

LODGE ROOM NEWS OF OMAHA AND VICINITY

Stags Open New Club Rooms and Public Inspection Is to Be Friday; Head of Pythian Sisters Here Monday.

Omaha Drove No. 133 meets Friday evening at 1402 Dodge street at 8 o'clock...

Woodmen of the World. Omaha-Seymour Camp No. 16 has been very active lately in the central committee organization.

Druid Camp No. 24 are the live boosters in the Woodmen of the World circles in Greater Omaha.

German-American Camp No. 104 has elected new officers and considerable growth in the membership is promised for the new year.

Zizkub Dub Camp No. 115 added 10 new members last month. Through the efforts of Consul Commander Joseph Sankule.

South Omaha Camp No. 211 entertained the central committee Wednesday.

W. A. Fraser gave No. 1, W. C. Schiller Camp No. 304 will install the newly elected officers the first meeting in January...

Kosciuszko Camp No. 352 has elected Carl Kuszak as clerk for the new year. Officers will be installed the first Sunday in January.

Fraser Camp No. 499 is making a drive for new members. William Westerfield has been appointed deputy for the camp and the members will help him in every way possible.

Thomas camp No. 523 held a well attended dance last week. Dante camp No. 533, Carl Noble, clerk, is in a very prosperous condition.

The dance for the Red Cross benefit, given by the patriotic central committee on December 6th, was a big success.

Alpha Grove No. 2, W. C. through the courtesy of Alpha Alpha Camp No. 1, W. O. W., will give a Xmas dance Friday evening, December 18th, in Alpha camp's hall, Lyric building, Nineteenth and Farnam streets.

Welcome Grove No. 34, at its regular meeting December 3, elected officers for the coming year: Mesdames Lola Schrum, guardian; Hattie Hehl, adviser; Myrtle Grange, clerk; Marie Campbell, chaplain; Ruth Wandell, attendant; Myrtle McAdams, assistant attendant; Ellen Goodhart, inner sentinel; Anna Mole, outer sentinel; Nora Norman, banker; Fanny Coffey, manager.

Miss Dora Alexander, supreme clerk, was present and made a very interesting speech concerning the Young Women's Christian association relief work.

Pythian Sisters. The Pythian Sisters will meet in regular session Monday evening in Crouse hall, opposite the postoffice. Mrs. Nellie Hellweg, head of the order in Nebraska, will be present. All members of the order, and especially those residing in Council Bluffs, are urged to attend.

Royal Neighbors. Ivy camp, No. 2, Royal Neighbors of America, elected the following officers: Oracle, Mrs. Alice Bretschneider; past oracle, Mrs. Lavina Wynans; vice oracle, Mrs. Anna O'Connor; chancellor, Mrs. Bessie Anderson; recorder, Mrs. Sadie Edmundson; receiver, Miss Lola Marsh; marshal, Mrs. Eleanor Dewar, inner sentinel, Mrs. Elizabeth McCleughan; outer sentinel, Mrs. Ella Berg; manager, Mrs. Lulu Sterling; physicians, C. F. Clark, Marjorie Clark and Katherine Sullivan.

Maccabees. Omaha tent, No. 75, will hold a watch night party Monday evening, December 31, for members and their wives and daughters. Lady Maccabees and their male friends are invited. A musical program with dancing has been arranged. December 17 a class of candidates will be shown the safe route.

Royal Arcanum. Union Pacific council, No. 1069, Royal Arcanum, will meet December 20 at 8 o'clock, room 301, Crouse building. There will be turkey, goose, duck and chicken, the same as Thanksgiving. Arrangements have also been made to have a speaker.

Odd Fellows. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Hesperian camp, No. 2, will have work in the royal purple degree Thursday night in Odd Fellows hall.

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Nebraska Farmers Will Talk Price Fixing Here



U.L. Stoez

When several hundred farmers from all parts of the state meet at the Hotel Castle Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week for the eighth annual convention of the Nebraska Farmer's congress, price-fixing and food conservation are going to occupy most of the time on the program.

Dan Morris of Kearney, president of the Nebraska Bankers' association, will discuss "The Banker and the Farmer." The farmer's duty to the government will be discussed by Charles Graff of Bancroft. John L. Kennedy, fuel administrator for Nebraska, will discuss the fuel situation.

