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STATE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

We are urging all members to get the 1918 dues to their district secretaries as soon as possible. You should have had a notice of the amount necessary to square you up for State, National and District dues. In case you have been missed send in the \$7.00 at once to your secretary.

Relative to the National Journal we have the following ruling, from the National secretary: "The postoffice authorities will not permit us to send but three sample copies. Undoubtedly, therefore The Journal will be discontinued with the March issue to those not paying 1918 dues."

To avoid a break in your file of Journals

GET IN NOW FOR 1918.

H. E. KING, Secretary.

GET THIS

Dentists have already rendered a very valuable service in performing 136,000 Free Dental Operations—furnishing the material free, for men now in service.

Since the United States entered the war, Dentistry has received additional recognition of the place it occupies among the great professions. Dentists now stand side by side with Medical men and Lawyers who are giving many hours of the day free to the Selective Service men.

A law was passed in Washington, October 6th, and signed by the President, giving Dentists in the Army and Navy equal rank, pay, promotion, and allowances of Officers of corresponding grades in the Medical Corps. Same exemption of Dental students as Medical students. Governors have appointed dentists to serve on the Medical Advisory Boards and Exemption Boards to pass on dental questions.

The following is taken from the circular letter recently issued by W. A. Heckard, first lieutenant, D. R. C., U. S. A. Reflect what it represents to the dental profession and the world. It all did not come thru silent, indifferent, selfish, ungenerous, uncharitable or lazy dentists. It came about by the efforts of men who gave of their time and ability—years of it. It came about after hard work, discouragements, sacrifice and devotion to our profession. It means much to be placed on the same plane as our medical profession; recognized by our government as a kindred aid to mankind in making him better in health.

Soon another drive is to be made for free dental work for called drafted men, for the men who must face the foe, shot and shell. He will take his hard training and will be placed AT THE FRONT, where some sons of mothers go and never return. There they work and try to rest; there they use every human faculty they own; there they do their bit with their lives. What of the sleepless nights, the wet and cold, the unexpected and the chance? Shall WE add to this the pain of diseased teeth? Shall we be indifferent, silent, selfish, ungenerous, uncharitable or lazy? Hundreds of Nebraska dentists have already said NO. Several hundred real dental operations have been done by men who came across with a bang by doing the work for these men who face war and do real battle. Soon another draft is to be made. So far as diseased teeth are concerned, let the dentists of this state continue to give the aid to men which will eliminate that much chance of pain from the soldiers. Toothache when it is time to sleep and he has the chance to sleep, toothache when he tries to eat, toothache when he goes to fight—you know what it means—it's up to you and me. ARE YOU THERE?

S. A. ALLEN,
State Director for Nebraska.

THE HOSPITAL FUND

Through the whole hearted response of the dentists of Nebraska, Base Hospital Unit No. 49 will soon have its dental department equipped with all the instruments and supplies required by the government. It requires about \$75,000 to completely equip this unit in all its departments. This means a hospital of over 500 beds, requiring 280 people to take care of the sick and wounded men. Twenty-five thousand dollars of this money must be raised by the officers of the unit under the direction of the Nebraska Red Cross Society, and when all the many requirements have been met, the government will order an inspection. If they pass, the unit will be ready for orders from the Surgeon General's office and will undoubtedly see service in the near future.

Major A. C. Stokes is director. Major C. A. Hull is in charge of surgery. Major E. L. Bridges has the department of medicine. The dental department is in charge of Lieutenants Fred Webster and Geo. M. Butler, who will have two or more assistants. Complete outfits for the practice of all branches of dentistry, including surgery, will be necessary. The estimated expense of this department for equipment and supplies, over and above what will be furnished by the government, will be \$1,000. These men will be permitted to use this fund for this purpose without reserve. It will be a source of great pleasure to them to know their colleagues are behind them with this magnificent support. (Doctor King reports \$800 in the fund at the time of going to press, and there are quite a number who are still to be heard from.) We will await with keen interest the reports these men will send us and feel proud of the fact that we helped them to be able to do something to relieve the suffering of our men over there.

