

NONPARTISANS TO FIGHT FOR MEMBERS OF HOUSE, SAYS CONGRESSMAN BAER

Sole Representative of Organization in Washington Asserts Political Drive Planned to Add to Prestige ni Capital; Omaha Men Hold High Places in War Administration; Nebraskans Prominent.

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In view of the merry war in Nebraska between the State Council of Defense and the state organizer of the Nonpartisan League, I am reminded of the luncheon I had the other day with Representative John M. Baer, the round-faced, boyish-looking sole representative of the Nonpartisan League in congress.

LEAGUE IN POLITICS.

The talk drifted to the activities of the league in the northwest and the possibility of its taking an active interest in the congressional campaign next fall.

Baer made the rather remarkable statement that the league, as the representative of the farmers, will make a political drive in the coming congressional election to secure at least 50 seats in the house of representatives, in order to hold the gains made by the farmers during the war, after the return of peace.

"After two bad crops the farmers are without cash or credit," Baer said. "They can't buy seed. It is just as necessary and right for the government to provide money for seed to these farmers as it is to provide money for ship building. Yet people around these parts," as he waved his hand around the house restaurant, "cannot see it, because the farmers are not organized."

Farmer is Not Complaining. "The war has done much for the farmer," Baer went on. "While he feels that the government, after fixing the price of his wheat, also should fix the price of cotton, steel, lumber, shoes and clothing—the things he has to buy—he is not in a mood for complaining."

The railroads have been taken over, the middle man cut out and the problem of ship construction solved. If these steps were necessary in time of war, the farmers contend that they are just as necessary in time of peace and they will fight any effort to return to the old ways of doing things."

The political efforts of the Nonpartisan League now center in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Montana. Nebraska, however, is not going to be overlooked, according to Representative Baer, and before the congressional campaign gets well under way their speakers will appear in every agricultural community and outline a platform calculated to attract the farmer.

Omahans in Big Positions. Two good friends of Omaha are holding down responsible positions in Washington at this time in connection with the government's control of railroads. B. L. Winchell, director of traffic, and Gerrit Fort, director of passenger traffic, who have been "loaned" to the government during the government's operation and control of the rail transportation lines of the country.

I looked in upon these friends of the Gate City and found them just as much interested in the growth of Omaha as they were when commencing their railroad careers. Ben Winchell is chairman of what William G. McAduo, director general of the railroad, has denominated an inter-regional traffic committee, whose business it is to make a study of the larger traffic movements, with a view to seeing what steps can be taken advantageously in order to divert traffic from the more seriously congested gateways, to those less congested, and from the more congested ports to the less congested ones, as well as the more advantageous distribution of such traffic.

Winchell's stay in Washington probably will not continue more than one or two months, but Fort, as assistant director of transportation, under Edward Chambers of California, in all probability will remain here during the war for whatever period after the war the government controls the railroads.

Winchell has a pleasant room in the Southern Railway building, surrounded with office comforts. Fort is located half a mile away, on the 10th floor of the Interstate Commerce building, in an office with two desks, two typewriters, one or two ordinary chairs, in marked contrast to his magnificently furnished office in the Union Pacific headquarters at Chicago.

Sixty Thousand Dollar Fire Loss at Hanev Plant. Hastings, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire, believed to have spread from the furnace, today ruined the entire warehouse stock of H. H. Hanev & Co., manufacturers of horse collars, harness and leather goods. The floors caved in, causing a loss in stock and damage to building estimated at \$60,000. Neither collar nor harness factory adjoining was damaged, though these and the Stern Bros. department store were threatened.

The company has been filling large war contracts, but no government stock was damaged, all completed government supplies having been shipped last night. Manufacturing will not be interrupted.

Contracts to Twenty-one. Contracts to but 21 players were sent out by the Boston National League club, says a dispatch from Boston. Charley Herzog and Jack Scott are already signed to holdovers, which makes the total number of players in

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Publicity Department of Woman's Committee of State Defense Council



Members of the state board of the woman's committee of the Nebraska State Council of Defense. Left to right: Upper Row—Miss Ida Robbins, Lincoln, chairman of the department of maintenance of social welfare agencies; Mrs. A. E. Sheldon, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, chairman of the registration of women for the woman's committee; Mrs. F. M. Dewese, Dawson, food production chairman; Miss Mary Cogil, Lincoln, nurses' training chairman; Miss Julia Vance, Lincoln, home economics chairman.

Lower Row—Dr. Olga Stastny, Omaha, Americanization chairman; Mrs. Keith Neville, Lincoln, treasurer; Miss Sarka Hrbkova, director of the department of Slavonic languages at the University of Nebraska, state chairman of the woman's committee; Miss Jane Bishop, Lincoln, secretary; Mrs. A. G. Peterson, Aurora, Liberty loan chairman.

