

PREPARES PLAN OF SCHOOL WORK FOR FARMER BOY

Prof. Dixon, Inspector of Normal Training, Outlines Course of Vocational and Industrial Instruction.

Lincoln, March 15.—(Special.)—Assistant State Superintendent A. H. Dixon, inspector of normal training in Nebraska, is an intense advocate of vocational and industrial training in the schools of the state, and in order that the same may be brought about with the greatest degree of success...

Delayed Too Long. "The only wonder is that it has been so long delayed. Nevertheless, it is now here in mighty force, reminding the educational world in no uncertain terms, that it must be provided for."

Continuing Mr. Dixon discusses the matter of educational training and goes back to the time when practically everything was made by hand. There was no community of any considerable importance that did not have its shoe shop, wagon shop, carpenter shop, etc., and no home was complete without its spinning wheel.

Dixon's Plan. In a short way Mr. Dixon's plan provides for the instruction of the pupil along vocational lines by placing the main school building in the center of a tract of ground about a block in size.

Miss Marian Pettis Will Teach English at Fremont. West Point, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Miss Marian Pettis, for some years principal of the West Point High school is appointed head of the Department of English at the Fremont High school.

Education Helps. "It has too often happened," says Mr. Dixon, "that the father and mother wished their sons and daughters educated that they might have an easier time than their father and mother had experienced. They appeared to think that an education would solve as a sort of passport to a better position in life; out of a humble place into one of elegance and ease."

Funeral of William Budug Will Be Held at Plattsmouth. Plattsmouth, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—William Budug died Friday morning in Omaha. The body was brought here Saturday and will be buried Sunday.

New Law Puts Ban on All Public Processions. Helena, Mont., March 16.—No parades, processions or other public demonstrations except funerals may be held hereafter in Montana without written permission of the governor, under a regulation passed by the State Council of Defense.

Oconto Farmers Organize To Form Stock Company. Oconto, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—A number of farmers have organized a stock company and purchased the elevator and other buildings of the Omaha Elevator company.

State Beef Producers Will Hold Annual Meeting April 5. Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The annual beef producers' day will be held at the State University farm, Lincoln, Neb., Friday, April 5. The sessions will begin at 10 a. m. and last 1 p. m.

Kelffner to Canvass Business Houses to Urge 'Early Mailing'

Assistant Superintendent of Mails George Kelffner began a canvass of Omaha business houses Saturday to urge the mailing of letters before 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There are 3,000 houses upon whom Kelffner intends to call and he visited a dozen of the largest Saturday. Letters have been written to all of these concerns, but postal officials say they have paid little attention to them.

Citizens' Ticket Candidates Selected at Syracuse. Syracuse, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The village primary held here Friday resulted in the selection on the citizens' ticket of Emil Amende, H. L. Pohlman and H. Pearson for members of the town board for the spring election.

Fire gutted the blacksmith and paint shop of Toumassen and Williams here Friday afternoon. It originated near the gas engine, among the oils and the building was in flames when discovered. The Syracuse fire department promptly responded to the interior of the building, which was so badly burned that it has been condemned.

Demands Release of Americans Held in Germany. Washington, March 16.—A report on the arrest on the Aband Islands of Henry Crosby Emery, a former chairman of the tariff board, said to have been captured with a party of British by the Germans and taken to Germany, was made to the State department today by Minister Morris at Stockholm.

Aged Benson Man Bound Over to Federal Grand Jury. James Cunningham, 70 years old, admitted to United States Commissioner Neely that, in the heat of argument, he said he "would join a party to hang the president."

Mother Advises Son to Help Brothers Lick the Kaiser. "It's a big job and I think you had better help your brothers finish it," was the advice Mrs. A. McDonald of Saginaw, Mich., gave to her 18-year-old son, William, who enlisted in Omaha Saturday.

Nathan Kelley Seeks Divorce; Alleges "Wife Won't Wash". Conservation of soap and water is alleged in a suit for divorce filed by Nathan E. Kelley against Beulah Kelley. He alleges that she is "dirty and filthy about her person, and that while they lived together she would not take a bath."

Revival Meetings Are Largely Attended. The revival meetings in the First Swedish Methodist church, Nineteenth and Burr, have been well attended during the week. The evangelist, W. C. Bloomquist, will preach Sunday at 11 on "The Holy Spirit," and at 8 on "What is Sin? Or Sin Considered in the Light of Some Modern Thinkers."