The list of subscribers to the fund will be published in the next number of the Journal, together with a more accurate accounting of the expenditures. The money will be turned over to the Red Cross Society and held in trust for our men to be drawn on as needed for the purpose outlined above.

E. H. BRUENING.

OUR MEETING

Your executive committee is sparing no effort to make the coming state meeting one of the biggest and most profitable in the history of our society.

Our one big idea has been, is, and will be to have every lecture, every demonstration and clinic so intensely practical and useful, that every man there can grasp it and take it home with him and put it at once into everyday use.

We are not getting a single man on his reputation alone. We are going and looking him over to see that they have the goods before they can appear on our program. The day for extremists, faddists and hobby-riders is past, and if your executive committee knows them when they see them you can go to this meeting and be assured they will not be there.

The human mind is prone to extremes. We are avoiding the extremist. For example, there are three groups of fellows today on the pulpless tooth question. One class says pull them all. Another class says treat, fill and save all of them, that a dead tooth with a good canal filling is as good as any vital tooth. Now, regardless of what you think, or regardless of what the personal opinion of your executive committee may be, we have endeavored to secure a man whose investigations have led him to the happy medium. A man who says some teeth must go and some may stay. Who can give you and me a sane and sensible and scientific reason why a tooth must be removed, and wry, on the other hand, it may safely be retained.

So in the other branches we do not want fine spun theories, or far-fetched philosophies. Only the proven, only the good, only the practical will we engage, and these we will get if we have to go hundreds of miles to secure them.

In the next issue of the Journal we will go into more detail of each subject, and more about the men whom we have secured, and until then make your arrangements to be there, and if you do not go home a better dentist it will not be because your executive committee has not tried its darndest.

(Signed) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Prof. Von Blitzen

Question—Is it proper when registering at a hotel to use the prefix Doctor to your name? E. X. C.

Answer—No, it is decidedly bad taste to use the word Doctor on a hotel register or in signing your name to a letter. If you are a stranger and wish it to be known that you are a professional man, just slip the bell hop a quarter and have him page Doctor "So-and-So" a couple of times during the day.

Question—I am fixing over my office and I would like to know if the phrase "walk in" is the proper thing to have on the front door? F. W. W.

Answer—I prefer the word "entrance" to "walk in." The latter is used very generally and to me is always laughable as I have often wondered if thought someone might ride in or jump in.

Question—If a member of the State Board of Dental Secretaries makes an error in his bill of expense and gets paid for two days' services more than he is entitled to, can the State Auditor, eight months after the bill has been paid, make him put it back? H. A. S.

Answer—The State Auditor is known as the watch dog of the Treasurer, and his duties are to audit all accounts and see that mistakes or errors such as you mention do not occur. From a legal point of view, I would say that it was up to the Auditor to "put it back" as the State can hold him responsible.

Question—It has always been my desire to be a member of the State Dental Board, and I would like to know some of the qualifications necessary of a member and also how I am to go about it to be appointed. O. R. I.

Answer—A dentist to qualify for the State Board of Dental Examiners should first have a good pull (political, I mean) and a good campaign manager. He must be able to look wise and make the candidates for examination think he knows a damlot about dentistry. He must practice economy, as tipping porters at one dollar per, and seeing America at the expense of the state, is strictly tabooed.

Question—I am thinking seriously of locating in Omaha. I don't believe in newspaper advertising, but would like to know of some ethical means of letting the public know that I am a dentist and need the business. F. H. W.

Answer—There are several different ways of getting acquainted and of informing the public that you are a dentist and have an office in Omaha. Join several lodges such as the Elks, Odd Fellows, Highlanders or Eagles. Belong to some good church and sing in the choir. You ought to do that any way. It will help most any dentist to be a better man. Have the bell

hops at the different hotels page you two or three times a week. Then if you don't get results, report to the police that your house has been burglarized, and that you wife had \$5000 worth of jewelry stolen.

Question—I have saved up in the last three or four years about \$500, which I am anxious to invest in some good paying proposition. Could you advise me? J. J. F.