Center Row—Mrs. W. W. Barkley, president Woman's Suffrage association, first vice president woman's committee; Mrs. May B. Field, Lincoln, speakers' bureau chairman; Miss Alice Florer, state rural school inspector, chairman of the educational propaganda department, and Mrs. Homer Johnston, publicity chairman.

Organized only seven months ago, the women's committee of the Nebraska State Council of Defense, inspired by stress of war, has become a powerful organization. The executive committee and department heads are representative of the strongest bodies of women in the state, acting as a clearing house for the patriotic activities of all women in Nebraska. Not a woman in its officer receives a penny of salary, each one assuming the many duties of the committee as an act of patriotic service. The intent of the woman's committee, national as well as state, is to make use of existing women's organizations as far as possible, thus conserving and uniting the force of all women. The woman's committee was appointed April 21, 1917, by the Council of National Defense. The Nebraska woman's committee was organized June 30, 1917, with Miss Hrbkova as state chairman. The headquarters are at Lincoln. Some perplexity as to the membership, status and work of the woman's committee is expressed in many questions which reach headquarters. "Just what does the woman's committee do and who are its members?" is a common query, according to Miss Hrbkova. "Every woman living in Nebraska who is loyal to American principles and institutions is eligible to membership in this organization," reads the constitution. "We urge every woman, whether she belongs to any organization or not, to unite with the woman's committee to find how she may best serve the country," said Miss Hrbkova. "The organization is thoroughly democratic. Organizations of statewide membership which are centralizing their war work through the woman's committee include the State Federation of Women's Clubs, Daughters of the American Revolution, State Suffrage association, Woman's Christian Temperance union, the Colonial Dames, Young Women's Christian association, Daughters of 1816, P. E. O. Sisterhood, Degree of Honor, American Collegiate Alumnae, State Library association, Campfire Girls, Matinee Musicale, Federation of Bohemian Women, Women's Relief corps, Royal Neighbors, Colored Woman's State Federation. The magnitude of the work of the woman's committee is indicated by the quantity of mail sent out. In January, 2,991 pieces of mail were posted. One important part of the woman's committee work is to supply a direct and speedy channel of co-operation between the women and governmental departments. The Nebraska woman's committee has assisted in two pledge card campaigns, has registered the women power of the state, and through its registration service has supplied women employees for industries that were short of help, and has put to work for the government thousands of women who had not done anything before this registration was taken. The general connection of the woman's committee is through Miss Hrbkova, state chairman, who is the woman member of the State Council of Defense. Miss Hrbkova has made 280 patriotic speeches since June. She is an intense patriot, and the fact that she is a pure-blooded Bohemian, and has lost relatives in this war in a cause not of their choosing adds to her devotion to the cause of democracy. Miss Hrbkova was born in America, but of Bohemian parents. She came to Nebraska 10 years ago to take the position as head of the Slavonic language department in the university, which place had been filled by her brother.

Noted California Speaker Will Help Launch Campaign

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford University, is one of the aids of Herbert Hoover, who will speak in Omaha and throughout the North Platt section of Nebraska the week beginning February 25. Dr. Wilbur with Everett Colby of Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Leonard Beecher, of Birmingham, Ala., will start their campaign in Omaha the night of February 25 at the Auditorium. Dr. Wilbur has an unusual equipment for effective services in this campaign to help get the necessary for food conservation before the people of Nebraska and America. He studied not only in some of the leading universities of America, but also in Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Munich and London. He served with distinction as professor of medicine in Cooper Medical college, and as dean of the medical department of Leland Stanford before he was called to the presidency of the latter institution.



Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur

our organization, and, judging from results obtained, this is equally satisfactory to yourself and your department. "I am addressing a telegram to President Wilson in reference to this matter and the thought occurs to me that it might be of material assistance for you to give to the president the results and experience your department has had with our organization, as I feel that you will agree with me that every possible effort should be made at once to reach a solution of the matter." Leaders in Conference. Hutcherson's plan of settling the controversy was decided upon at a conference attended by himself, T. M. Guerin, member of the executive committee; James Fethrston and other union leaders, who, without reference to the Delaware yards adjustment, said they were encouraged, by the steps that were reported being taken in Washington. These included the conference between the assistant secretary of the navy, Franklin Roosevelt; Chairman Edwin N. Hurler, and other shipping board officials. Hutcherson and Guerin said tonight they were prepared to go to the capital on a moment's notice.

Vegetable Bouquets in Vienna.

Berne, Feb. 16.—Gigantic bouquets of real vegetables are now to be seen in the florists' windows in Vienna. "These unwieldy, but effective, bouquets," says Die Zeit, "find not only daring purchasers, but also grateful recipients."

Man or Woman Who Can Eat Heartily and Not Fade Away Is the Welcome Guest Anywhere.

