

## Nebraska

## NEVILLE APPROVES ACTION OF COUNCIL

Governor, in Statement, Warmly Commends Attitude of Defense Organization in Patriotic Stand.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—Though absent from Nebraska when the State Council of Defense promulgated its celebrated letter on patriotism, Governor Keith Neville is in hearty sympathy with its every utterance and in order to show just where he stands in the matter issued the following statements today:

"The statement issued by the defense council in my absence, made necessary by the reports received by that body was timely and has already undoubtedly accomplished much good and will be productive of further helpful results.

## To Curb Views.

"I am satisfied that professors of the state university who were jealous of their independence and inclined to voice harmful sentiments under the guise of academic license, will understand that the only purpose intended was, as the state council says, 'To put Nebraska in fighting trim for America' and will hold in abeyance such individual views as might contribute to this end. When the country is at war there is, of course, no such thing as that covered by the phrase 'academic freedom.'

"The response made by clergy and other representatives of the Lutheran church, notably that of Rev. J. J. Krampe, indicates that the practices complained of by the council of defense are to be cured by members of the church itself, whose loyalty the council did not question—on the contrary it distinctly announced that it depended upon that loyalty and appealed to it.

## Appeal to Patriotism.

"One of the best appeals to patriotism I have ever read was made by a distinguished American in Boston in addressing a Massachusetts regiment. I submit that appeal to every man in Nebraska as a suggested rule of action which every American may follow regardless of former war prejudices. It follows:

## Notes from Beatrice

## And Gage County

Beatrice, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—A small tornado passed through a strip of country two miles wide northwest of Filley last evening. Two men hauling hay had their loads overturned by the wind and in some places telephone poles were blown down and small trees uprooted.

Two more alleged slackers were arrested here yesterday and lodged in jail. They will be held pending an investigation by the authorities.

Lloyd Tilton has purchased the old home place of his father northeast of Filley for \$115 per acre. The farm consists of 160 acres and is well improved.

Clem Wilder has resigned as principal of the Cortland high school and John W. Watson of Bethany has been elected as his successor.

Miss May Ryan yesterday brought suit in the district court against her brother, N. M. Ryan, to collect a note for \$1,500 given by the defendant on August 5, 1914, with interest at the rate of 7 per cent.

## Alleged Grand Island Slacker

## Has Gone to Wisconsin

Grand Island, Neb., July 13.—(Special Telegram.)—It is learned from the sheriff here that the alleged slacker here referred to in the report of Chairman Whitmore of the State Council of Defense is Albert Smetowski and that a brother of the man wanted has returned to Wisconsin to induce him to go to the city. He is an American by birth and not German, but of Polish parents. His brother, John Smetowski, has been prominent in socialist circles for many years and was several years ago a candidate for alderman.

Inquiry from other sources today leads to the information that Albert Smetowski made threats against Lou Ger, his employer, up to the time he disappeared in case the latter did not get the sheriff off his trail. These threats never were reported either to the police or to the sheriff, neither of whom had ever been advised of them.

## Mrs. Norwood of Grand Island Dies Suddenly

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Grand Island, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elmer Norwood, residing about eleven miles south of this city, passed away at her home yesterday suddenly. Apparently she had been in good health and on yesterday morning, her husband, being short of help, assisted in cultivating the corn. About 5:30 o'clock she finished her end of the field and was about to go to the house when she suddenly fell from the cultivator in an unconscious condition. She never regained consciousness and passed away early the next morning. Her death is attributed by the attending physician to heart trouble. The body was taken to her former home at Nelson, Neb., for interment.

## James Conger of Loup City Accidentally Shot

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Grand Island, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—Word has been received in this city of a shooting accident to James Conger of Loup City, while on a fishing excursion. Mr. Conger, in company with three others, went to the river for the night in an auto, and in some manner a small caliber gun fell from the auto and was discharged. The lead entered the right arm. He was brought a distance of forty miles to St. Paul for medical attention. About four weeks ago he had the misfortune to break his collarbone on the right side, and already was minus one leg, this loss having occurred years ago in a railroad accident.

## Large Red Cross Fund at Julian

## Stella, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)

The little village of Julian in Nebraska county, through the efforts of C. L. Mesner of the Bank of Julian, has raised a Red Cross fund of more than \$700.

## LUTHERANS ARE LOYAL, ASSERTS LUTHER KUHN

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America, and which is a very considerable factor in the membership of the Lutheran church in Nebraska. This action should leave no doubt in the minds of any as to what is the exact position and attitude of the Lutheran church as a denomination in its attitude of supporting the government in the war in which it is now engaged with Germany.