Answer—A little money invested in eucalyptus trees in California will bring good returns. Quite a number in this state have investments of this kind and are amassing fortunes. The names of the above investors can be had on request. I understand that oil has been discovered near Red Cloud this state and has promise of a big future. For further information regarding oil investments I will refer you to Dr. Hunt of Hastings.

Question—In running a card in a newspaper is it the correct thing to sign your name Dr. So-and-So "the dentist"? H. C. B.

Answer—It is absolutely all right if you firmly believe it yourself and can make others think so, too.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. G. A. Grubb, Dincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Doctor: Who the dickens is Prof. Von Blitzen? For the love of all that is decent why don't he use a name that don't smack of Germany? Is he one of those MEE and god worshippers? I suppose it is all right, in Germany, but it ought not to be just the proper one to use in a white man's journal these times.

Well, I suppose you are wondering who I am. Well, I'm the fellow that said, "Damn the Kaiser, and damn anyone that don't damn him and all the rest of those Kamerad yelling pups."

Yours very truly,

CHAS. J. EMERSON.

N. D. N. S.

During the annual meeting of the Northwestern Dental Society at Hastings, last October, the dental assistants organized the "Nebraska State Society of Dental Nurses."

Officers for the ensuing year were elected and a constitution and by-laws adopted.

All lady assistants who have been in the employ of an ethical practitioner for a period of at least one year are eligible to membership.

The membership fee was placed at one dollar and annual dues at one dollar.

The society will convene at the same time and place as the Nebraska State Dental Society.

The object of the organization is to elevate the standard of the dental nurse professionally, stimulate interest in her work and reap the benefits to be derived socially.

With a more perfect organization we hope to give clinics and read papers for a mutual exchange of ideas, rendering the dental nurse more proficient to her employer.

This year the program will be altogether a social affair. It is urgently requested that every dental assistant in the state become a member.

The secretary will soon send out application blanks and it is hoped that every one will be returned properly filled out and the fee enclosed.

The Nebraska State Dental Society were pioneers in the owning and publishing of their dental journal, and we, following their lead, are pioneers in the matter of this organization.

Hoping to meet every dental nurse in the state at our annual meeting next May, I am yours for the society,

ELIZABETH MAYO, President.

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Remember we have promised to look after the teeth of our home boys that are drafted and do it right.

Go back to the simple life; be contented with simple food, simple pleasures, simple clothes. Work hard, pray hard, play hard. Work, eat, recreate and sleep. Do it courageously. We have a victory to win.—Hoover.

Our President has appointed our committees for this year and he has selected a bunch of mighty fine workers and we should all get behind these committees and boost for Nebraska and the next state meeting.

It is hoped that every dentist in the state will give liberally to the fund being raised for the Base Hospital Unit. It is a fine work much needed. We will not only be doing our country a service but will show the people of Nebraska that the dentists of our state are right up to the front. We, ourselves, have known this to be true, now is a chance to show the people.

Beginning with this issue Associate Editor L. T. Hunt succeeds to the management of Our News Budget. Dr. Hunt has worked with G. A. Grubb for the past year, so the work will not

be new to him. The latter will still continue to assist this department, but this procedure will free him so that he may give his assistance wherever help is needed, and will give him more freedom for his duties as publishing editor.

The various members of the Journal staff quite frequently received letters from Nebraska dentists expressing appreciation of the Journal. Sometimes it is just some little article that calls forth the remark and at other times it is the Journal as a whole.

One noted Chicago dentist whose name, person and works are known well in these parts, took the trouble to write his appreciation of a little article that appeared in the Journal. Many men make their comments verbally. We take this means of expressing our thanks for such boquets. They help very much. The work means quite a sacrifice of time, but at that every member on the staff is getting his share of the enjoyment out of it.