Many people just hate to eat in company. They prefer to crawl into some by-place for a dyspeptic's plate of molly coddle. Business men often resort to this form of weakness under the belief they can work better. But it isn't what you eat, but what you digest that counts. Some stomachs can't digest even a glass of milk. So they simply keep on feeding dyspepsia and get gas, water brash, sour risings and so on that the better informed and hearty eaters entirely avoid. This they do by using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. Many physicians prescribe them for stomach troubles and digestive disorders. They are sold at every drug store, everywhere, price 50 cents a box. Ask your druggist more about them.—Advertisement.

Hall County Thrift Stamp Drive on in Full Blast

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The drive for Hall county's war thrift quota is now on. A district school contest for prizes is a feature of the drive and already three districts schools have reported 100 per cent. all their scholars having purchased one or more thrift stamps. Many subscriptions, from \$100 up to the limit, are also being received. S. N. Wolbach is county chairman and A. C. Mayer is city chairman. It is expected to close the campaign on April 1st the total quota of \$453,200 is not obtained before that time.

A record-breaking attendance was given the annual Father and Son's banquet at the Young Men's Christian association last night, when Judge B. H. Paine, attorney C. J. Southard and J. N. Clark of Hastings were the principal speakers.

Mrs. I. A. Arthur, vice chairman of the Hall county chapter of the Red Cross since the beginning of the organization, has resigned her position, and the directory has requested the heads of the women's working departments and the instructors to recommend a successor. The officers and members of the force of the American Beet Sugar company today surprised Superintendent J. L. Howland, who is about to depart for Oxnard, Cal., where he assumes a similar position with the company. Under the leadership of Manager Bert Denman, the force filed into Mr. Rowland's office and presented him with an umbrella for himself and one for Mrs. Rowland, as also a watch fob with an inscribed Masonic charm.

At the annual meeting, closing here today, the Nebraska Hereford Breeders' association re-elected the following officers: President, O. E. Green, Genoa; secretary-treasurer, C. B. Bengler, Callaway. Grand Island was chosen as the place for the next sale in February, 1919.

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Intimate Little Insurance Talks By Henry H. Lovell Insuror

It is to be the purpose of this series of little informal items to give our readers some interesting information on various insurance subjects. In this, the first of the series, we wish to start winning your confidence, not to betray it later, but to be of service. It is our belief that frankness is the more wise policy in all business relations and therefore, we will begin frankly. We do not want to have you feel that you will find these talks mere advertising, nor will we try to lead you to the idea that we have no hope that the writing and reading of them may not lead to business transactions between us. We happen to know a woman, who, having decided to marry a man, remarked, "I wish you were not an insurance man." You understand they had not spent much time on business topics of conversation. Now he takes delight in pointing out some of the brighter lights in the profession, and as she understands that her experience of a collected premium hypochondriac and no policy sent, was not characteristic, she is glad that he is an insurance man. If one would stand at the head in insurance it requires as keen wit, as tireless energy and as sterling integrity as to lead in any line. No one can know it all, but we feel that a realization of insurance problem and a willingness to work it out, will make a man valuable to his clients. After two years of residence in Omaha and twenty years in the insurance business, the writer has opened an office in the front room west of the corridor on the first floor of The Bee building. Believing sincerely in the future of the nestling in America's Bread Basket, and confident that the field is wide for prompt, intelligent and honest insurance service, we make our bow to the public. In subsequent talks, we will explain various lines of insurance coverage, the pitfalls to be avoided, the advantage to be secured and sometimes humorous insurance episodes. We have adopted the title "Insuror," so far as we know, a previously unused one. Let us explain our interpretation of its meaning when so used. The Insuror is the guarantor against some nature of loss. The Insuror the one who brings insurer and insured together. In this we believe, the Insuror has a dual obligation to see that neither the one nor the other has undue advantages. The insured pays for protection. He should get what he pays for. The Insuring Company is paid for service and protection and should give it. The Insuror is paid out of the insured's premium for his service and should serve the assured, his client, to earn that commission. Yet he is in no way unjust to the insurer company in serving his insuring client faithfully for the well served client will be a steady customer and booster for the Insuror and for the insuring companies the Insuror places the business with. We believe an Insuror should be prepared to protect his clients on every insurable hazard and to be up-to-date in all lines, capable of working out new problems and ever improving on established practices. We believe an Insuror should cultivate the confidence of his clients, never trick them or treat as trifling the questions perhaps simple to him, but mysteries to them. Their confidences to him, essential to the best services, must be respected. An Insuror should have self respect, a pride in his calling. He should feel that he has influenced a client for that clients' best interests whenever he has sold him protection. As an Insuror, we will never advise a client to take protection with us that we would advise him of the same need, knowing at the time that some agent elsewhere would write the business. An Insuror should make your time the time to see you, and keep an appointment to the minute, prepared for the subject to be discussed and not "having to go back to the shop for another tool." A good mechanic can do a good job with a few tools, while a poor mechanic cannot do good work with a full set. (To be Continued)

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