## Nebraska Lutherans' Pledge.

This same general synod to which reference has been made, which is the authoritative head of the English churches and a large portion of the German churches in Nebraska, took the following action, in which the delegates from the Lutheran churches in Nebraska participated and concurred. This action leaves no doubt as to the attitude of the Lutheran churches as a denomination in Nebraska. Here it is:

The general synod solemnly pledges its unwavering loyalty to our government and country in the great war in which we are now engaged for the purpose of defending our national honor and re-establishing international law and order in the world.

This action of the general body is the expression of the attitude of the English Lutheran churches in Nebraska and of the churches connected with the German Nebraska Synod, that is an integral part of this general body. No matter what may be the statement by individuals here and there to the contrary, this is the official declaration of the Lutheran church as a church and is the voice of loyalty to the government of the United States. It is not the expression of any one man, or any one church, or any one institution—it is the united action of the whole church officially assembled to legislate for the denomination.

I come from old colonial American stock. My ancestors fought in the colonial and revolutionary wars for American independence. I am a Lutheran and an American Lutheran, and I am not ashamed of my church for its position in civil affairs, wherever the authoritative official voice of the church gives expression to its life, its doctrines and its practices. Born in Nebraska, I am the son of the founder of pioneer territorial days and I yield to no one in my loyalty to my state, in allegiance to my country and in fidelity to my church. As an executive official of one of the largest Lutheran organizations, carrying on work among all the synods of the Lutheran church in America and Canada, I am satisfied that what I have said here represents not only my own personal views, but the attitude of the church as a whole, and it is to be regretted that isolated cases of incautious expressions by members of the Lutheran church have led to the classifying of the Lutheran church as an entire denomination as disloyal and open to the suspicion of treason towards the government of the United States.

## Verdict for Plattsmouth Man

## Upheld by Supreme Court

Plattsmouth, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—The supreme court of Nebraska has upheld the judgment of \$5,000 against the Burlington railroad awarded to Gustav Johnson, formerly foreman of the Burlington shops here. Mr. Johnson, who had a leg broken by a fall from the top of a box car sued the company in the district court for \$20,000. He was awarded \$5,000 by the jury.

## Plattsmouth School Man

## Goes to Nebraska City

Plattsmouth, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—Superintendent W. G. Brooks, of the Plattsmouth schools has been elected superintendent of the schools at Nebraska City at a large advance in salary. Mr. Brooks came here from Caldwell, Ida., three years ago and has made an enviable record.

## Stella Women Will Knit and Sew.

## Stella, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)

Thirty women met at the home of Mrs. R. E. Tomlinson yesterday afternoon and formed a Red Cross organization to knit, sew or do other work for the benefit of the soldiers.

Mr. I. L. Plasters was elected president; Mrs. A. R. McMullen, vice president; Mrs. R. E. Tomlinson, secretary; Mrs. Esburn Wheeler, treasurer.

## METCALFE SCORES LOBECK'S POSITION

Secret Service Head of State Defense Council Delivers Hot Statement About Second District Congressman.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, July 13.—(Special.)—Richard L. Metcalfe, in charge of the secret work of the State Council of Defense, is not at all pleased with statements coming from Washington, made by some of the Nebraska congressmen, and especially Representative Lobeck of the Omaha district. He referred in a passing way to Senator Norris and Congressman Sloan, but paid his compliments to his own district congressman in a manner not to be misunderstood.

"If Senator Norris, Congressman Sloan and the other gentlemen at Washington who have been quoted, intend to discuss the situation intelligently," said Mr. Metcalfe with considerable fervor, "they should inform themselves as to the facts. Judging from the tenor of their interview they do not know what they are talking about."

## Council Knows Situation.

"The State Council for Defense knows and understands the situation. Its business is to know what is going on in Nebraska, as its duty was to present the facts to the public."

"Mr. Lobeck's comment upon the defense council's statement, calling it a slander on the state, might well have been omitted. All the members of the council are Nebraskans. They are proud of the patriotism of Nebraskans generally, but they have a sufficient sense of the seriousness and sacredness of the duty resting upon them to deal firmly and fearlessly with the existing conditions."

"Instead of casting slurs upon men who are performing their duty faithfully, Mr. Lobeck would better be doing something on his own account to help this country win the war and not spending so much of his time aiding its enemies. He might come out here and explain to the people who elected him why he has given Vierbeck's Weekly reason to believe that he will support a thoroughly un-American resolution introduced in the house by Mr. Britton, providing for the exemption from military service of men of German birth or descent. This resolution, by the way, has been denounced by Congressman Kahn of California, a patriotic member of German ancestry, as an insult to the people of his blood."

