

REPORT SHOWS NONPARTISAN IN GOOD CONDITION

Investigating Committee Finds League's Affairs Are Well Conducted at All Points.

Lincoln, Sept. 20.—At a meeting of the National Nonpartisan league here, a report was made by the committee appointed at the state convention, July 10, to investigate the different departments of the headquarters at St. Paul, Minn., and Lincoln. Extracts from the report follow:

"We could not go into all of the detailed transactions of this organization in a few days time, but we have examined the records and inquired into the methods followed, sufficiently to establish our own complete satisfaction, that the entire business of the league is managed in a systematic, orderly manner.

"Our investigations lead us to believe that your money is as economically spent, and that the general business of the league is as efficiently conducted, as could be expected, when the magnitude of the business transacted, the territory covered, and the large number of people employed are considered, and especially so, when you realize that this is a new organization, embracing entirely new systems of operation, that its progress has been hindered, by every obstruction, either legitimate, or illegitimate, that the genius of the old line politicians and big business could devise.

"We were favorably impressed with the co-operation of the league between the several states wherein it places the funds from the different states in one general fund, to be used in the states where most needed, at the same time giving each state strict credit for all its contributions, thus making the league truly a national organization."

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Nebraska branch of the National Nonpartisan league, Jesse R. Johnson, who is elected state manager of the league in Nebraska, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of O. S. Evans.

Colfax County Teachers Will Help in War Drives

Schuyler, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—R. B. Bedell, principal of the high school for three years, has resigned to accept a farming position in South Dakota. Schuyler is mighty sorry to lose him, but these strenuous times, it is to find a man to take his place although the board of education is willing to pay a good salary to the right man.

County Superintendent Vogtance has sent out over 300 letters the past week to his teachers, asking that they take an active interest in the war plans of the nation. He has had charge of the Junior Red Cross of the county and has raised the standard to 100 per cent.

Last Monday night the citizens of Schuyler gave a hiking party to the 11 new teachers of the city. On Friday the Civic club gave a reception to the new teachers.

Old Mill Wheel Now Helps Relieve Sugar Shortage

Red Oak, Ia., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—One of the oldest mill water wheels in existence in the state of Iowa and very probably in many states is in operation daily at the old north mill site, two miles north of Red Oak, where Tenney Brothers have been operating a sorghum mill for the last two weeks.

The old mill wheel, which generates the power to run the grate press and the electric lights and to pump water, was built in 1848, and was for many years the power which turned the machinery of the old north mill before it burned to the ground six years ago. When Tenney Brothers sent to Pennsylvania recently for repairs for the old wheel the company, which sent them the repairs wrote back that the part sent in to the company showed that the wheel is the oldest one in existence.

Eastern Star School Has Large Class at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Nearly 200 members of the Eastern Star attended the school of instruction held here yesterday afternoon in Masonic hall, conducted by Mrs. Carrie Spellman of Beatrice, grand worthy matron, assisted by O. E. Mickey of Osceola, grand worthy patron. J. E. Bednar of Omaha, grand worthy marshal, was among those in attendance. At 6 o'clock a banquet was served at the Paddock hotel and in the evening the work of the order was exemplified by the officers of Vesper Chapter No. 9, Order Eastern Star.

Private Johansen Dead.

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. John Westphalen of Scribner has received word of the death of her brother, Private John Johansen, from wounds received in action in France. Private Johansen went from Scribner with the second draft quota from Dodge county a year ago. His parents reside in Davenport, Ia.

Admits Robbery.

Fairbury, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Charles Kotlar, aged 31, claiming residence at Diller, pleaded guilty to robbing the Diller Mercantile company store at Diller Sunday morning and also to breaking into the store of the Shutt Drug company of Diller. He is here in jail to be tried in the district court.

Ouster Fair Successful.

Broken Bow, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Custer county fair closed tonight after a successful week. Thursday was a record breaker with 14,000 people on the grounds. The live stock, poultry and agricultural exhibits were exceptionally fine.

