of the German language in all public and parochial schools in this county was highly improper and unpatriotic, and that all such schools now teaching it be requested to discontinue it at once, and in event of their refusal to do so, the matter to be taken up by the Committee on Complaints and Grievances.

The Chairman directed the secretary to write up the proceedings of the meeting and send a copy to each newspaper in the county.

Thereupon the Council adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.  
C. B. SCOTT,  
Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hancock arrived here the first of the week for a short visit with relatives and friends.

#### YOUR BOYS' XMAS GIFT

A year ago Christmas he received a Bank Book with a deposit in it of \$10. To-day he has in his account \$178.50—every dollar besides the interest he earned himself. He is 14 years old. Before last Christmas he had never put by a dollar. Let's start your boys with a small account this year—\$1—\$5—\$10 does it. May we make them out for you?

THE O'NEILL NATIONAL BANK  
O'Neill, Nebraska

This bank carries no indebtedness of officers or stockholders and we are a member of The Federal Reserve Bank. Capital, surplus and undivided profits \$100,000.00.

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The thinking man who sees the days and years of tomorrow has considered fully the value of the State Guarantee Fund of Nebraska. Have you?

When a Million Dollar Fund is part of the protection of depositors in the Nebraska State Bank can you bring any sound reason for not feeling safe in placing your money here?

Safety first, of course, but consider well the co-operative service given by this progressive bank and its officers.

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