

COUNTY CONVENTIONS. (Continued from Page 1)

explicit faith in our beloved president and to witness the confidence which at once places Woodrow Wilson the foremost figure in the world and the country which it is his honor to represent the most trusted and respected.

We congratulate the democracy of the nation in being in a position to meet the responsibilities and emergencies in this the hour of democracy's greatest trial. In her ranks were found men capable of filling places of responsibility and trust and to represent the pure and undiluted principles of democracy in all its simplicity, frankness and honor.

In democracy's struggle for existence party lines have nearly vanished and we wish to acknowledge the patriotic and unselfish support given to the administration by all regardless of political creed.

We unhesitatingly condemn all individuals or organizations who have in this hour of the nation's trial attempted to hinder the administration by their efforts to sustain the world's democracy. We endorse the candidacy of Claude Porter for governor and the remainder of the state ticket.

We condemn without reservation any person chosen to execute the law who willfully becomes a transgressor of the law himself or who countenances a transgression of the law on the part of others as being not in accord with democratic principles and ask that they do not continue in office or in any way be connected with the management of the democratic party in Iowa.

We unreservedly endorse all the party candidates for county office.

The following additional resolution was offered and adopted by a unanimous vote, expressing as it does the opinion of the democrats of Decatur county:

Resolved, believing it is for the best interests of the Democratic party of the state of Iowa, we the Democrats of Decatur county, Iowa, ask for and demand the resignation of Nick Reed, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Iowa, for the reason that while he is in duty bound under his oath to enforce laws, contrary to law, he has been found guilty of selling intoxicating liquors, in three drug stores which he owns in the city of Ottumwa, Iowa, and a state injunction has been issued restraining him from further sales, as such conduct is prejudicial to the good of the Democratic party, and a man of this character should not hold an office when he has been guilty of acts not compatible with good citizenship.

Resolved, that the Democrats of Decatur county are opposed to being represented on the state committee by Dr. J. W. Reynolds, of Creston, Iowa, for the reason that he acts as a committee member controlled by Nick Reed, and it is for the good of the party that a change be made and a man be selected who will well and truly represent the voters of his district, and that the delegates to the state convention be instructed to vote for some other man than J. W. Reynolds for the office of committee member who will be free to act in the best interests of the Democratic party of Iowa.

The committee to select delegates to the state convention reported the following, with the recommendation that each delegate be allowed to appoint their own alternate in case they were unable to attend:

- Frank Cox, Eden.
O. E. Hull, Leon.
J. C. Conroy, Decatur.
Pete Huddleston, Franklin.
J. M. Howell, New Buda.
G. W. Blair, Fayette.
C. W. Powers, Burrell.
C. W. Hoffman, enter.
J. P. Daughton, Adams.
E. R. Piery, Bloomington.
M. F. Thompson, Long Creek.

The convention then proceeded to fill the vacancies on the county ticket, the first being the office of clerk of the district court, the nominee at the primary, Charles Kelley, having removed from the county and filed his resignation as a candidate. On the informal ballot V. E. Kier, of Richland township, received 94 votes and Heman C. Smith, of Fayette, 82 votes. Mr. Smith announced that he was not and had not been a candidate for this office, and had refused to allow his friends to use his name. He moved that Mr. Kier be nominated by acclamation, which was promptly done.

Ralph A. McGinnis, of Leon, was nominated as attorney at law for county attorney, some votes being cast for Marion Woodard on the informal ballot, but he declined to be a candidate and moved that the nomination of Ralph A. McGinnis be made by acclamation, which suited the convention. McGinnis is now in an officers' training camp at Battle Creek, Michigan, and of course cannot make an active campaign for the office, but will be in the hands of his friends, and the war may be over before he would be called upon to take the office if elected in November.

Dr. F. A. Bowman, of Leon, was nominated for coroner by acclamation, and the convention then adjourned.

Immediately after the democratic convention adjourned the members of the county central committee met and organized, M. F. Springer, of Center township being re-elected as chairman and W. H. Blair, of Lamoni, was elected secretary and treasurer.

Republican Convention.

The republican county convention met at the Idle Hour Theatre Saturday morning, being called to order by county clerk J. A. Malott, and M. A. Gammill and J. S. Parrish were named for secretaries.