Dental assistants of Nebraska are organizing a society. A few met at the 1917 district meeting of the Northwestern. A movement is now on to perfect that into a state organization. Every dentist who has an assistant that is eligible (one year's service) should see that she has an opportunity to become a member and attend the meeting in Lincoln, May 20, 21, 22, 23. Membership in this organization will give your lady assistant a broader viewpoint and make her a more capable co-worker. A dental assistant should not be there merely for her salary. If she hasn't the success of her employer at heart she is not worth the money. And it is not sufficient to have that attitude expressed in good wishes. If it is not expressed by bendant should anticipate the wants of the dentist and so weave her life into the running of the office so that her employer will be lost without her services. Inspiration and little ideas will come to the members of the Nebraska Dental Nurses Society.

The policy of the Journal has always been one to avoid mixing in state politics. We believe the Journal has done well to follow such a course and should continue to follow such precedent. We do not believe that we are transgressing from our avowed accustom not to break into politics, when we take the stand we are about to propound. We do not believe we are playing politics. It is a matter about which there should be no politics. The State Society should be unanimous in its endorsement of Dr. J. H. Wallace of Omaha to succeed himself as a member of the Nebraska State Board of Dental Examiners when his term expires July 1, 1918. There should be no opposition.

We do not know whether Dr. Wallace would accept the position again. He has served long and no doubt it has meant a great sacrifice to his private practice. But we do know that he has served efficiently, that his years of service are a valuable asset to the board, and that probably no other dentist in the state is as cognizant of our needs as he.

OUR NEWS BUDGET

NEWS: Our readers are requested to send in items of news, also marked copies of newspapers containing matters of interest to dentists to **DR. L. T. HUNT, Lincoln, Nebraska.** We shall be glad to know the name of the sender in every instance.

Lincoln, May 20, 21, 22, 23.

Chicago, August 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Dr. Hall of Battle Creek has installed a new X-ray.

Miss Lily Gillespie is spending her vacation in California.

Dr. C. R. Buckley of Beatrice is the father of a new baby girl.

Dr. B. F. Schwartz of Lincoln went to Colorado, February 23.

Dr. R. E. Bell of Beatrice has been placed in Class 2B of the draft.

Dr. E. E. Mann is now associated with Dr. Thomas at Hastings.

You should see the Nebraska men "dig in" at the Northwestern clinics.

Dr. H. N. Jones of Kearney has taken a homestead in Wyoming of 640 acres.

Dr. J. W. McLeran has root canal work down in fine shape—he now sucks them out

Dr. J. E. Wallace, Oakland, was in Lincoln, February 18, for the Xi Psi Phi initiation.

Dr. E. F. Klein of Weeping Water spent Sunday with his parents at Lincoln recently.

Dr. G. W. Taylor of Ord spent a couple of days last month visiting with Dr. Meservey.

Dr. Clem Spealman of Beatrice is improving in health and caring for his practice as usual.

Dr. E. W. Fellers was elected to the Board of Directors of the Beatrice Commercial Club.

Funny, isn't it? First the dentist installs the X-ray and then the X-ray stalls the dentist.

Dr. C. T. Hatfield and wife of Fairbury were in Lincoln to hear the great singer, John McCormack.

Dr. Wilkie, mayor of Ravenna, is setting an example for his subjects by knitting for the Red Cross.

Dr. J. W. McLeran, Ainsworth, is now in Chicago taking some post work on extractions and X-rays.

Fremont was the home of the last Study Club, there being ten members taking Dr. Campbell's course.

Lieut. W. E. MacGregor of Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, was visiting relatives and friends in Lincoln recently.

This order from Washington to forego wearing uniforms unless in active service goes hard with some of us, not!

Dr. C. F. Hatfield of Fairbury had a fire which burned everything—an example of the necessity of fire insurance.

Lincoln dentists feel that they are making a great sacrifice in letting one of their best dentists go with Hospital Unit No. 49.

Lt. H. N. Boyne, D. D. S., Creighton 1913, D. R. C., is located in France near the firing line in a base hospital with 3,600 people

Drs. Boehler & Thomas seem to be the champion muscle pullers in the dissecting room at Northwestern University Dental School.

After a long illness, Dr. R. R. Sosner, Scottsbluff, passed away. The Doctor had disposed of his practice and retired several months ago.

