

## REED TELLS WHAT IS USEFUL WORK THESE WAR TIMES

Attorney General Answers Question Put Up to Him by Chairman of State Council of Defense.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—When is a useful occupation not a useful occupation. This question has been put up to Attorney General Reed by Robert M. Joyce, chairman of the State Council of Defense. The attorney general comes back with an answer which seems so plain that "a wayfaring man though a fool may not err therein."

According to Mr. Reed those engaged in the organization of clubs, leagues, societies or associations which do not have for their object winning the war are not engaged in a useful occupation.  
Reed's Opinion.  
The opinion of the attorney general is plain on this point and reads: "It is my opinion that the construction to be placed on 'useful occupation' varies somewhat under the circumstances of each case and the time and conditions of the country at the time of rendering the same. For instance, one might be engaged in an occupation, which is useful, but by methods or manner of pursuing the occupation fail to make it useful, such as one engaged in lecture work who uses his opportunities as a lecturer to attempt to belittle the government activities or to disparage our form or system of government at this time. Such a person, while his occupation might be useful, in the first instance fails to make its pursuit useful and thus, in my opinion, fails to be engaged in a 'useful occupation'."

Something Worth While.  
"The work attempted or performed must be something worth the while viewed under existing conditions, since high pressure is on for assistance by each person physically able to work and such work must not be frivolous or hurtful."—(Williams Call Co. against Neverslip Mfg. Co. 136 Fed. 210.)

"In my opinion all persons engaged in the organization of clubs, leagues, societies or associations which do not have for their object the furtherance of the progress of the war are not engaged in a useful occupation. Any occupation which is instrumental in keeping alive existing military, commercial or governmental activities is useful, but any occupation which has for its object, either directly or indirectly, the opposition to our present form or system of government, the creation of new political parties, the determination of economic questions not connected with the war and many other acts and deeds too numerous to mention, are not useful occupations."

Draws Distinction.  
"There may be instances, as I have stated, where an occupation might be useful if properly followed, but becomes useless under the meaning of the act referred to when attempted in communities where such activities are not desired, or in such a manner as to encourage a failure of unanimous and concerted action by all people toward the common end of winning the war, and each and all such persons so found violating the law must be punished to the limit."

## CALL DOWN FOR NONPARTISANS BY STATE COUNCIL

Lincoln, Neb., June 7.—The Nebraska State Council of Defense today called upon the Nonpartisan league to discontinue operations in this state. In a statement requesting the league to cease its activities in Nebraska at least until the war has been won, the council alleges that the organization's "war program and statement of principles breathes treason to our country," and that "irresponsible socialists" are going over the state as organizers for the league.

## Gage Home Demonstration Work Under Kate Helzer

Fremont, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—Miss Kate Helzer has arrived from Lincoln to take charge of home demonstration work in Dodge county this summer.

Fremont will have a chautauqua this season, under the auspices of the Ministerial association.  
A much better stand of corn than was expected has been found by L. C. Christie, county agricultural agent. Mr. Christie estimates the winter wheat crop at about half a yield.  
A. W. Creed, local agent for the American Express company, has been accepted for Young Men's Christian association service overseas.

## Six Horses Lost When Barn Of DeWitt Farmer Burns

DeWitt, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—The barn of William Jewell, four miles east of DeWitt, was burned. He lost everything in it, including six valuable horses, feed, a buggy and harness. Partly covered by insurance.

Will party who witnessed the automobile accident at 29th and Jackson Sts., Monday, June 3, and offered services to the injured, kindly communicate at once with E. E. Huntley, Grain Exchange, Phone Harney 1673.

## CUT PRICE SALE

Great reduction on all Men's and Young Men's Suits, extra trousers, and Raincoats. Sale starts Saturday, 8:30 a. m.

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## Naval Aviation Instructor Here From East to Visit His Brother

Ensign Albert Cavanaugh, a naval aviator of Chicago, is spending his furlough with his brother, Frank Cavanaugh, of Omaha. Ensign Cavanaugh has been in the service since the declaration of war, and though only 23 years of age, has enjoyed the distinction of being instructor in several branches of naval service.



