

DEMOCRATS HOLD MASS CONVENTION

Select Ten Delegates to Attend the
State Conference at St. Paul,
March 27th.

The faithful followers of Jefferson held a county mass convention at Argyle yesterday to select ten delegates to attend the Democratic state conference to be held at St. Paul on March 27th.

Hans Urtes, of Warren, the county chairman, called the convention to order in a neat speech wherein he set forth those principles of true democracy which have been evolved thru centuries of struggle against autocratic power, principles which must not be lost sight of in present day politics if human liberty and a democratic form of government are to prevail. A. J. Lovestrom, of Stephen, served as secretary.

The following delegates were selected to the state conference: Julius J. Olson, N. O. Stadium, Aug. A. Johnson and Hans Urtes, of Warren; A. J. Lovestrom, James Whalen and James J. Sinclair, of Stephen; John Sinclair, Nels Malm and A. E. Piffner, of Argyle.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted:

The Democratic Party of Marshall County, Minnesota, in convention assembled, mindful of the great crisis now confronting the Republic, and desiring to make known its approval and endorsement of the achievements of our Government in meeting the struggle imposed upon us.

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

We reaffirm our allegiance to the Great Republic in this world-wide struggle to "make the world safe for democracy."

We endorse and heartily approve the splendid efforts of our Government, both state and nation, in preparing the People as a Nation for the struggle in which we are now engaged. We pledge our unyielding support to our Nation so that "Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

In this hour of National peril, partisan questions should be wholly discarded. The great issue at the coming election is going to be Loyalty against disloyalty. American ideals against Prussian brutality.

We should strive to unite all loyal citizens against the forces of disloyalty. Party labels should be forgotten.

LET AMERICANISM BE THE WATCHWORD!

Aug. A. Johnson, of Warren, was chosen county chairman for the ensuing year.

HAVE YOU FILED YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN?

If you are an unmarried person and had a net income of \$1,000 or over for the year 1917, you must make a return.

If you are a married person, living with your wife or husband on December 31, 1917, and had a net income of \$2,000 or over, you must make a return.

You come under the classification of "an unmarried person" if you were not married December 31, 1917, or not living with your husband or wife on that date. A widow or widower is classified as an unmarried person. While an unmarried person may be the head of a family and entitled to the \$2,000 specific exemption, it will, however, be necessary to file a return of his or her net income, if the same amounts to \$1,000 per year or over, although there would be no tax due.

All returns are due in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, St. Paul, Minn., on or before April 1, 1918. The law provides severe penalties for failure to file returns on or before that date. You may procure proper blanks by making application to your banker, or by writing E. J. Lynch, Collector of Internal Revenue, St. Paul, Minn. If you are in doubt as to whether or not you should make a return, consult your banker, or take the matter up direct with the Collector.

Remember—that your Government asks you to file a return on or before April 1. After that date the Government will compel you to make a return. In a short time deputies will start canvassing the state to ascertain who should have made a return and failed to do so. If you are a slacker, do not complain when the severe penalties provided by law are inflicted.

A RECOMMENDATION FOR OUR NEW COUNTY AGENT.

In a letter to the Sheaf enclosing his subscription, Mr. C. E. Sommers, of Finley, N. D., writes as follows:

"Snow all gone here and if weather continues nice farmers will start in fields next week. We saw in the last issue of the Sheaf that Mr. John Huseby, who has for some time been County Agent of Steele county, N. D., has accepted the position as County Agent of Marshall county. Mr. Huseby is a very pleasant gentleman to meet and the people of Marshall county can indeed consider themselves fortunate in securing a man so well qualified for County Agent as is Mr. Huseby."

He Was No Good.

A drafted Roseau county man put in a claim for exemption on account of being the head of a family dependent on him for support. He was ordered to bring a letter from his wife showing the facts. Here is what she wrote:

"Dear United States Army—My husband ask me to write you a reckoned that he supports his family. He can't read, so don't tell him, just take him he ain't done nothin but drink lemmon essence and play a fiddle since I married him eight years ago, and I got to feed seven of hisn kids. Maybe you can get him to carry a gun, he's good at squirrels and eating. Take him and welcome. I need his grub and bed for the kids. Don't tell him this but take him."