## Lobeck Opposes Wilson.

"Upon nearly every proposition involving the safety of our country Mr. Lobeck has voted against the president of the United States. In only one instance that I know of—that being at a time when the whole country was stirred up by the publication of the Zimmerman note—has he ever voted right on a patriotic question. His general course, with respect to war matters, has been such as grossly misrepresents the state of Nebraska and the democratic party."

"The patriotic people of our state know that they have nothing to fear in the way of misrepresentation from the State Council of Defense. Mr. Lobeck is among those who have persistently misrepresented Nebraska and made it appear to the rest of the people of the United States that his state is not loyally behind President Wilson, when in truth the great majority of Nebraskans are standing in support of the president and government."

"During the last two years Congressman Lobeck seems to have been imbued with just one idea in his course in congress; that is, to cater to the German vote. He is famous for his gunshoe methods, but we who are dealing in a serious way with a most serious situation will not tamely submit to criticisms of this sort, whether they come from a man in Nebraska whose heart is seared with treason, or from a member of congress who, because of his studied misrepresentation of this state, should long ago have surrendered his commission to a patriotic people."

## Condemns Lobeck's Statement.

Mr. Metcalfe's attention was directed to a published interview with a German Lutheran minister in Lincoln who said:

"Our church cannot support the government."

Relative to this, Mr. Metcalfe made the following comment:

"In the statement issued by the council of defense, we did not attack the loyalty of the membership of the Lutheran church as a whole or of all its ministers. What we did was to express confidence in the loyalty of a majority of the members and call upon them to see that their organization is not put in a false light by some of its spokesmen."

"This utterance by the Lincoln preacher is fairly representative of the sentiments coming from similar sources over the state, which the council of defense condemned."

## Skinner Fails to Pass

## Examination for Guard

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Neb., July 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Paul B. Skinner of Omaha, selected to command the first battalion of the "Dandy Sixth" will not be able to answer to the call of "Major" having failed to pass the physical examination taken here this afternoon.

The cause of his failure was due to the fact that he has not fully recovered from a severe illness of some time ago and it worked against him. However, Mr. Skinner, while greatly disappointed is still in the fight and pledged Colonel Hall that he would go back to Omaha and raise a fund of \$6,000 for the use of the regiment while in the service and would start the fund himself with \$500.

"Can you use it?" he asked of the new colonel.

"We certainly can," answered Colonel Hall, and so without his shoulder straps, but full of patriotic fervor, Mr. Skinner went back to Omaha this afternoon resolved that if he could not fight for Old Glory in France he would make the lives of those who do so as pleasant as possible while doing their duty, and if he has his way the regiment will have a snug little emergency fund to help them on the way.

## Four French Merchant

## Vessels Sunk in Week

Paris, July 13.—Three French merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons, and one under that size were sunk in the week ending July 8 by mines or submarines, the admiralty announced.

In May airplanes attacked fourteen submarines and discovered three mine fields.

## NEBRASKA READY TO DO HER "BIT"

Sunday Will See Companies of State Mobilizing; Lincoln Has Champion Military Band.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, July 13.—(Special.)—Sunday will see the companies of the Fifth Nebraska National Guard mobilizing at their home stations. In Lincoln, however, there will be several units of that regiment encamped with Company A, the hospital corps, the band and two other units.

And, speaking of the band, the Fifth Nebraska will have a bunch of musicians who will not have to take a back step for any like organization, either here or in France. It is composed of several of the leading musicians of Lincoln and its leader is Prof. Daniel G. Berry of the University School of Music. It has among its membership men who have been foremost in musical lines in not only Lincoln, but the state, one man being a well known pipe organ artist. And so on all down the line are the men who have helped to make music in Lincoln what it is. Major Hazel, adjutant of the regiment, is sponsor for the band and says that he will put it up against the Royal Band of England, France or the whole world.

## Sixth Delayed.

The Sixth regiment will be somewhat delayed in mobilization, owing to the fact that all its officers have not yet been selected, but the delay will not interfere with the original plans of the War department and the "Dandy Sixth" will be not far behind the "Fighting Fifth" and the "Furious Fourth," when the time comes to form the brigade with General Harries as its commander.

Adjutant General Phil Hall, who now bears the double title of colonel and general, is very anxious that the people shall take a great deal of interest in the home companies. The army regulations when promulgated did not take into consideration the

present high prices of food and so in consequence the allotment for each man will not be sufficient to feed them sufficiently, and until that is changed a deficiency fund will have to be made in the company funds or some other way provided.

## Citizens Can Help.

The citizens of the town sending out the soldier boys can help immensely in this situation by providing the boys with garden stuff and other things needed by the soldier. A subscription, such as was provided by the Chadron company "home folks" would be the proper method and a purse could be raised which the boys could make use of after they have left the home station.