Albert Cavanaugh

## ENGINEER DIES WHEN BOILER IN ENGINE BLOWS UP

Fireman Byrnes Seriously Injured in Blast at Northwestern Roundhouse, But May Recover.

Fremont, Neb., June 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Engine Inspector Leonard Erickson was killed and Fireman Byrnes seriously injured by the explosion of the boiler of a Northwestern locomotive at the roundhouse in Fremont this morning. The locomotive was completely wrecked and a corner was torn off the roundhouse. Both men were in the cab engaged in preparing the engine to take out a freight train. The report of the explosion resembled a cannon. Erickson died at a hospital an hour after the accident. This is the first accident of the kind ever known here.

Second Explosion on Lines.  
The explosion is the second of the kind that has ever occurred on the lines west of the Missouri river. About two years ago a similar accident near Gordon resulted in the destruction of the engine and severe injuries to the engineer and fireman. Low water in the boiler is said by Master Mechanic S. C. Graham, who came over from Missouri Valley to make an inspection, to be the cause.  
The front end of the boiler was thrown nearly 300 feet. The side of the roundhouse along which the engine stood was pushed in about two feet.  
Erickson had been with the company for nine years, the last year serving as boiler inspector. He was single and is survived by his parents and one sister.

Late this afternoon physicians said that Byrnes, who is 42 years of age, may recover. The extent of his internal injuries are not known. Byrnes was in the cab of the engine when the explosion took place. He was thrown out. Erickson was standing on the ground and was held against another engine 20 feet away.

## Final Engagements of Andrews in Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—The final engagements in Nebraska of Private John M. Andrews, the returned Pershing soldier who has been touring the state under the auspices of the Bureau of Speakers and Publicity of the State Council of Defense, were announced today by Prof. M. M. Fogg. Saturday afternoon he will speak at Greenwood, where the meeting is in charge of N. H. Meeker. Saturday evening he will speak at Alvo, where Dale Boyles is in charge. Sunday afternoon his meeting is at Palmyra with Rev. George C. Kersten in charge. Sunday evening has not yet been arranged.

## Private Andrews will leave Nebraska Monday, according to instructions received from the committee on public information and the War department.

## Lenroot Says Nebraska Alive to the Situation

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, June 7.—(Special.)—Senator Lenroot, who addressed the republicans of Nebraska at the loyalty meeting in Lincoln a short time ago is pleased with his reception by Nebraska republicans and the feeling which appears among them, according to a letter received today by Chairman E. D. Beach of the republican state committee.

Senator Lenroot feels that the republicans of the state are fully alive to the situation and will be heard from at the proper time. There has been a demand from over the state for the senator's speech and the chairman is making arrangements to supply copies to all who may desire them.

## Norman to Washington.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, June 7.—(Special.)—State Labor Commissioner George E. Norman will go to Washington next week to attend a meeting of labor commissioners in connection with the labor activities of the government, responding to a telegram received this morning for Director Hall of the governmental department of labor. The meeting will be held June 13.

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## FARMERS' BOARD URGES HIGHER WAGE FOR LABOR

Committee of War Council Demands 45 Cents Per Hour and Board for Harvest Help and Other Raises.

The State Council of Defense has adopted the following recommendations made by the labor committee of the farmers' war conference:

The farmers' war council of Nebraska, in convention assembled, Lincoln, May 1, 1918, adopted the following resolution:  
"We recommend that the president of the convention be directed to appoint a committee of five to recommend to the State Council of Defense an equitable scale of wages for farm help for the guidance of farmers during the coming season."