BOXVILLE CLUB HOLDS INTERESTING DEBATE

Our last club meeting was a decided success. We had an excellent attendance as well as a fine program. This program opened with a song: "Keep the Home Fire's Burning." A short account of the death of Miss Lena Guilbert Ford, who wrote the song, was read by Vera Peterson, after which Theodore Prillwitz gave a recitation.

The debate on the subject, "Resolved that sheep raising is more profitable to the farmers of this vicinity than hog raising," was full of life and vim from start to finish. This proved to be an excellent topic for debate as the competitors were able to draw a great many strong arguments from their own experiences. Messrs. Hilleboe and Elmer Johnson were on the affirmative, and Messrs. G. F. Peterson and Knutson on the negative. The affirmative were firmly convinced that sheep raising was the only profitable business and that hog raising meant bankruptcy, and the negative visa versa. To relieve the restless impatience of waiting for the judges decision, five of the school girls gave "The Star Spangled Banner," in pantomime, after which we received the announcement that the judges had decided two to one in favor of the negative.

We wish our club members to know that we now have adorning the walls of the club room, not only a large American flag but a service flag containing three stars, over which we are justly proud. The stars represent Edwin Iverson, Gilbert Willy and Theodore Hilleboe, who at present are located at different camps throughout the United States. We might mention that these flags were won as prizes in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross contests. Just now Boxville is busy selling Thrift and War Savings Stamps and we hope our club members will be just as eager to support Uncle Sam in this move as they have been in all others.

If you failed to be present at our last meeting, your friends will tell you what you missed. Be sure and be there next time, Friday evening, April 5th.

ALMA CLUB MEETING.

The Alma Farmers Club held a meeting last Thursday evening. There was a good program and a large crowd. Many songs were sung by Miss Selma Johnson and her sister Esther, and by Mrs. Helmer Johnson and her brothers Oscar and Eddie Gustavson. The next meeting will have a debate on the question: Resolved that woman suffrage should be in effect. The leaders are Oscar Nelson on the affirmative side and Miss Conloux on the negative. The meeting will be held March 28th.

Vega Club Meets Friday.

The Vega Farmers Club meets Friday evening, March 22nd.

Joachim Reese is Dead.

Joachim Reese, another pioneer of Marshall county, died at his home in this city on Monday, March 18, 1918, at 8 o'clock p. m., aged 75 years. Death was caused by old age.

Mr. Reese was born in Hannover, Germany, Feb. 24, 1843. He came to America many years ago and has been a resident of Marshall county since 1881. He was engaged in farming in town of Bloomer for a number of years. During many years now he has made his home in Warren. His wife died in 1897. Mr. Reese was a good, honest, industrious man, and an excellent citizen. He belonged to the Lutheran faith.

Deceased is mourned by his sons Henry Reese and John Bellman, his daughter Mrs. K. Juers, grand child Caroline Reese, besides many other relatives and friends.

The funeral will be held on Thursday this week at 10 o'clock, from the Synod church. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Argyle, where other members of the family are buried.

JUNIOR SHORT COURSE AT CROOKSTON SCHOOL

C. G. Selvig, superintendent of the Northwest Agricultural School at Crookston, announces the junior short course which will be held the week of April 1st. This corresponds to boys' and girls' week at the University Farm, St. Paul. A similar course will be held at the West Central School at Morris the same week.

Read the Sheaf's Market Day offer on page sixteen.

MARKET DAYS AND COMBINATION SALE

Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30
Will Be Big Business Days in
Warren.

W. H. Dixon's sixteenth annual spring combination sale will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, March 29th and 30th and it promises to be even more successful than any preceding event of the kind. On Friday cows, hogs, poultry and other stock, farm machinery, furniture and other articles will be sold. The sale of second hand goods and used machinery promises to be unusually large this year. Saturday has been designated horse day and a large number of good farm horses will be disposed of on that day.

As usual, the Warren business men will make special prices on both days and opportunities for making the dollar go a little further will be made. The advertisements in the Sheaf next week will tell where purchasers will be able to get the most for their money and we ask our readers to study the ads carefully so that they will know where to go and what to buy when they come to town. These Market Days coming just before Easter will undoubtedly make record-breaking business for the Warren merchants on those days.