O. G. Smith of Kearney is president, Frank Tannehill of Norfolk is entertainment committee, and response by the soldiers. The affair was a distinct success socially and inquiries are made if it may not be repeated soon.

Military Notes

Mr. and Mrs. D. Linahan of 3510 Myrtle avenue, received a telegram from their son, Harold, saying that he arrived safely in France. He left here September 1 with company 40th Infantry, 10th Division.

Before entering the service, Mr. Linahan was a senior at Creighton university College of Arts.

He was well known in school athletics, being a member of foot ball and basketball teams.

William Peterson, who went to France in October in the aviation corps, writes from Paris that he is now flying and likes the work and has nothing to complain of as to the living conditions.

Hanging in the lobby of the University club is the honor roll of members who have joined the corps in one branch or another, a total of over forty. The medical corps leads with fifteen, who are J. M. Bandy, Henry J. Akin, Albert A. Ficks, A. A. Johnson, J. P. Lord, Donald Macrae, Jr., M. G. Northwall, Robert Schroek, H. J. Porterfield, N. Anderson, L. C. Hall, G. W. Hoffmeister, J. E. Thomas, B. McShane and Drexel Sillbensen.

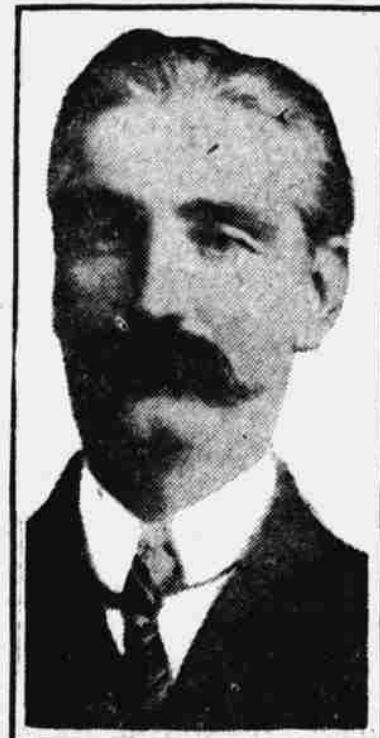
The aviation corps includes the names of Reed Peters and H. E. Montgomery, and in the signal corps are W. Carl Hutchinson and H. W. Ryan. Amos Thomas, cavalry; C. L. Mattson, ambulance; L. D. Willis, R. S. Southgate and Will F. Noble, quartermaster corps, and Donald K. Hamm, ordnance.

Morton Rhoades, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rhoades, is on the way to France with motor supply train 481 as sergeant clerk of company 304 and private secretary to lieutenant. Sergeant Rhoades was at Fort Street, Mass., up to the time of his departure, having entered from New England.

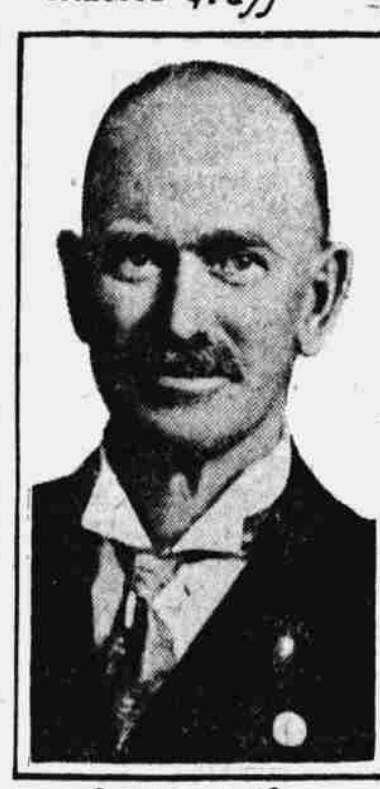
British Banks Merge With Enormous Capital. London, Dec. 15.—The latest in the series of amalgamations of prominent British banks is the fusion of the National Provincial Bank of England and the Union of London and Smith's banks. Financial editors of the morning newspapers describe the amalgamation as a development of exceptional importance and the greatest event of its kind in the history of banking in Great Britain, both in point of size and consequence.