Dr. O. M. Poe, Beaver City, after a long illness and operation at Rochester by the Mayo Bros., has returned home and is on the job again.

The following dentists are taking post graduate work at Northwestern: Drs. McLeran, Boehler, A. O. Thomas, Kreamer and W. A. McHenry.

Dr. E. A. Litchfield of Humboldt was in Lincoln in January. Doctor Litchfield is certainly enthusiastic about the use of Conductive Anesthesia.

Dr. B. S. Hooper of College View is now the happy possessor of a Fischer X-ray machine. It was the only item he still needed to equip him like an honest-to-goodness dentist—so he is correspondingly happy.

Born, February 22, 1918, a baby girl, to Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Hooper. We had heard lately that College View was growing and now we know it.

Dr. Gerald Packard, formerly a dentist of Kearney, but now practicing in Livingston, Mont., spent a week visiting his father, Dr. F. A. Packard.

Dr. A. H. Ahrens of Weeping Water is now fire proofing his future bank roll in an asbestos deal. The asbestos business now takes up the doctor's spare time.

The sneak thieves who make a habit of touching dentists' offices are again in our midst, Drs. Klausner Bros. of Omaha being the latest victim for about \$75.00.

Dr. C. L. Beeson of Beatrice recently purchased a new \$15,000 home. In telling his friends about this he admits this is the biggest shock he ever wrote. Forgive me!

Dr. Chas. Yungblut, Lincoln, with a party of Lincoln men, went to some point on the map in the vicinity of Columbus, Nebr., in February to install a Masonic lodge.

A. S. Billings, Jr., of the Billings D. S. Co., now in California on a vacation, sends pictures to his friends, proving that California has almost as much sunshine as Nebraska.

Dr. Bowzel of Stanton and a dental friend were discussing cements one day seriously. The friend said he was using cream white, but Dr. B. insisted that he liked S. S. White.

All of Wymore's dentists are mighty hunters, but jack rabbits are their best bets. Sometimes they all close their offices the same day and sally forth, which is our idea of teamwork.

Dr. C. S. Minnich, Palmer, in between running a drug store, grinding lenses and practicing dentistry, is our idea of a well ordered life, and he seems to get a lot of fun out of his jobs.

Dr. R. W. Ludwick, Lincoln, will spend the first week in March in Minneapolis with such dignitaries as Drs. Mares and Tinker, making a special study of anchored denture and crown work.

E. R. Truell is sojourning with Mrs. T. and the children in Florida during February. He wants it known that he is spending proceeds on some bank stock—not his dental practice, he says.

Dr. F. W. Webster has been doing some special work in dissection in the Anatomy Laboratories of the University of Nebraska, preparatory to his going to France with the Nebraska Hospital Unit.

Dr. J. R. Callahan, Cincinnati, Ohio, succumbed to apoplexy early in February. Dr. Callahan contributed much toward modern Root Canal Operations and his loss will be keenly felt by the profession.

Dr. M. O. Johnson, Crete, spent three weeks in an Omaha hospital. It is a case of being overworked. We would like to see the Doctor take a couple of months' vacation and see some of the good old U. S. A.

Dr. W. V. Sharp of Stromsburg was in Lincoln the last of January. He took luncheon at the Commercial Club with a bunch of Lincoln dentists. Dr. Sharp has a son who is a junior in the Lincoln Dental College.

Dr. J. J. Peterson, Omaha, has fully recovered from his recent illness and is now in his new location in the First National Bank building, having installed one of the SSW late units, with which he is well pleased.

Nebraska has five dentists at the Northwestern University Post Graduate Course, which makes our state the best represented there. Drs. Boehler and McHenry are registered in the Army Dental Service Course.

Drs. Todd and Meservey have become famous as minstrel performers. A minstrel show put on by the Elks, Dr. Todd, in the last act as the curtain came down with a roll, ate up the curtain and Dr. Meservey ate up the roll.

The National Dental Association for 1918 will hold its meetings in the Auditorium and Congress Hotels of Chicago. These hotels are connected by an underground passageway and will make an ideal place for the big meeting.