ROAD ENGINEER LIND TRANS- FERRED TO RED LAKE CO.

Oswald Lind, who for a number of years has served this county very ably and efficiently as County Road Engineer has been transferred by the State Highway Commission to Red Lake county, where he will have charge of the road work this year. Much valuable road construction work has been done in our county during Mr. Lind's supervision of the same, and he has amply demonstrated his ability as a road maker. Mr. Lind stands well with the State Highway Commission and is said to be one of the most competent engineers in their employ.

Mr. and Mrs. Lind left yesterday for Red Lake Falls, where they will now have their home. Their many Warren friends wish them success and hope that some day they may again take up their abode in this city.

LUTHERAN DRIVE REPORT

Lutherans of Marshall County, Have Subscribed \$3,071.07 to the
Fund For the Soldiers and Sailors Welfare.

The following is a statement of the subscriptions received to date from the big "Lutheran Drive" for the soldiers and sailors welfare:

Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Warren	\$ 401.00
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Holt	212.25
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Viking	42.00
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, New Solum	24.75
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Middle River	187.00
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Alvarado	38.50
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Germantown	19.00
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Argyle	125.00
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Big Woods	144.17
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Halvor	29.50
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Oslo	138.50
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Strandquist	105.75
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Fork	34.00
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, McCrea	21.00
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, Bethel, Argyle	37.00
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, East Valley	45.00
Nor. Luth. Church of North America, West Valley	50.00
Nor. Luth. Free Church, Stephen	178.00
Nor. Luth. Free Church, Agder	12.50
Nor. Luth. Free Church, Rosewood	18.00
Nor. Luth. Free Church, Newfolden	277.00
Nor. Luth. Free Church, Espelie	13.75
Swedish Lutheran Church, Warren	376.00
Swedish Lutheran Church, Bloomwood	120.00
Swedish Lutheran Church, Vega	119.00
Swedish Lutheran Church, Alvarado	43.50
Swedish Lutheran Church, Elim, Alvarado	39.00
Swedish Lutheran Church, Eldahl	14.50
Swedish Lutheran Church, Englund	70.00
Synodical Conference, Holt	5.00
Norwegian Lutheran Free Church, Holt	39.40
German Lutheran Churches of Warren, Tabor and Radium	86.00

Total to date \$3,071.07

The names of the pastors representing the above named congregations are as follows: Rev. M. B. Ordahl, Holt; Rev. Gilseth, Newfolden; Rev. James R. Gronseth, Stephen; Rev. Geo. Larson, Thief River Falls; Rev. Albin Larson, Thief River Falls; Rev. H. Bjornson, Germantown; Rev. Hoaglund, Oslo; Rev. N. J. Lohre, Grand Forks; Rev. A. O. Neseth, Middle River; Rev. M. Hauser, Warren; Rev. Sabo, Rev. A. N. Skogerboe, Thief River Falls; Rev. C. G. Gronberg, Englund, Rev. J. W. Lundgren, Alvarado.

Speaking of the campaign, S. H. Halstad, state manager, says: "This is the first time that all the Lutherans of the country, regardless of nationality, have co-operated in any movement and it marks an epoch in their history in the United States."

Minnesota is at the head of the column of states with a total of over a quarter million.

In behalf of the National Lutheran Commission, I thank the men and women of this county who put their heart into the "drive". The Lord has greatly blessed us.

ANDREW GRINDELAND,
Chairman of Marshall County.

SEEDING ALREADY STARTED HERE

Earliest Seeding in History of Red
River Valley.—Town of Bristlet
in the Lead.

Jack Edgar, of town of Bristlet, will have seventy acres of wheat seeded by this evening. As far as we know this is the earliest seeding that has ever been done in this vicinity and everybody will be interested in how the crop will turn out.

We hear also that some seeding has been done by farmers near Stephen and Argyle. A great deal of dragging has been done. As last fall was a dry one and very little snow has fallen during the winter and nearly all of that had blown off the fields, the ground was in good condition as soon as the weather moderated. And for more than a week past the weather has been mild and spring like.