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vice president, Charles Graff of Bancroft is second vice president, A. L. Stoner of Inavale is third vice president. John B. Grinnell of Papillion is secretary, and George Junkin of Smithfield is treasurer.

PRICE FIXERS TAKE CENT OFF BUTTER

Oatmeal Added to List of "Fair Price" Commodities by the State Food Administrator.

Butter is marked 1 cent a pound lower, beginning today, by the price-fixing committee of the Nebraska food administration for Omaha.

Oatmeal is added to the list of commodities upon which the committee has fixed what it believes to be a fair price. This is quoted at 6 1/2 cents per pound, or four pounds for a quarter. Bulk rice is also added to the list at from 8 1/2 to 11 cents per pound.

Following is the list of prices fixed, effective today:

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Sugar, Butter, and various oils.

These prices are for cash over the counter. An additional charge may be made for delivery or credit to customer.

Day of Guesswork in Real Estate Is Passing

An interesting discussion at a recent meeting of a New York Real Estate board was on "Business Methods for Realtors." A statement was made that the day of guesswork in real estate is passing and a prominent New York realtor said, "Established knowledge of the market value and the quick realization value of property is an absolute essential for every intelligent action or advice connected with any parcel of real estate. In real estate all guesswork is doubly dangerous—dangerous to the one who acts on the guesses, dangerous to the success and reputation of the broker who gambles with other people's money."

Omaha realtors insisted that this position on the part of leaders in real estate circles all over the country is evidence of the growth of their business as a profession, and further evidence that the advice of men trained on real estate boards, and appraisements made by those who are so trained are the only trustworthy courses to follow. They argued that in this way the real estate business not only becomes a profession, but is equipping itself by the study of land values according to scientific principles to give correct advice.

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DENVER ACCEPTS CHALLENGE OF OMAHA RED CROSS

Colorado Capital Believes It Can Double Anything Nebraska Metropolis Achieves in Xmas Memberships.

Denver has picked up the Red Cross membership gauntlet thrown down by Omaha. The Colorado capital believes it can double anything Omaha can do in the way of piling up Christmas week memberships.

Henry Dooly, chairman of the campaign committee, immediately wired this response: "The Omaha Christmas Membership Campaign committee of the Red Cross is delighted that Denver has accepted our challenge. We will be glad to pay \$100 to the Denver chapter if, from December 17 to 25 inclusive, Denver secures a greater number of Red Cross members per thousand of population than does Omaha. We will waive every day as requested and ask that you wire us. We admire your optimism and wish you all kinds of luck. Get busy, for Omaha is going 'Over the Top.'"

"We're going to win at that," commented Mr. Dooly, chairman of the campaign committee, who made the original challenge of a \$100 donation to the Red Cross fund of any city which would excel Omaha's record. "The competition has put the committee on its mettle," said W. A. Pixley, publicity chairman. "Telegraphic returns on the membership battle will be watched with keen interest."

Red Cross Sermons. Red Cross sermons will be preached in a majority of local churches this morning. The big drive to enlist a 100 per cent membership in the Red Cross society of all the inhabitants of Omaha begins early Monday morning. Mayor Dahlman has issued a proclamation calling on all loyal Omahans to join or renew their memberships before Christmas eve.

The Nebraska Telephone company has organized a permanent Red Cross committee to direct the employees' Red Cross work during the coming year. A hospital supplies' workroom for women employes is being considered. L. M. Holliday is chairman, the others including A. F. McAdams, J. F. Randolph, J. R. Carter, William Cosh, R. B. Johnson and W. W. Davenport.

Announce Women's Committee. The personnel of the women's committee, headed by Mrs. E. M. Syfert, is announced, so far as completed, as follows: Vice chairman, Mesdames Luther Drake, Frank Judson and J. E. Davidson; committee chairmen, Mesdames S. S. Caldwell, Charles T. Kountze, Warren Blackwell, E. H. Sprague and W. A. C. Johnson; Misses Clara Brewster, Elizabeth Davis, Daphne Peters and Edith Tobitt.

