

CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES CAUSES GENEVA DEFICIT

Testimony at Hearing of Charges Against Miss McMahon Brings Out Reason for High Expense.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, May 2.—(Special Telegram)—That the State Board of Control has failed to substantiate its charge that Miss Lydia J. McMahon was incompetent to continue as superintendent of the Girls' Industrial school at Geneva appears a general opinion of many who attended the hearing of charges against her. The hearing was adjourned tonight until a later date, to be fixed by agreement. Commissioner Mayfield, the last witness called today by Miss McMahon, was reticent in his answers to questions put by Attorney Burke, and often insisted on explanations of considerable length. It was shown that eight other institutions besides the Geneva institution had shown deficiencies, one of the alleged reasons for Miss McMahon's dismissal. Among the deficiencies was one of the State Board of Control itself.

Cause of Deficiencies.
While the board has contended through the whole hearing that Miss McMahon had been extravagant and responsible for the present deficiency of \$11,000 at the institution, it finally was admitted that much of that deficiency might be ascribed to contracts made by the board itself, other purchases made at the suggestion of the superintendent and the general rise in prices of materials needed for the institution.

It also was shown that, in one instance at least, the Geneva institution since the retirement of Miss McMahon, had been made the dumping ground for a carload of coal which had been refused at Creston, Ia., rebilled to Weston, Neb., refused there and finally again rebilled to Geneva, where it had been received. Charges amounting to \$17 had been assessed to the state for demurrage at Creston and demurrage at Weston with rebilling charges for the two places. The bill was, however, not been received by the board.

Jolly Auto Ride.
Mrs. Dora Menking, the "jolly witness," this afternoon kept the crowd in an uproar by her description of a trip in an automobile chartered from her husband's garage. She had been drafted to drive the car.

Mr. Frampton, the board's attorney, who had endeavored to find out what "bidding and cooing" of lovers really consisted of, was fully satisfied that a good and sufficient explanation had been given when Mrs. Menking had given a description of the love-making of Billy Saul and Grace Moore on that trip, which had resulted in the young man introducing Grace Moore to his grandmother as his affianced wife.

This was sometime before the "scandal" at the school and was intended to vindicate Miss McMahon of the charge she had engineered marriage between Grace Moore and Saul to cover up the disgrace of the girl.

Spring Farm Work Promising, State Crop Summary Reports
Lincoln, Neb., May 2.—Spring farm work is much further advanced than usual for this time of the year, says a crop summary just issued by the state board of agriculture. March was exceptionally warm and gave the farmers an opportunity to complete a large part of April work. Farmers are getting their corn ground prepared earlier and in better shape than usual.

Winter wheat in the western and in the southern counties is generally good, and most of it very promising. The remainder of the west north of southern counties and west of Dawson county is rather uneven, much of it being thinned out badly and no doubt some will have to be entirely abandoned. The greatest damage appears in the counties of Colfax, Platte, Dodge and Butler.

Fourteen Leave Saturday on Richardson County Draft

Stella, Neb., May 2.—(Special.)—Fourteen drafted men will be sent from Richardson county Saturday to Fort Logan, Colo. They are: James Startzel, Edward A. West, Dan Albrecht, Herman Heeling, Henry Heeling, Roland Wickham, Lawrence C. Caverzagie, Lloyd O. Johnson, Guy Davis, Hiram G. Glasgow, William B. Becker, Charles Watzek, George E. Bliss and Harry E. Carter.

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Hall County Farmers Join Farm Bureau Organization
Grand Island, Neb., May 2.—(Special.)—Farmers in Hall county have organized a farm bureau and will employ a county agricultural agent, who will direct the expenditure of money appropriated by supervisors, and will co-operate with the government in devising means to assist farmers. Officers elected include Leo B. Stubb, Grand Island, president; Henry House, Alda, secretary; and W. L. Yates, Martin township, treasurer.

SPEAKING ORDER FOR STATE DEBATE

Representatives of Ten District Championship Schools Assigned to Places on Saturday's Program.

Lincoln, Neb., May 2.—(Special.)—The order of speaking by individual representatives of the 10 district championship schools of the Nebraska High School Debating league, in the 11th annual state debate, which starts at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, "High School Fete day," in Memorial hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, was decided today by lots drawn by Prof. M. M. Fogg, the president, and by Prof. H. W. Caldwell.

If it was not known which side the school's representative would take, a place was drawn for it on both the affirmative and negative. These schools are Beatrice and Wymore, which hold their final district debate Friday night; Edgar and Red Cloud, Madison and Wisner. The side which the representative of the Omaha Central High school, champion of the eastern district, will take was not known.