'Garland' Replaces 'Germantown' as Name Of Nebraska Village

Germantown, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—"Germantown" it was, but "Garland" it is. At least, so will the little town in Seward county be called henceforth by its residents.

With the apparent connivance of the majority of the citizens of the town, some enterprising painter last night neatly painted over the name "Germantown" on the Burlington station and substituted in glaring letters the name "Garland."

The citizens of the town petitioned the last legislature for the right to change the name to Garland, but no action was taken.

CITIZENS BACK PLATTE COUNTY DEFENSE BODY

Uphold Action Council Declares Who Used German Language.

Columbus, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Full approval of all of the war activities of the Platte County Council of Defense has been unanimously expressed by a mass meeting of citizens held in the Columbus opera house. Hundreds of people were unable to gain admittance because of the large crowd. The meeting was called to pass on the action of the council of defense in imprisoning P. L. Luchsinger, a Swiss, who had taken out his first papers, after he had been called before the council to discuss his use of the German language and his correspondence with the National Council of Defense on the language question.

During the discussion before the county council Mr. Luchsinger referred to himself as a Swiss citizen, whereupon Mark Burke, sheriff of the county and secretary of the council, said, "I thought that you were an American citizen." Mr. Luchsinger is said in his reply to have drawn invidious comparisons between the Irish and the Swiss and to have called the sheriff a liar. The sheriff is reported to have then slapped Luchsinger's face.

Luchsinger was then sentenced to confinement for one hour in the county jail. Upon his release he filed a damage suit for \$20,000 against Burke and C. J. Darlow, chairman of the council. The suit is still pending.

The action of the council of defense was endorsed by a committee on resolutions appointed at the mass meeting, consisting of P. E. McKillop, C. J. Carrig, G. W. Phillips, E. H. Chambers and Dr. C. D. Evans. The report of the committee was then passed unanimously by the meeting.

Edgar Howard was chairman of the mass meeting. M. E. Helms was secretary.

Heavy Call in Buffalo County for Next Draft

Kearney, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Buffalo county will furnish the second largest draft quota in the state in the October call, 140 men to leave Kearney early in that month. Fifty-seven of these men are married and will give up remunerative positions. The local exemption board called the lists closely upon the notice from the provost marshal and all married men without families were inducted into the first class.

STATE'S RAILWAY BOARD NOT MERE 'RUBBER STAMP'

Members Dismiss Telephone Companies' Requests to Put in Effect U. S. High- er Rate Order.

From a Staff Correspondent.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The application of Nebraska telephone companies to the State Railway commission for approval of the new government installation charges ordered by Postmaster General Burleson in connection with installing and moving to new locations service telephones was denied by the commission Friday.

Railway Commissioner Victor Wilson announced that the applications were dismissed "for want of prosecution," after a conference with representatives of three companies of the state. The representatives explained that they were not authorized to ask state commissions for sanction of Burleson's rates and could not make a showing of any kind.

Formal announcement was made by the representatives that the government rates made mandatory by Burleson would be put into effect immediately.

May Go Into Court.

The commission may take the next step in the controversy by bringing an injunction suit in federal court to prevent the government rates from being installed. The matter as to the next move, however, is still undecided. It is doubtful whether an injunction suit can be brought by a state body against a federal officer. The forthcoming suit depends on this one point.

The federal rates are \$5 to \$15 for installation in cities over 50,000 and \$3 in cities under 50,000 and rural communities.

In announcing his decision, Commissioner Wilson said: "This commission is not going to be made a rubber stamp. We cannot approve public service rates without a hearing, and we do not propose to forgo the legal rights of the Nebraska state commission to fix and approve adequate rates within the state."

The contention of the commission is that the resolution by congress, giving the president control of telephone and telegraph lines, made adequate provision that the powers of state commissions should not be impaired.

Managers Who Attended.