District chairmen are: Mesdames J. G. Armstrong, O. T. Allison, T. A. Golden, Charles H. Lear, Henry Bayer, Mackey Smith, J. C. Reader, W. C. Crosby, Jay Burns, William H. Weismuller, W. C. Bouck, Joseph Duffey, C. L. Hempel.

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INDIANS FAIL TO PUT IN APPEARANCE

Navy Recruiting Office Gets Word That 150 Red Men Are on Way to Omaha to Enlist.

Wanted—Information leading to the whereabouts of 150 Indians who left Genoa yesterday with the intention of coming to Omaha to enlist in the navy. Write, wire or phone all information to the United States navy recruiting headquarters, 500 paxton block, Omaha.

Ensign Condict received word Friday afternoon that the descendants of American aborigines were enroute to Omaha and would appear en masse at the navy recruiting station for enlistment. The officer of the deck was instructed to keep a sharp lookout, but at 4 bells, when the noble Red men of the forest had not shown in sight.

Applicants were put through their paces as rapidly as possible Saturday morning in order to get them enlisted before noon. The number of available men for enlistments has decreased fully 50 per cent, and those who did not manage to swing in under the wire by noon will have to get a certificate from their local exemption boards.

Friday night a total of 105 men were accepted and shipped to the training station. Ensign Condict believes enlisting will take a decided slump from now on, but he will act according to orders from the department and will ship all men who are eligible.

The enlistments in Omaha as compared with nine other cities of a greater population shows the Gate City to stand second in the grand total for the period ending December 13, at which time Omaha enlisted 655 men. Chicago headed the list with a slight increase over Omaha.

Omaha Zionist Makes Appeal for Jewish Fund. Louis Kneeter, Omaha Zionist, issues an appeal in behalf of the Jewish National Fund, solicitors for which will call on members of the Jewish community Sunday. The appeal is made in connection with the observance of Chanuka and the celebration of the surrender of Jerusalem to the British.

Speakers at Rallies. W. A. Schall announces the following speakers who will talk at Red Cross rallies during the week: Frank Howell, W. H. O'Hara, J. P. Palmer, Henry Murphy, W. R. W. Patrick, W. W. Slabaugh, Benjamin S. Baker, W. F. Gurley, C. E. Herring, D. M. Vinsonhalder, L. J. Piatt, A. S. Ritchie, F. H. Gaines and A. L. Sutton.

Labor unions are taking an active interest in the Red Cross Christmas drive. Harry Vore, from the Painters' union, has made a requisition for 200 membership. C. E. Corey of the United Typothetae, has come in with 1,000 membership requisitions, J. H. Martin of the Typographical union, 200; H. E. Calvin of the Sheet Metal Workers, 50; W. R. Berger, Local 602, 400; J. W. Reynolds of the Steam Fitters, 75; John Blaha of the A. M. C. and B. W. of A., 100, and Mr. Olson of the Musicians' union, 300.

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K. OF C. WILL BUILD AT OMAHA FORTS

War Fund Reaches \$211,000 Mark; Campaign in Omaha Has Practically Closed; Officials Are Pleased.

Reports have been received by the Knights of Columbus officials from practically all parts of the state and the funds is now \$211,000. Based upon the Nebraska towns yet to hear from, it is practically certain that the entire fund in Nebraska will reach \$225,000. The campaign in Omaha has practically closed, although new subscriptions are being received every day. The total subscribed in Omaha to date is \$73,591.46. Arrangements are being made with the government officials for the immediate erection of Knights of Columbus war camp building at Fort Omaha and Fort Crook.

A meeting of the state executive committee was held in Omaha last week. Thomas P. Redmond of Omaha, Rev. R. F. Moray of Denton and W. C. Fraser of Omaha were appointed as a committee to arrange for the erection and equipment of the buildings at Fort Omaha and Fort Crook, and for the employment of a secretary to take charge of the buildings.

Architect Thomas R. Kimball has volunteered his services in preparing plans and superintending construction work, and in company with W. C. Fraser will inspect the Knights of Columbus buildings at Camp Dodge for the purpose of getting ideas and working out plans.

It is planned to have the buildings at Fort Omaha and Fort Crook erected and equipped and ready for the soldiers by January 15.

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