In compliance with this request, President Gustafson appointed a committee, which has submitted the following report:  
"The farmers of Nebraska wish to increase production to the greatest extent possible and to this end are paying and favor the paying of a scale of wages commensurate with wages paid for other work and also commensurate with the prices received by farmers for their products. It should be remembered that the maximum money wages recommended the farmer furnishes board and bed, which amounts to more than \$1 per day. After considering the many factors entering into a just labor wage, your committee recommends as follows:  
That all help employed temporarily shall be paid by the hour, instead of by the day.  
That 10 hours of field labor be considered a day's work, and that the question of overtime shall be left between the individual employer and his employees.  
That the time for beginning and quitting work shall be decided by the employer, according to weather and crop conditions.  
That competent emergency help in wheat harvest and stacking be paid a maximum wage of 45 cents per hour and board and unskilled or less competent help be paid according to their ability; that other experienced emergency help, aside from wheat harvest and stacking during the months of June, July and August be paid not to exceed 40 cents per hour and board, depending upon the skill of the laborer; provided that

west of the 100th meridian the maximum wage may be 5 cents per hour higher than in the eastern part of the state. This differentiation is made because of transportation costs.  
"These recommendations do not apply in any way to permanent labor hired by the month or the year. It is recognized that the wage scale paid to men regularly employed averages less per hour or per day than the wages paid temporary or emergency help."  
"CHARLES GRAFF, Chairman."

## RETIRE FARMER HANGS HIMSELF NEAR SYRACUSE

Syracuse, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—Hans Goss, a retired farmer residing near Syracuse, committed suicide by hanging from a rafter in the attic of his new home. He went to the attic in the supposition and mounting a chair tied the rope around his neck and kicked the chair over and was dead when discovered. He leaves two sons and two daughters besides his wife. County Attorney Moran after investigation decided no inquest was necessary.  
Rev. and Mrs. John Richards received a telegram this morning telling of the accidental death of their son, Thomas A. Richards, which occurred at the training camp near Gettysburg, Penn., where he was a member of the tank division.

Syracuse base ball team reorganized by combining the Syracuse and North Branch teams. E. V. Pearson was elected captain, and M. J. Wilkins secretary and treasurer. They expect to open the season shortly with a real booster game and big time.

## SIX BROTHERS OF NORTH PLATTE IN AMERICAN ARMY

North Platte, Neb., June 7.—(Special Telegram.)—A record for patriotism has been displayed by the Nolan family of this city, who have six stars on their service flag. The enlisted boys are the sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nolan, and were bereft of their parents during early childhood. During the past year the boys entered the service as follows: Paul A., officers training school, Second infantry company, Camp Cody, N. M.; Joseph F., 24, engineers, Company E, American expeditionary force in France; Francis F., 35th infantry, Company G, Camp Mills, Long Island; Arthur C., Fort Logan, Colo.; Charles Nolan, engineering corps, Grand Island; James A., Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. They are nephews of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Smith.

## HUMPHREY TAKES IN SHINGLE AND GOES ON RANCH

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, June 7.—(Special.)—Everything is "McKelvie for Governor," in Custer county and that vicinity, according to A. R. Humphrey, better known as "Gus Humphrey," of Broken Bow.  
Mr. Humphrey, who has been in Lincoln for a few days, says he made up his mind a short time ago that the county needed hogs more than it did lawyers and so he closed his law office, turned his "shingle" to the wall and went out on his ranch where he has become a horny handed granger and already can talk the pig language so that the porkers understand him perfectly. Outside

of the American language, Mr. Humphrey is determined that the pig language is the only kind that can be used on his farm.  
Mr. Humphrey says the Norris sentiment in his locality is not very pronounced. There used to be quite a La Follette following here, mostly by men of the Norris faith, but since the stand taken by La Follette on the war much of the sentiment for the Wisconsin senator has disappeared and with it the friendliness toward Senator Norris. Norris used to be strong in that section, but the feeling now is that there will not be much difference between the vote of the three republican candidates for the nomination, Sloan, Hammond and Norris.  
The man who carries Custer county will have to be absolutely right on the winning of the war, according to Mr. Humphrey, and politics will not cut much figure if he is not.

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Silk Jersey Vests \$1.65 and \$1.95

Heavy quality silk Jersey vests, very specially priced for Saturday.

Bathing Suits---"Oh! Splash!"

TWO-PIECE Annette Kellermann bathing suits, from \$2.50 up to \$12.50.

One-piece Annette Kellermann style, \$5.00 and up

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June and Smocks---Synonymous \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$3.95

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