The order of speaking was decided as follows: Affirmative, Minden, Omaha (?), Alliance, Beatrice (?), Ravenna, Madison or Wisner (?), Edgar (?). Negative, Teachers' College High school, Omaha (?), Wymore (?), Randolph, McCook, Madison or Wisner (?), Red Cloud.

Although the official speaking in the state contest will once more be by individual representatives, three or four schools are willing to send their championship teams to compete in inter-district contests. It was planned to have the state debate this year a contest between teams, but that arrangement was postponed until next year on account of the expense. There will probably be two or three team debates Friday or Saturday.

Two Honor Flags Will Be Raised at Plattsmouth
Plattsmouth, Neb., May 2.—(Special.)—Plattsmouth, and Caks county are far "over the top" on the Liberty loan, having subscribed \$150,000 more than was apportioned to the county.

During the Red Cross fair, which will be held here for the remainder of the week at the Eagles' hall and Elks' hall, at Sixth street, between Main and Vine streets, the raising of the honor flags for the city and county will occur.

There will be a big parade of the school children, civic societies and the business men, and all commercial industries. Rev. M. A. Shile will deliver an address at the raising of the honor flag at the court house, and at the city hall.

Clarence Beal, deputy clerk of the district court, resigned and left for the Great Lakes, where he will take a course in radio service. Miss Estelle Gies was appointed in his place. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Arries have three sons in the service. Donald has arrived in France. Byron is now on his way across. They both are in the aviation service. Major, the youngest, endeavored to enlist three times, but was unable to pass the physical examination. He was operated upon in an Omaha hospital and after recovering, again applied. He was accepted and went to Paris, S. C., where he goes into training as a marine.

Daughter Born to Grandson of Late Col. William F. Cody

North Platte, Neb., May 2.—(Special.)—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Cody Boal Tuesday night. Mr. Boal is a grandson of the late Colonel W. F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"). He was married to Miss Elva Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Day, and left shortly after with Company E for Camp Cody, Deming, N. M. He recently graduated from the officers' training camp at Leon Springs, Tex., and expects to receive his commission soon.

Blair Boys Off to Camp.

Blair, Neb., May 2.—(Special.)—Washington county men entrained here yesterday for Fort Logan, Colo. They included Otis Clarence Dennis, Benjamin C. Maynard, William C. Silvey, Stephen M. Murphy, Anders Steensen, Albert Suverkrubbe, Richard C. Meissner, Earl S. Millikan, James Marion Stricklett, and Benjamin H. Kamarek.

Nebraska Farmers Give Three Carloads of Hogs in Red Cross Campaign

Lyons, Neb., May 2.—(Special.)—Farmers throughout this section came to town yesterday, bringing scores of hogs to contribute to the war fund of the Red Cross. In addition to subscribing \$1,000 in cash to the Red Cross, they donated three carloads of Nebraska grown hogs.

DODGE COUNTY MEN GO TO FORT LOGAN

Third Contingent of Second Draft Departs for Camp to Begin Training for War.

Fremont, Neb., May 2.—(Special Telegram)—Dodge county's third contingent of the second draft left this afternoon for Fort Logan, Colo., to begin training. Seventeen of the 18 men reported, John E. Busch of Luseland, Canada, failing to appear. The selects boarded a special train over the Union Pacific with delegations from counties from the eastern part of the state and along the North-western from the northern part of the state. J. L. Kohler, secretary of the Fremont Young Men's Christian association, accompanied the men, having been sent by the state association.

The men who went are: Edwin L. Porter, Walter Hansen, August Moench, Frank J. Senpeck, Charles W. Royer, Ben H. McHenry, Ben F. Falk, Forest L. Adams, Raymond Larison, Irving D. Frost, Bruce Martin, Pelham McGee, Henry A. Sayer, Arthur Mullon, John P. Johnson, Albert Christensen, Frank Christensen.

Sunday School Meets.
The annual convention of the Dodge county Sunday school convention will be held at the Purple Cane church Saturday and Sunday. James R. Hanson of Fremont is president, Rev. A. A. Smith of Purple Cane is vice president and Miss Sophie Blau of Fremont is secretary-treasurer. Miss Margaret Brown of Lincoln and W. H. Kimberly of Lincoln, state organizers, are on the program in addition to several ministers of Fremont and towns throughout the county. Delegates from all over the county will be in attendance.

Ninetieth Birthday.
William Barrett, one of the pioneer residents of Fremont, celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary with a family gathering. E. O. Barrett, former well known Fremont traveling salesman, came from Cedar Rapids, Ia., to take part in the festivities.