On motion a committee of one member from each precinct was named as a member of the committee on credentials, resolutions and permanent organization, the roll call resulting in the following being named on the various committees:

- Credentials: Thos. Allen, Dan Myers, A. G. George, C. M. Cornington, M. L. Naylor, John Barrett, A. N. Carmichael, G. F. Wolever, J. D. McIntosh, E. E. Warrington, John Hawkins, George Smallwood, W. A. Poush, C. F. Wright, J. H. Evans.

Resolutions: J. H. Sisco, J. A. Cash, R. B. Stone, Charles Stanley.

A. Anderson, C. H. Fisher, S. L. Craig, W. S. McCaull, L. L. Aten, Roy Hawkins, Y. B. Vasson, J. R. Bowsher, Ed. H. Sharp, B. L. Eiker. Permanent Organization: C. T. Rhoades, E. A. Havens, J. J. Johnson, H. C. Woodbury, J. E. Vail, B. F. Aten, G. Spencer, W. J. Sullivan, George Farquhar, George Ogilvie. The convention then adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session: On convening at the afternoon session the committee on credentials reported that all precincts were represented except Woodland.

The committee on permanent organization recommended that J. F. Gill, of Garden Grove, be selected as chairman and M. A. Gammill and J. S. Parrish secretaries, and their report was adopted.

The committee on resolutions presented the following which were adopted: The Republicans of Decatur county assembled in convention, as by law provided, embrace the opportunity here afforded to express their unwavering loyalty to the government of the United States of America.

We view with pride that brilliant chapter of our governmental history emblazoned upon the pathway of civilization by the Republican party.

We have faith to believe that the fundamental principles of our government and her institutions are founded upon justice and equality, and that reason are destined to withstand the assaults of autocracy, the storms of war, the financial perils thereto attending, and finally to emancipate the world from the clutches of degraded Emperors and unprincipled Kings.

We believe in the patriotism, loyalty and business ability of the American women and therefore ask that she be allowed the privilege of the ballot on equal terms with men.

The State of Iowa is represented in the United States senate by men whose ability stands second to none and we view with admiration the career of our senior and junior senators A. B. Cummins and W. S. Kenyon.

The Eighth Congressional District has one of the ablest, most alert and faithful men to be found in the lower house of congress and in appreciation of his good work we purpose to return to the next congress our present incumbent Horace M. Townsend.

Iowa's brilliant record in time past to meet every emergency both great and small has been made the brighter by the faithful and business like administration of our peerless Governor W. L. Harding.

We view with satisfaction and pride the patriotism manifested by the soldier boys of Decatur county; the civilian population of our county have displayed their loyalty to the flag, their love of liberty and their undying patriotism by meeting cheerfully every governmental demand that lay within their power, and stand ready to support our government army and our navy, to that one great end that justice, liberty and free government may not perish from our earth, but stand impregnable and eternal.

Whereas, The fifth senatorial district of Iowa is composed of the three counties, Union, Ringgold and Decatur, representing a population of 165,464 and

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Resolved, that a committee of one from each precinct represented was appointed to select delegates to the state convention, the committee consisting of:

- C. T. Rhoades, J. Cash, Art Teale, Ed Smith, C. M. Corrington, Frank Bryant, C. M. Akes, Dan Anderson, Charles Overholser, Claude McGuire, A. B. McClaran, W. S. McCaull, B. F. Aten, N. G. Spencer, Y. B. Vasson, Miles B. Boeger, H. C. Bone, Wilber Howell, W. S. Cash, George Ogilvie.

The committee reported the following as delegates to the state convention, and their selection was approved by the convention:

- Delegates to State Convention: H. B. Murray, Bloomington. W. S. McCaull, Garden Grove. Lewis B. Teale, Fayette. H. L. McClaran, Davis City. W. H. Shields, Leon. C. H. Fisher, Franklin. C. M. Akes, Eden. Ed H. Sharp, Leon. J. A. McIntosh, Leon. B. Hawkins, Franklin. George Smallwood, Morgan.

The convention then proceeded to nominate a candidate for the office of county auditor, George Meek, of Leon, being nominated on the informal ballot, the vote of the various ballots being as follows: Informal Ballot—R. E. Ross 70, Hart Williamson 10, M. A. Gammill 65, Art Teale 7, George Meek 49, Gammill 22, Teale 7, Meek 68. Third Formal Ballot—Ross 15, Gammill 75, Meek 120.

Mr. Meek having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the nominee. On motion the rules were suspended and Dr. H. R. Layton was nominated by acclamation for coroner. The convention then adjourned.