Federal Food Agent Commends Woman Who Raises Rabbits. Raising Belgian hares is the war work of Mrs. W. D. Cronan, 5035 Bedford avenue, which won her special commendation from Miss Nellie Farnsworth, federal food agent.

GERMANS RUSH NEW FORCES TO WESTERN LINE

Notable Activity on British and American Fronts Causes Kaiser's Leaders to Hurry Troops to Meet Move. Berlin reports somewhat notable activity by the British last night along the front between Arras and St. Quentin. The establishment of a new German army group on the western front, commanded by General von Gallwitz, is indicated in the army headquarters statement.

NEBRASKA IS FIRST IN WAR STAMP SALE. Report from United States Treasury Department Shows This State Leading by Almost 100 Per Cent.

A report of the total sales of war savings stamps and thrift stamps from the opening of the sales on December 3, to February 15, through postoffices only, compiled from official reports of the United States Treasury department, received by Ward M. Burgess, Nebraska's director of war savings, shows that Nebraska leads the states of the union, the sale of stamps per capita in Nebraska at that time through postoffices averaging \$2.04, and the total cash sales by Nebraska postoffices \$2,658,430.37.

Table showing sales per capita of the leading states as follows: Nebraska, \$2.04; Connecticut, \$1.94; Missouri, \$1.88; District of Columbia, \$1.85; Maryland, \$1.84; Kansas, \$1.74; Nevada, \$1.73; Oregon, \$1.67; Colorado, \$1.66; Indiana, \$1.66; Delaware, \$1.63; Minnesota, \$1.62; Washington, \$1.57; New Hampshire, \$1.56; Ohio, \$1.55.

Active Near Arras. Berlin, March 16.—(Via London)—British Admiralty, per Wireless Press.—The British forces on the Franco-Belgian front were extremely active during the evening yesterday and also at night, notably in the region running south from Arras as far as St. Quentin, army headquarters announced today. The statement reads:

Western war theater, front of Crown Prince Rupprecht: During the evening and at night the British were very active, especially between Arras and St. Quentin. "Great losses were caused among the population of Menin and Halluin (southeast of Ypres), situated at our front, by the enemy fire and dropping of bombs."

Army groups of the German crown prince, General von Gallwitz and Duke Albrecht: Near Rims, on both banks of the Meuse and on the Lorraine front, near Muthach and Blamont, the artillery fighting was heavier throughout the day. On both sides of the Ornes it continued to be heavy during the night.

GROWERS KICK AT U. S. PRICE FIXED ON WHEAT. Washington, March 16.—Losses suffered by farmers and stock raisers through high prices of feed were recounted today before the senate agriculture committee by J. A. Hudson of Columbia, Mo., who declared one cattle feeder in Missouri lost \$4,350 on 125 head, due largely he contended, to price fixing on wheat, which raised prices of other grain.

Food administration officials advised farmers to stimulate production and they responded, Hudson said, on assurance that producers would be sufficiently compensated. Then, he said, meadless and wheatless days caused an artificial overproduction.

William Hirth, also of Columbia, Mo., editor of a farm paper, declared that if the food administration had not fixed the price of wheat it would now be selling at possibly \$4 a bushel.

POLITICAL SHRAPNEL

Chairman of City Planning Talks To the Falconer Commissioner Club. George T. Morton, chairman of the City Planning commission, addressed the Falconer Commissioner club at the Royal hotel Friday night. The attendance was the largest since the organization of the club.

Good morning. Have you filed for city commissioner? The water's hot. W. S. Jardine, one of the present city commissioners, and Otto H. Stubben, have filed petitions with the election commissioner for the city primary on April 9.

There are just 57 varieties of candidates on the filing list up to the hour. Harry A. Foster is the first to file for the city charter commission.

A meeting will be held next Monday night in the Swedish auditorium in behalf of the candidacy of Robert Houghton, who designates himself as "Successful Bob" on his campaign cards.

H. B. Zimman, who served as city councilman for three terms and was mayor following the death of Frank E. Moore, has filed his petition. Fred Hoye and Dan Hannan also have filed.

Friends of Robert Houghton will hold a booster meeting at the Swedish auditorium at 8 o'clock Monday night. Nelson C. Pratt and John A. McKenzie will be the principal speakers.

New Family Colony for Germany's War Victims. Paris, Thursday, March 14.—The American Red Cross in France has approved a plan which it is hoped will solve the problem arising from the tubercular condition of hundreds of homeless who arrive daily from behind the German lines, repatriated by the Germans as useless to Germany and without resources for resuming their former life.