Form Rural Home Guards.
The Pothoco home guards were organized at a meeting at the Carey high school with a membership of 60. Hans Rasmussen, a veteran of the civil war, was elected captain. Ray Martin was named first lieutenant and James McClean second lieutenant. The Saunders County Board of Supervisors probably will be asked to equip the guards. This is said to be the first rural home guard company organized in the state.

Nebraska Farmers Oppose Peace Parleys With Berlin
Lincoln, Neb., May 2.—(Special.)—The Farmers' War Council of Nebraska, recently organized to help in the prosecution of the war, has gone on record at a meeting held in Lincoln, as opposed to any peace parleys until German militarism is completely crushed. A resolution to this effect was adopted by the council with instructions that a copy of it be forwarded to President Wilson.

Girl in Race for County Recorder in Jefferson
Fairbury, Neb., May 2.—(Special.)—H. O. Nellis, recorder of deeds in Jefferson county has announced his candidacy for county treasurer on the Republican ticket. Nellis was elected four years ago for recorder and had no opposition for re-election. Miss Bessie Goff, deputy treasurer, is in the race for recorder to succeed Nellis.

Ball Nets Red Cross \$500.
North Platte, May 2.—(Special Telegram)—The 31st annual May ball of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was held last evening at the Lloyd opera house. The proceeds, amounting to \$500, were donated to the Red Cross society. Governor Neville of Lincoln and Mrs. Jeffers of Omaha led the grand march.

Omaha Boy in France Serves as Interpreter for General Pershing

Corporal John Taliaferro, an Omaha boy, is now serving as an aide to General Pershing in France. He was chosen for his ability to speak French. Corporal Taliaferro is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Taliaferro, Omahans of French extraction.



Corp. John Taliaferro

The Omaha boy is one of a number of picked men chosen for this work. They are all college men and their duties consist in acting as interpreters between the French and American officers guarding supplies and recaptured towns. They are under the direct command of General Pershing.

Corporal Taliaferro, who is a graduate of the Central High school, attended the Omaha university for a year. Following his enlistment he was sent to Camp Funston, where he was a member of a machine gun battalion. From there he was sent to Camp Green, N. C., where he studied under French instructors for several months. He is now with Company C, First United States army, headquarters regiment, A. E. F.

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS CAPTURE ES-SALT

British Continue Operations in Palestine Successfully After Meeting in Difficult and Broken Country.

(By Associated Press.)
London, May 2.—The official statement dealing with military operations in Palestine, issued today by the war office, reads:

"On Wednesday morning while our infantry moved to attack the enemy in the foothills south and southeast of Es-Salt, Australian mounted troops entered Es-Salt, capturing 33 Germans and 317 Turkish prisoners."

"In the course of these operations a mounted brigade debouched to watch the Jordan crossings, was attacked by a superior force of the enemy which had crossed the river during the night and was compelled to fall back. Horse artillery batteries, supporting this brigade in the most difficult and broken country, were obliged to abandon nine guns, which could not be saved, although the detachments and horses were

safely withdrawn. Necessary support for this detached brigade was immediately forthcoming and the operations are continuing.

"West of the Jordan local enemy attacks at several points were repulsed during Tuesday night."

Governor at North Platte.
North Platte, Neb., May 2.—(Special Telegram)—The Camp Funston band gave a concert in the court house park last evening. The home guards met the band at the depot and acted as escort. Governor Keith Neville was given a place of honor on the court house balcony and after the concert delivered an address on conditions in the camps which he had visited.

Seneca in Line.
Seneca, Neb., May 2.—(Special Telegram)—A patriotic meeting held at Usher's hall in behalf of the Liberty loan, conservation of food and other war issues was well attended. Dr. Lay presided. The speakers were Frank John of Grand Island, O. K. Anderson of Broken Bow, and Judge Evans of Thedford.

ENEMY'S LOSS IN GREAT DRIVE FULLY 350,000

Allied Armies Now So Closely Welded There Is No Junction Point at Which Germans Can Strike.

(By Associated Press.)
French Army Headquarters, May 2.—Under the German blows the allied armies seems to be welded together as never before. There is no point of junction at which the Germans can thrust. The process of welding together the two armies is complete, but it will not stop there. Franco-British divisions will be moved about on a solidly knitted front at the wish of the allied high commands as freely as German divisions.

Against the enemy's territorial gains must be set the fact that they had to throw 140 divisions into battle in five weeks. A considerable number of these have been twice engaged and some thrice. Adding these reappearances together, there is a total of 186 engagements of divisions, equivalent to a mass of two and a half million men whom the enemy has already put into battle. As a German division is never withdrawn until it has sustained severe losses, on an average of 2,500, it is reasonable to reckon the enemy's loss since the beginning of the battle at not less than 350,000.