THE CITY ELECTION

The city election yesterday passed off very quietly, the only ripple of excitement being the contest that was launched for electric light and water commissioner. At the last moment Andrew Larson had filed for that office by petition in opposition to C. E. Lundquist, who has held it the past few years. Contrary to expectation Mr. Larson won out by 137 votes to 61 for Mr. Lundquist. All the other caucus candidates were elected without opposition.

The city government for the next two years will be as follows:

Mayor—R. B. Taralseth.
Aldermen—Fred Johnson, Rasmus Hage, L. Lamberson.

Recorder—J. R. Naeseth.

Justices of the Peace—W. O. Braggans, A. P. McIntyre.

Electric Light Commissioner for six years—Andrew Larson.

H. M. Swanson and A. B. Nelson are members of the electric light commission holding over.

Postmaster C. A. Tullar has received information from the State War Savings committee that a short moving picture film showing the advantages of purchasing War Savings and Thrift stamps would be shown at the Strand Theatre soon.

Make Record Auto Drive.

What is considered a record auto drive for this season of the year was made by Mr. Alfred Brown and son Elmer, of Sheandoth, Iowa, driving from that place to Warren. They encountered much snow, especially in the southern part of the state and some difficulty was experienced in getting through. The roads in the Red River Valley were good, however. They arrived here on Friday, about a week's time being required to make the trip. This is faster than the freight service between the two points, as a carload of goods shipped before their departure had not yet arrived. Mr. Brown owns a farm north of Warren which will be operated this year by his son Elmer.

DR. A. T. EKBLAD GAVE PATRIOTIC LECTURE

Dr. A. T. Ekblad, of Superior, Wis., gave an excellent address on patriotism and the duties of good citizens in the great struggle at the high school gymnasium on Monday evening. Dr. Ekblad is a very able speaker and his talk was earnest and convincing. He spoke in the highest terms of loyalty and impressed upon the audience that it was a duty as well as a privilege to help Uncle Sam thru conserving food and raising more food; by contributing to the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Lutheran Drive, the Knights of Columbus, and other war relief work; and also by investing in Thrift Stamps and Liberty Loan bonds and pay the increased war taxes cheerfully.

"The American people would be glad and willing, if need be," he said, "to eat Johnny cake and sorghum that the boys in the trenches, who make the supreme sacrifice and fight for our liberty and freedom, may have white bread and bacon."

NEW COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER

J. A. Lindsey, of Minneapolis, has been appointed as County Road Engineer for Marshall county to succeed Oswald Lind. He was recommended by the State Highway Commission and is said to possess all the necessary qualifications. Mr. Lindsey has arrived and has already entered upon his duties.

Mr. Charles A. Forbes, the division engineer, who has had general supervision of the road work in the northern counties of the state, has been transferred to the cities. He is succeeded by R. K. Biller, of Bemidji, Minn.

Mr. Forbes has always proved himself a good friend of northern Minnesota and has assisted very materially in securing needed appropriations for road construction in this part of the state. He will be long remembered by many friends in these northern counties.

A Pioneer Passes.

Louis Nygren, a well known and highly respected early settler of town of Alma, died at 11 p. m. on Saturday, March 16, 1918, after an illness of ten days from pneumonia, aged 50 years, 6 months and 21 days.

Deceased was born in Sweden and came to America and to Marshall county as a young man about 30 years ago. He was married in July, 1890, to Miss Emma Olson, the wife who survives him and now together with seven children mourn the death of a good and loving husband and father.

Mr. Nygren was a good useful citizen, a successful farmer, and an honest and upright man. He was respected and esteemed by everybody in the neighborhood, and will be missed by young and old alike. Besides the immediate family, many relatives and friends also mourn the good man's death.

The funeral was held on Tuesday and was conducted by Rev. W. Drott of Viking. A brief service was held at the home and then the remains were brought to the Baptist church where the regular funeral service was held. Many old settlers were present to pay their last respects to their departed neighbor and friend, who after all the trials and troubles of this life had found his eternal peace and rest.

The community extends most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and to all others who mourn his demise.

Bright Little Girl is Dead.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Anderson in this city was saddened on Sunday evening last when the angel of death entered and took away their youngest child, Hazel, a dear little girl, who was taken sick with croup in the morning of that same day. Hazel lacked only a few days in being seven years old when called to the heavenly home. She was a bright little girl and was greatly beloved by her teacher and schoolmates. Being the youngest in the family she was also the pet of the household. Her parents and eleven brothers and sisters mourn her death. Her brothers Herman and Norman, arrived from Camp Dodge this morning to attend the funeral, and her sisters Esther, Ruth and Celia came from Minneapolis for the same purpose.