A village community and a family colony for tubercular refugees will be created outside Paris. The Department of Seine has loaned 50 acres of meadow and woodland for the settlement and the Society of Friends has provided

Ez-Czar Nicholas' Mind Weakens Under Strain of Imprisonment

Petrograd, March 16.—Imprisonment has affected greatly the mental capacities of the former Emperor Nicholas II, according to a letter from the former Empress Alexandra Alex in a letter from Tobolsk to one of her maids of honor in Petrograd, which has been intercepted. In the former empress gives a detailed account of the royal family's life in Tobolsk.

Two More Iowa Boys Lose Lives at Front. Summies From Burlington and Sutherland Named in Pershing's Casualty List; Three Are Wounded.

New York, March 16.—Testifying at State Attorney General Lewis' inquiry intended to determine whether Americans were allied with German interests in a scheme to evade American and British restrictions on shipments of textiles to Germany during and after the war, Thomas Bluen, naturalized German, president of the Botany Worsted Mills of Passaic, N. J., today admitted that a majority of the stock in his company is owned by citizens of Germany, although a large part of this German-owned stock is held in trust by Americans in this country.

Admission was made by Otto Kuhn, wool manager of the Botany Worsted Mills, that notwithstanding an agreement with the British government and the Textile alliance, his concern had acted as the agent of German interests in bringing colonial wools into this country in 1915.

Advertising Fund of Bureau of Publicity Now \$32,000. "I heartily commend your efforts in raising a larger fund for publicity," reported F. L. Haller, president of the Lingerer Implement company. "Our firm has been a contributing member to the bureau of publicity since its inception and I am free to say that I believe the bureau has done more real good than all the other activities of the Chamber of Commerce."

Among the new subscriptions for \$100 or more are: Richard Murphy, Calumet restaurant and Columbia Fire Underwriters.

More than 285 individual subscriptions have already been signed and returned to headquarters and more than 100 cards have been signed and reported by phone, but not turned in so that with the present subscribers there are now more than 500 individuals and firms subscribing to the bureau.

WILSON TO TAKE RUSS QUESTION BEFORE SENATE

Chief Executive Will Address Joint Session in Near Future, Is Belief of Capital Officials.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 16.—First intimations from official sources that President Wilson might possibly soon make a statement bearing on the Russian debate came today.

Heretofore, statements that the president was preparing to address congress on the subject have been pure guess work. Today brought the first official intimation that the president in his close study of the situation has gotten to the point where he was thinking of such a course.

There is no official indication of the medium the president will choose or when he will choose it, but it is generally believed that as usual he will direct his statement to the world through an address to a joint session of congress.

No Peace Talk. Inferences drawn from statements by Sir Robert Cecil, British minister of blockade, Field Marshal Hindenburg and General Ludendorff, that Germany might be proposing a peace at the expense of Russia, made peace talk in general no more popular in Washington than it has been at any time since the United States went to war. Officials everywhere declining to make statements for the very reason that any sort of a statement would give comfort to a peace movement, give unmistakable indications of low unbecoming peace discussions were at this time.

This attitude of American officials found a highly interesting reflection in French official dispatches giving accounts of the interviews recently given by Hindenburg and Ludendorff at German headquarters and publications in German newspapers of the situation on the eastern battle front.

Norris & Norris to Move To New Quarters April 1. Norris & Norris, home builders and dealers in real estate, will move to the northwest corner of Fifteenth and Dodge streets, ground floor, April 1. This firm has built hundreds of homes in Omaha and has planned a number of subdivisions. For many years it has occupied offices in the Bee building.

A year ago the real estate department entered the coal and lumber field and erected and stocked a lumber and coal yard at Tenth and Seward streets. It is to take care of the growing business that the move to larger and ground floor quarters is being made. The main offices of the Norris & Norris Lumber company and Norris & Norris will be jointly located at the new address after April 1.

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Disbursement of Public Funds

Annual Report Issued by Street Commissioner GEORGE PARKS

Showing Work Done and Cost of Same, by His Department During Year 1917, as Compared With Like Work and Cost for Year 1916.

Table comparing work done and cost for 1917 vs 1916. Categories include DRY CLEANING DEPARTMENT, FLUSHING DEPARTMENT, STREET REPAIR GRADE, WEEDS CUT, CINDERS HAULED FOR REPAIRS (Washouts), SNOW REMOVED FROM STREETS, and REPAIRS TO PAVED STREETS. Total appropriation for 1917 was approximately \$155,000, compared to \$156,000 for 1916.