The law requires that immediately after the adjournment of the county convention the members of the county central committee shall meet to elect a chairman and other officials, but on account of the threatening rain the republican committee did not meet.

More Than Million U. S. Soldiers Sent to France.

Washington, D. C., July 2.—American troops sent overseas numbered 1,019,155 on July 1. This was made known tonight by President Wilson, who gave to the public a letter from Secretary Baker disclosing the record of achievement which the president said "must cause universal satisfaction" and which "will give additional zest to our national celebration of the Fourth of July."

The first units—non-combatant—left American shores on May 8, 1917. General Pershing followed twelve days later and at the end of the month 1,718 men had started for the battlefields of France.

June saw the last increase by 12,245 men thereafter khaki clad "crusaders" from the western republic flowed overseas in a steady stream until upwards of 300,000 had departed when the great German thrust began last October. Secretary Wilson's determination to meet Germany's supreme effort with the utmost of America's available man power to assist the desperately resisting French and British armies is sharply reflected in the movement of troops during the last three months. The March sailings of 83,911 were increased in April to 117,212. May saw another 244,345 men embark and last month 276,372 were sent away, making a total for the three months of 637,929.

This Secretary Baker said later, put the troops movement six months ahead of the original program. Substantially thirty divisions are now in France ready to meet whatever the German drive has in preparation. Some of these divisions already have been formed into the first field army under Major General Liggett, others are holding trench sectors at important points along the battle line and still others have been broken up and brigaded with the French and British troops. And so when the German thrust comes, the Americans will be called upon to play no small part in meeting it.

Secretary Baker wrote the president the supplies and equipment in France for the million men who have gone is shown by latest reports to be adequate and added that "the output of our war industries in this country is showing marked improvement and in practically all lines of necessary equipment and supply."

President Wilson's Statement. The president's statement, with the letter from Secretary Baker and his reply, follow:

"I have today received the following letter from the secretary of war which seems to me to contain information to the country that is so satisfactory that I have decided to have it published and will be welcomed and will give additional zest to our national celebration of the Fourth of July."

"War Department, Washington, July 1, 1918. More than one million American soldiers have sailed from the ports in this country to participate in the war in France. In reporting this fact to you, I feel that you will be interested in a few data showing the progress of our overseas military effort."

"The first ship carrying military personnel sailed May 8, 1917, having on board base hospital No. 4 and members of the reserve nurses corps. General Pershing and his staff sailed on May 20, 1917. The embarkations in the months from May 1917, to and including June, 1918, are as follows: '1917—May, 1,718; June, 12,245; July, 108,883; August, 18,323; September, 32,523; October, 38,259; November, 23,016; December, 48,840. '1918—January, 46,776; February, 48,027; March, 83,811; April, 117,212; May, 244,345; June, 276,372."

"Marines, 14,644. 'Aggregating 1,019,155. 'The total number of troops returned from abroad, lost at sea and casualty, is 8,165 and of these, by reason of the highly efficient program which the navy has given our transport system, only 291 have been lost at sea. 'The supplies and equipment in France for all troops sent is, by our latest reports, adequate and the put of our war industries in this country is showing marked improvement in practically all lines of necessary equipment and supply. 'Respectfully yours, 'Newton D. Baker."

"To which I replied: 'The White House, Washington, July 2, 1918.—My dear Mr. Secretary: Your letter of July 1 contains a very significant piece of news and an equally significant report of the forwarding of troops during the past week. It is a record which I think must cause universal satisfaction, because the heart of the country is unquestionably in this war and the people of the United States rejoice to see their progress put faster and faster in the great struggle which is destined to redeem the world. 'Cordially and sincerely yours, 'Woodrow Wilson. 'Hon. Newton D. Baker, 'Secretary of War."

Frowns on Speculation. How long the present rate of transportation will be maintained depends upon developments in France and the length of time the surplus ship tonnage furnished by Great Britain can be employed. Secretary Baker said tonight that he disapproved of speculation as to the future records of the army, but he said he did not desire to have "past performances made the basis of speculations for the future."

As reserves for the million and more men now in France, more than another million are now in training in the United States. It has been officially announced that 3,000,000 American soldiers will be under arms by the end of this month, while information recently furnished to congress by Brig. Gen. R. E. Wood, acting quartermaster general, disclosed that his department is planning to clothe 4,000,000 men on next Jan. 1.