The funeral was held from the home on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. K. Winberg officiating. Many beautiful flowers were contributed by the school and by friends. To the bereaved family the community extends sincere sympathy.

NONPARTISAN STATE TICKET

C. A. Lindbergh, Former Congressman
From Minnesota, is Nominated as
Candidate for Governor.

The Nonpartisan League held their state convention in St. Paul on Tuesday this week, when a platform was adopted and a full ticket placed in the field. The candidates are as follows:

For governor, C. A. Lindbergh, Little Falls.

For lieutenant governor, R. E. Crane, Grand Meadow.

For attorney general, Victor L. Power, Hibbing.

For state auditor, S. O. Tjsovd, Granite Falls.

For secretary of state, Henry Holmes, Big Lake.

For state treasurer, T. J. Mieghe, Preston.

For railroad and warehouse commissioner, F. A. Tillquist, St. Paul.

The delegates adopted a platform which pledges loyalty to the government in its war program; declares for public ownership to keep up "the splendid effort to increase production," and for support of Liberty loans and other war activities, and deplores the attitude of Governor Burnquist "in attempting to array class against class by raising the issue of loyalty against the organization of the farmers and organized workmen."

"Despite the slander, we dedicate ourselves to emancipate the state from political and industrial control of big business," said the platform.

Legislative Aims Outlined.

The portion of the platform outlining the legislative program recommended: Exemption of farm improvements from taxes.

Tonnage tax on ore.

State owned terminal elevators, warehouses, packing houses and cold storage plants.

State mail insurance.

More equitable system of grain grading.

State owned public utilities.

More equitable taxation of large corporations.

State owned pulp and paper mills and selling print paper at cost.

Soldiers' moratorium to relieve soldiers from debts until six months after the war.

For the benefit of labor the platform recommended:

State life, accident and old age insurance.

Full recognition of the eight hour day except for agricultural workers.

Increase of taxes on large incomes and excess profits.

Taking over of all munition plants by the government and of all other plants where capital and labor cannot settle their disputes.

EVANGELIST NELSON COMING TO WARREN

Evangelist Eugene Nelson will come to Warren on Tuesday, March 26th, to hold a series of evangelistic meetings at the Scandinavian M. E. church. Rev. Nelson was here last year and is well known. All are welcome to these services.

MAILS TO THE SOLDIERS IN FRANCE BURDENED WITH UNNECESSARY ARTICLES.

Unless the mail to our soldiers in France is greatly curtailed, cutting out all unnecessary articles, the privilege may be abolished. Recently a Government transport reached France carrying to the soldiers at the front 715,980 letters and 335,840 pieces of parcel post and newspapers. The letters weighed 8½ tons and the parcels and papers in excess of 113 tons. The space occupied on the transport was in excess of 12,000 cubic feet. This means a slice of the ships cargo space 100 feet long, 10 feet high and 12 feet wide. The letters required 346 sacks and the other mail 7,452 sacks. When these letters were unloaded at a French port, the letters filled one car and the parcels and papers took a train of 19 cars. When mails were light it took but one or two days to reach the soldiers, now it takes from six to eight days.

A 12 hour search of the mails in Chicago and New York for inflammables and explosives revealed the following prohibited articles: 1,642 boxes of matches, 361 cans of solidified alcohol, 224 cigar lighters (all of these of the greatest menace to the ship's safety), 1,248 cakes, 3,818 packages of candy, 1,332 bars of chocolate, besides countless scores of useful as well as useless articles, including a bouquet of artificial flowers, a baby outfit and a bottle of whisky.

It is worse than silly to send fruits, as they become bruised and decayed in the damp hold of the ship, besides fruits are obtained from Italy in sufficient quantity and are on sale at the post canteens. Seventeen varieties of cakes and cookies and chewing gum are sold at the canteens. Why burden our ships when 99 per cent of all that is sent can be obtained, and at American prices, and in a fresh condition, right at the front?—C. A. Tullar, Postmaster.