The Germans began their offensive with a reserve of 650,000 in deposits in France and at home. Behind these there is only the 1919-20 class, consisting of youths, half of whom are under 18. The enemy's genuine fighting reserve is thus half exhausted before he has covered anything like half the distance to his goal. His reckless employment of divisions has left him with a total of 66 out of 206 in France which have not yet been engaged. Of these 12 are landsturm divisions which cannot be used for the purpose of an offensive. The Germans thus can have little hope that the remaining 60 divisions can accomplish what the first 140 failed to achieve.

Already the German staff is anxiously realizing that their reserves of fresh troops are not greater than those under General Foch.

Sample Ballot

Candidates for Member of Charter Convention of the City of Omaha.

- Vote for FIFTEEN
- JOHN A. RINE
 - HARRY A. TUKEY
 - CHARLES W. MARTIN
 - IGNATIUS J. DUNN
 - WM. F. BAXTER
 - DR. E. C. HENRY
 - DAVID COLE
 - T. F. STROUD
 - J. P. PALMER
 - JOHN E. REGAN
 - W. B. CHEEK
 - VACLAV BURESCH
 - WILLIAM T. HAMAND
 - P. T. BARBER
 - SAM W. SCOTT
 - GEORGE S. COLLINS
 - DONALD A. JOHNSON
 - C. L. SHAMP
 - SAMUEL GRACE
 - B. C. FOLEY
 - C. A. MARTENSEN
 - CORNELIUS FARRELL
 - HARRY A. FOSTER
 - DAN O. WHITNEY
 - W. W. COLE

Sample Ballot

Candidates for Councilmen of City of Omaha.

Omaha City Election, 1918

- Vote for SEVEN
- ROY N. TOWL
 - DAN B. BUTLER
 - ED. P. SMITH
 - JOSEPH B. HUMMEL
 - TOM P. REYNOLDS
 - J. DEAN RINGER
 - JAMES C. DAHLMAN
 - HENRY F. WULF
 - WALTER S. JARDINE
 - HARRY B. ZIMMAN
 - CHARLES H. WITHNELL
 - W. G. URE
 - GEORGE PARKS
 - THOMAS FALCONER

Sample Ballot

Proposition of Fire Engine House Bonds. Vote "YES" or "NO."

"Shall bonds of the City of Omaha, in a sum not to exceed \$35,000, be issued for the purpose of purchasing the building located upon Lot 8, Block 23, Florence, now Omaha, together with said lot, for the purpose of a fire engine house; said bonds to run for twenty years from the date thereof and to bear interest payable at a rate not to exceed 5% per annum, payable semi-annually, with interest coupons attached; said bonds to be called "Fire Engine House Bonds, of the City of Omaha, Series 1918," and not to be sold for less than par. The proceeds thereof to be used for no other purpose than for the purchase of Lot 8, Block 23, Florence, now Omaha, together with the building thereon, to be used for a fire engine house for the City of Omaha?"

- YES
- NO

Sample Ballot


Proposition for Purchase of Gas Plant. Vote "YES" or "NO."

"Shall the City of Omaha acquire and appropriate by exercise of the Power of Eminent Domain, the Gas Plant of Omaha Gas Company, the main part of which is located within the City of Omaha?"

- YES
- NO

The above are the Sample Ballots for the City Election, Charter Convention Election, Purchase of Gas Plant Election, and Fire Engine House Bond Election to be held May 7, 1918

HARLEY G. MOORHEAD,
Election Commissioner



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Your business and mine are insignificant issues, while the flower of American Manhood is giving its life blood for Democracy and the Home.

Dollars hidden in vaults or hoarded in "stockings" are disloyal, selfish dollars and should call for the interment of their owners.

Keep money circulating, but avoid extravagance.

Economize in foodstuffs, coal, metals, clothing—because extravagance in these things interferes with the war needs of the government, but don't neglect health, don't stint on necessities, and above all don't pay a cent for reputation, prestige or graft.

Do your bit by producing, do your bit by conserving, and do your bit by keeping your money circulating, so that every American home may not only own a Liberty Bond, but a bond OF EVERY ISSUE, and thereby concentrate every ounce of strength of the great American nation into one solid "punch" that will remove Kaiserism from the face of the earth.

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You are not doing me a favor nor doing yourself justice if you come to me with any other idea, and I would be unfair to you and to myself if I failed to make good in my office every promise made in my public announcements.

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Twenty-two Burlington employees of this city have purchased \$2,250 in Liberty bonds.