General Crowder recently told the senate military committee that class I registrants will be exhausted by the first of the year and he added the significant statement that "everybody expected heavy calls to be made during the first six months of next year."

In discussing the heavy movement of troops in the last few months, Mr. Baker said it was worthy of mention "that the month in which German submarines were operating off our coast was the month in which we made the record number of shipments."

In the same connection, it was recalled that not a single American transport carrying troops to Europe, had been sunk by Germany's sea wolves, the only two destroyed having been attacked when returning home without the protection of American destroyers and other craft. Two vessels carrying American soldiers have been torpedoed and a

turning to this country without convoy.

Secretary Baker's letter reveals for the first time the number of marines sent to France. They form only about half of a division, but they have been giving a splendid account of themselves since they helped to stem the German thrust for Paris and reports today from France showed that they again had battered through the German trenches and then resisted furious counter assaults.

June Birth Record.

The following are the births recorded with clerk of the District Court Ira B. Officer during the month of June:

Wilbur Lee Allen, girl, May 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Leland Allen, Lamoni. Clair Cain Biddison, boy, June 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Biddison, Center township. Virginia Bridges, girl, May 30, to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bridges, Leon. Daniel Morris Brammer, boy, May 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Frank Brammer, Richland township. Phyllis Marie Beavers, girl, June 12, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Beavers, Leon. Garet Scott Benedict, boy, June 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Opal Benedict, Bloomington township. Aulara Zerata Cunningham, girl, May 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, Richland township. Mrs. Arthur Cave, Decatur township.

Hazel Elizabeth Cole, girl, June 2, to Mr. and Mrs. William Ephraim Cole, Franklin township. Hazel Laverne Frost, girl, May 13, to Opal May Frost, Richland township. Shirley Ruth Gardner, girl, May 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gardner, Leon. Noel D. Goin, boy, June 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Oscar Goin, High Point township. Jack Leslie Hatcher, boy, May 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hatcher, New Buda township. Mabel Elizabeth Hacker, girl, May 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Keith Hacker, Franklin township. Morris Duane Karns, boy, May 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Richard Karns, Woodland township. Mrs. John Howard Machlan, Franklin township. Irene Overton, girl, May 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Overton, Pleasanton. Ferril Glendoris Perkins, girl, April 25, to Mr. and Mrs. John Harlow Perkins, Woodland township. Orlo Gerald Ross, boy, June 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis Ross, Garden Grove township. Edwin Cahall Seitz, boy, May 6, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Edwin Seitz, Garden Grove township. Mrs. James J. Smith, Long Creek township. Mrs. C. S. Turpin, Bloomington township. Raymond Vaughn, boy, June 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Alonzo Vaughn, Woodland township. Mrs. Francis M. Varga, Leon. Darl Kenneth Warrick, boy, April 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robert Warrick, Richland township. Mrs. Geo. H. Woodard, Decatur township. Anita Mardell Wilson, girl, June 13, to Marie Ellen Wilson, Leon.

Red Cross Notes. The inspection committee wishes to call attention of knitters to the following instructions from American Red Cross Department of Development, Washington, D. C.: The count of the variation in size of needles and yarn in the following dimensions are given: A sweater should measure: Neck (when stretched) 1 1/2-12 1/2 inches. Across chest (not stretched) 17-20 inches. The finished sock should measure: Foot—Length, 1 1/2 inches but 10 1/2 to 12 1/2 is acceptable. Leg—Length 8 inches, circumference eight inches. Top of leg—Circumference unstretched 6 inches, stretched 13 1/2. The finished socks loosely together at top of leg in such a way that the hand can be inserted for inspection. Below are directions for joining the Kitchener toe: When the toe is narrowed to 24 stitches divide on two needles, 12 stitches on front needle, 12 on heel needle, with yarn at right of heel needle, holding front needle toward you. Break off yarn (leaving 12 inches length), and thread into under knitting needles, and at left of darning needle. Pass darning needle through 1st stitch of front knitting needle as if knitting and slip stitch off knitting needle. Pass through 2nd stitch as if purling and leave stitch on knitting needle. Pass through 1st stitch of back needle as if purling and slip stitch off needle. Pass through 2nd stitch of back needle as if knitting and leave stitch on knitting needle. Repeat from \* until all stitches are off needle. In order to avoid ridge across toe fasten yarn down the side.