Every man who has not enlisted will still have a way of "doing his bit" by subscribing to this fund and every town that has a company can help along this line. Many of the boys going to the front have left jobs paying many more times the salary they will get as soldiers. If you happen to have a friend among them a letter with one of those little green pictures which are good for a dollar or five dollars, as the case may be, would look mighty good to a soldier boy after he gets away from mother's dinner table.

Officers of the companies of the Sixth regiment will be selected very soon. It is probable that some of the places will be filled by taking men of experience from the Fifth in order that the regiment may be put in efficient shape as soon as possible.

## May Require Examination

## Health Board Secretaries

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, July 13.—(Special.)—If State Treasurer Hall can have things the way he wants them, when the state board of health meets next time to select a member for the position of one of the secretaries of the state board, he will require that such candidate take an examination in order to find out if they are competent to pass upon the men who come before them for examination.

"I believe the examiners should be competent men," said Mr. Hall this morning, "and competent in every way for the job. I shall endeavor to have the board, of which I am a member, incorporate such a ruling in their affairs."

Bee Want Ads produce results.

## JEWISH CONGRESS POSTPONED BY WAR

At President's Suggestion Date of Washington Meeting is Set for Eighteenth of November.

New York, July 13.—The American Jewish congress has been postponed until November 18, partly in deference to the wish of the President Wilson that preference be given to public business at this time by all patriotic citizens.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise attended a meeting of the congress administrative committee in the office of Nathan Strauss, chairman of the executive committee, and repeated what the president had told him. The rabbi and the others present agreed that it would be unwise to hold any meeting that might detract from the interest in American affairs and the prime necessity of making effective arrangements to carry on the war, and the following resolution, offered by Judge Julian W. Mack of Chicago, was adopted:

"Resolved, That in view of the urgency of public business at this time, the administrative committee deems it wise and needful in the interests of American affairs that the American Jewish congress be postponed from September 2 to November 18, 1917."

Nebraska delegates to the congress are: Henry Monsky of Omaha, and Rabbi Singer of Lincoln.

## HYMENEAL.

## Murphy-Copple.

Beatrice, Neb., July 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire this afternoon destroyed the residence and barn of Edgar Thompson with a loss of \$6,000, insurance \$4,000.

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## MEN'S SHOP

## BENSON &amp; THORNE

"The Store of Individual Shops"

## This Is an Advertisement to Men!

And if you are a busy man you'll be mighty interested in the straight business talk set down in this Ad.

Business has to do with making money, and you can't make it any faster than in getting in on this sale of suits.

Our policy of merchandising provides for a strict censorship right through the process of selling Men's Clothing, and we invite you, as a critic of Men's Clothing, to investigate.

No other advertising and no other news matter in this paper is more carefully investigated and authenticated before being published than is our advertising. Not only are valuations never exaggerated, but they are habitually modified.

Our advertising is believed implicitly by all who know the store and its policy. And when comparisons of value and price are given, you may rely absolutely upon the fact that the valuations are authentic—or that you will find even greater values than named.

We have made some broad statements here, but you being acquainted with clothing values and the present condition of the clothing market, it will require but a few minutes—probably not more than ten or fifteen—to convince you of the truths of these statements.

We Will Expect You Saturday

## These Prices in Force

## GROUP 1—

\$11.75

Regularly { \$15.00 and \$16.50

## GROUP 2—

\$13.75

Regularly { \$18.00 and \$20.00

## GROUP 3—

\$18.75

Regularly { \$22.50 and \$25.00

## GROUP 4—

\$24.75

Regularly { \$30.00 and \$35.00

## BENSON &amp; THORNE

"The Store of Individual Shops"

## MEN'S SHIRTS

Enter the July Clearance Sale Saturday

Shirts that are made to fit—no binding at the arm holes—no uncomfortableness at the neck. Three groups:

MEN'S SHIRTS, Woven collars, guaranteed fast, were \$1.50 and \$2—

\$1.10

MEN'S SHIRTS, Neat patterns, silk and linen, were \$2.50—

\$2.65

MEN'S SHIRTS, Tub Silks, New Patterns, were \$5.00—

\$3.85

One Big Rousing Clearance Special in Men's Straw Hats

\$1.95



It will be the thrift-wise man who will be here tonight and early Saturday morning, for it is seldom that you have the opportunity of getting in on a "real straw hat bargain" like this.

PANAMAS, LEIGHORNS, PORTO RICANS, MADAGASCAR, SENNETTS AND OTHERS. We Advise Early Attendance.

BROKEN LOTS FROM THE SEASON'S SELLING SIZES FROM 6 1/2 TO 7 1/2. Regularly \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.