The following were present at the Friday conference: C. J. Garlow, Columbus, president of the Platte county company; W. B. T. Belt, Omaha, vice-president and general manager of the Bell Telephone group of which the Nebraska Tele-

Omaha Salesman Killed While Making Crossing in Motor

Kearney, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—T. J. Smith, traveling salesman for the J. H. Haney company, harness manufacturer, was seriously injured this afternoon near Litchfield when his car was struck by a train. Injuries received in the collision resulted in his death a few hours later.

Smith was endeavoring to make a crossing ahead of the train, the locomotive striking the car squarely and carrying it a distance of 100 feet. Smith lived in Omaha and is well known throughout the state, having made this territory for 30 years.

phone company of Omaha is a part; G. H. Pratt of Omaha, general manager of the same company; and L. E. Hertz, general manager, and C. E. Mattison, commercial manager of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company.

No application was filed by the Lincoln company, which put the government rate into effect immediately after the postmaster general's office gave telegraphic assurances that the government would help defend any suits which might follow the application of those charges.

Fairbury Boy in States Recovering From Shock

Fairbury, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Colliester have returned from Washington, D. C., where they were called by the illness of their son, Frank, who is being treated for a shell shock received on the firing line in France. He remembers nothing of the circumstances and physicians hold that he will ultimately recover from the shock and that his memory will return. Mr. and Mrs. Colliester are proud of the fact that four of their sons are in national service and one more recently registered.

First Gage County Corn Brings \$1.80 at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Lillie, living at Rockford, marketed the first load of the 1918 crop of corn here today, receiving \$1.80 per bushel. The grain is well matured and Mr. Lillie, who specializes in seed corn, says it will yield 38 bushels to the acre.

Find Stolen Car.

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The automobile belonging to Dave Rockie, stolen in front of the First Congregational church Wednesday night, was found abandoned in the railroad yards at Waterloo. The gasoline supply had been exhausted.

Fined \$50 for Sedition.

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Langwisch, Winslow business man, convicted of sedition by a jury in district court, was fined \$50 and costs and required to donate \$50 to the Red Cross by Judge Button today. Langwisch admitted that he might have talked too much. He declared he is loyal. The case against Fred Borchering, another Winslow business man, was dismissed on recommendation of County Attorney J. C. Cook.

Freezing Weather in Dodge.

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The first killing frost of the season struck this vicinity last night. The mercury in the government thermometer dropped to 23 degrees.

House to Have Recess.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Representative Kitchin, democrat leader, expressed hope in the house today

that all important legislation could be cleared up next week, permitting three-day recesses by the house until the senate passes the revenue bill.

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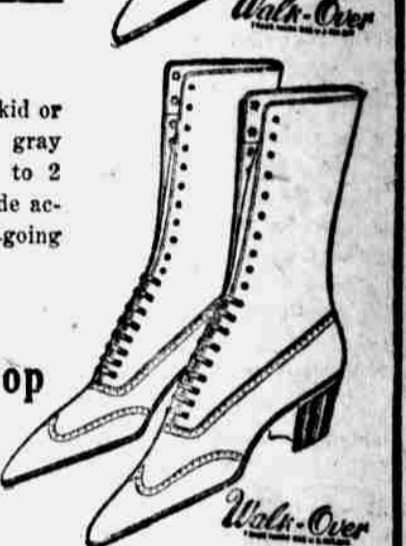
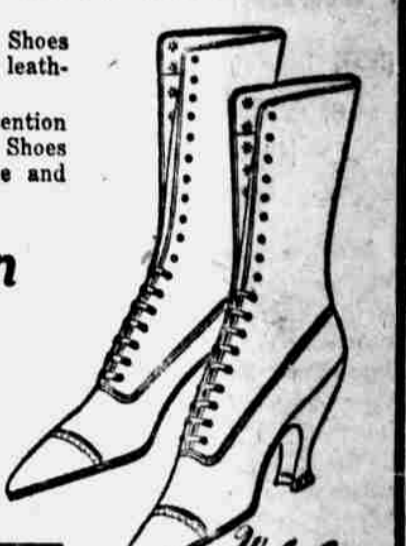
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