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Misses Helen Lockwood and Ramona Parr were visiting friends in our town Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lantz and daughters Fern and Mrs. Clyde Johnson, and Mrs. Gary Saylor and family attended the street carnival at Osceola Tuesday evening. The monthly C. W. B. M. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Price Saturday. Mrs. John Ross, of Des Moines, came Friday to make a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Anna Price and other relatives. A number from our town attended the ball game at Osceola Sunday. Miss Naomi Brown, who has been visiting a few days with her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Walker and family, left for her home in Grand River Wednesday. Mike Webb, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. George Webb, was able to be brought home from the Weldon hospital Saturday. He is improving as rapidly as could be expected. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Prather and son Dean left Wednesday morning for a few days visit in Des Moines. John Hawkins was transacting business in Osceola Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Frey, daughter Golda, Misses Callie Johnson and Rosa Smith and M. H. Frey were Osceola visitors Thursday. Mrs. Della Easter, who has been visiting her sister in Des Moines, came Thursday afternoon for a visit at the home of Mrs. Fannie Easter and family. Mrs. Lydia Gould and daughter Mrs. Everett Fry, returned home Thursday from a visit with James Gould who is in the training camp at Camp Dodge. Evergreen. The corn and small grains about here are the very best in the memory of the oldest citizens. Quite a few Evergreenites are planning to spend the Fourth at Woodmansee Grove. Wm. Hollen was a Davis City visitor last Sunday evening and family of Clarence Martin and family of Bloomington visited at his brother-in-law's Emmet Coffelt Sunday. The Oriole Club gave a very successful ice cream supper at the home of Clarence Youngs last Thursday evening. Proceeds were \$12 after expenses were paid. Fred Cousins was the speaker at Evergreen chapel Sunday evening. Mrs. M. B. Nicholson visited at Mrs. L. N. Jamison's Thursday and organized the Red Cross chapter at the school house in the afternoon. Mrs. L. N. Jamison and sons have marketed their corn, millet and wool the past week, keeping several trucks busy. Otto Davis is on the sick list. According to late figures, the debts of the principal warring countries are: Great Britain \$27,636,000,000; France \$22,227,000,000; Italy \$6,676,000,000; Germany \$25,498,000,000; Austria-Hungary \$19,018,000,000; United States \$3,006,000,000. The \$8,000,000,000 owed by the United States does not include the third Liberty Loan. According to Dr. Newall Dwight Hills, there are 100,000 German-Americans in this country with commissions from the Kaiser, who think that Germany will win and who have definite instructions what to do when the time comes and when the word is given. All the public swimming pools some of the public baths in Los Angeles are being used for communal swimming. The water is treated with disinfecting appliances, they are adaptable. The statement is made that there are now 1,000 college presidents and instructors at least 646,000.

WE SAVE FOOD HERE FOR OUR SOLDIERS OVER THERE

By LORD NORTHCLIFFE

The real reason why we are taking all these food-control precautions in Great Britain is not to protect the civil population at all, but to see that the allied armies at the front get their full rations. I can imagine no greater selfishness on the part of a democracy than to eat its fill while it is allowing its soldiers in that dreary land in which they have been for three years to go short. The very work of a soldier demands that he should be the best-fed man in the world.

And not only have we to protect the food of the soldier. You are all aware that since the beginning of the war the ships of the British navy and those attached to it have increased tenfold. Sometimes we only think of the navy in terms of battleships, destroyers and submarines. Added to these are thousands of small craft, trawlers, drifters, observation ships, and on every one of these, summer and winter—and do not forget that we have a very severe winter in the North sea and North Atlantic—are men who must have their daily full ration to carry

out their work with greatest efficiency. Quite apart from our navy, which has prevented any German ship from appearing on the ocean for the last 18 months, are the men in the air. Can you conceive a man going through that hellish life, 18,000 feet up, clothed in electrically heated clothes and supplied with oxygen to enable him to breathe—can you imagine him doing that on half rations? Can you imagine the boys in the trenches surviving a week if we had to cut down their pork and beans and the various things they have to eat? And can you imagine the men and women working in the factories and mines, here and in Great Britain, going short? These are some of the reasons to which we in Great Britain attach such enormous importance in the control of the food of the people.

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FACTS ABOUT CAMP DODGE.

Soldiers Like the Y. M. C. A. Des Moines, Iowa, June 27, 1918. In May we had 31,000 educational classes with 53,948 in attendance. 294 musical and dramatic entertainments with attendance of 38,671 men, 89 movie shows with attendance of 31,130 men and 343 religious meetings with 40,969 men in attendance. Altogether 278,225 men used the buildings during the month and over 480,000 letters were written. There were 6,845 books circulated and over \$40,000 worth of money orders were sold. Approximately 84,665 men took part in athletic events promoted by the Red Triangle Association. Fred M. Hansen, Head Secretary.

Y. W. C. A. Service Army.

The following is a partial report on work done at the Hostess House in Camp Dodge under the direction of Miss Adele Style, Y. W. C. A., Camp Director. In the three months the Hostess House at Camp Dodge has served through its cafeteria 41,071 meals. This means that many a family had a reunion with their soldier, and a family meal together. The few emergency guest rooms, which are held at the quiet rest room, hospital have taken care of 985 women all away from their homes for the one purpose; to see the man who was sick. On request of chaplains, wedding ceremonies have taken place in the Hostess House. It is just as probable that while one member of the staff is preparing for a wedding, another is seeing a mother through the arrangements necessary after her boy has died.

It is easy to locate a soldier for his folks when they come they simply ask at the information desk and the secretaries there "do the rest." Camp headquarters are always eager to co-operate. The tired woman, after a long journey, goes to the quiet rest room, where she may sleep pending the arrival of her soldier at the house; the sick one may use the emergency sick room, which has been equipped completely by the M. F. Club of "Women in Quincy, Illinois. Little babies are put into the blue and white nursery with its cribs and playthings, which room has been equipped by the Delphians of Des Moines. Besides all this, is the homeliest kind of a big lobby, with writing desks and stationery available. Miss Adele Style, Y. W. C. A. Camp Director.

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Misses Helen Lockwood and Ramona Parr were visiting friends in our town Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lantz and daughters Fern and Mrs. Clyde Johnson, and Mrs. Gary Saylor and family attended the street carnival at Osceola Tuesday evening. The monthly C. W. B. M. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Price Saturday. Mrs. John Ross, of Des Moines, came Friday to make a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Anna Price and other relatives. A number from our town attended the ball game at Osceola Sunday. Miss Naomi Brown, who has been visiting a few days with her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Walker and family, left for her home in Grand River Wednesday. Mike Webb, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. George Webb, was able to be brought home from the Weldon hospital Saturday. He is improving as rapidly as could be expected. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Prather and son Dean left Wednesday morning for a few days visit in Des Moines. John Hawkins was transacting business in Osceola Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Frey, daughter Golda, Misses Callie Johnson and Rosa Smith and M. H. Frey were Osceola visitors Thursday. Mrs. Della Easter, who has been visiting her sister in Des Moines, came Thursday afternoon for a visit at the home of Mrs. Fannie Easter and family. Mrs. Lydia Gould and daughter Mrs. Everett Fry, returned home Thursday from a visit with James Gould who is in the training camp at Camp Dodge. Evergreen. The corn and small grains about here are the very best in the memory of the oldest citizens. Quite a few Evergreenites are planning to spend the Fourth at Woodmansee Grove. Wm. Hollen was a Davis City visitor last Sunday evening and family of Clarence Martin and family of Bloomington visited at his brother-in-law's Emmet Coffelt Sunday. The Oriole Club gave a very successful ice cream supper at the home of Clarence Youngs last Thursday evening. Proceeds were \$12 after expenses were paid. Fred Cousins was the speaker at Evergreen chapel Sunday evening. Mrs. M. B. Nicholson visited at Mrs. L. N. Jamison's Thursday and organized the Red Cross chapter at the school house in the afternoon. Mrs. L. N. Jamison and sons have marketed their corn, millet and wool the past week, keeping several trucks busy. Otto Davis is on the sick list. According to late figures, the debts of the principal warring countries are: Great Britain \$27,636,000,000; France \$22,227,000,000; Italy \$6,676,000,000; Germany \$25,498,000,000; Austria-Hungary \$19,018,000,000; United States \$3,006,000,000. The \$8,000,000,000 owed by the United States does not include the third Liberty Loan. According to Dr. Newall Dwight Hills, there are 100,000 German-Americans in this country with commissions from the Kaiser, who think that Germany will win and who have definite instructions what to do when the time comes and when the word is given. All the public swimming pools some of the public baths in Los Angeles are being used for communal swimming. The water is treated with disinfecting appliances, they are adaptable. The statement is made that there are now 1,000 college presidents and instructors at least 646,000.

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