If you are going to war, the dental salesman tells you it will soon be over and there really isn't much chance of being called anyway. "Just as well buy as though there wasn't any war." But if you don't expect to be called they slap you on the back and tell you that their advice is to buy heavy now because after a couple of years of war stuff will sure be high. "If they were not such a good bunch we might get sore at them." This from a correspondent.

W. E. Vogel, formerly of the Laboratory in Sioux City, is now associated with the Billings laboratory. "Bill" is well known throughout this section as an expert gold worker, and his many friends wish him luck in his new position.

Dr. J. A. Graham, the superintendent of Creighton, says it's more fun having to stay in bed with tonsillitis a couple of days than to teach the young how to "set up" according to Hoyle, but Jim is certainly developing some mighty good dentists.

Dr. Chaloupka of Lincoln got the first Ritter Unit west of the Missouri River. Dr. Wildman of York got the first Ritter Switchboard panel west of the Missouri River. We guess this district around here is getting so that its class is recognized.

Dr. F. T. Daly, Cambridge, journeyed to Columbus to buy a hog. At the price he paid for it, he could have bought one and two-thirds fivvers. It is rumored that the Doctor took his purchase back home in a Pullman, and we don't blame him.

Dr. E. W. Fellers of Beatrice has been placed on the medical advisory board for Gage county and is also director of the dental work for draft army. We understand the doctor is camouflaging his 1915 car. It won't work, doctor; we're too close up.

Well, well, what do you think of this! Dr. W. H. Miner of Norfolk spends one hour and thirty minutes finding out that some one wisdom tooth had four roots, and the X-ray only showed two. I suppose you'll throw the machine away now. That's the idea.

The Black Memorial will be dedicated at this year's National. Those who wish to have a part in it and have not already done so should remit at once. At last reports only thirteen Nebraska men had contributed. Send check to Dr. O. U. King, National Secretary.

Dr. C. T. Hatfield, in face of going to war after burning out at Fairbury, went to Kansas City the next day, where he purchased a new outfit. Among the various items purchased we note the new Standard 4 K. W. X-ray machine. The doctor was back at work in one week.

Oswald Fountain of the Billings D. S. Co., Lincoln, who is at Camp Funston, is hopeful of securing a place in the quartermaster's department which handles the dental supplies. He is sure if that can be done he will be at home and happy. Here's luck. He is dental assistant now.

There are two dates that Nebraska dentists should begin to get in their mind, to-wit: May 20, 21, 22, 23, the Nebraska State Dental Society at Lincoln, and August 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, the National Dental Association at Chicago. Plans for both are nearly perfected. Neither will be an inferior meeting.

One thousand live, wide-awake dentists attended the fifty-fourth annual clinic of the Chicago Dental Society held at the Hotel La Salle, January 26th. The ballroom of the hotel was filled with round cloth covered tables, and fifty-nine clinicians gave demonstrations, each on his particular specialty.

The program of the Western Dental Society meeting at Crawford, February 13th, is at hand, and appears to have been given considerable thought in its preparation. Details will appear in March issue. Dr. Starbuck on Focal Infection and Dr. E. L. Mueller on Advantages of Bar Plates are two of the headliners.

R. P. Belden of Seward sprained his ankle so badly he could not attend to his practice, about February 1st, and his father-in-law died on the 13th, so with the extreme cold weather we surmise he thought this a hard, hard world during February, 1918. We offer our sympathy to both Dr. and Mrs. Belden in their bereavement.

Dr. C. A. Bumstead of Lincoln, for many years associated with Dr. C. F. Ladd, has severed that alliance and joined Dr. F. W. Webster. We don't know whether it is a Bolsheviki union or not. Dr. F. W. Webster goes to France with the Nebraska Base Hospital Unit No. 49. Dr. Bumstead will take care of the office during Dr. Webster's absence.

Nebraska must show her appreciation of the honors that have come to us in the National Association by a big attendance at the meeting in Chicago in August. In addition to Dr. Vance as vice-president and chairman of one of the sections, Dr. J. H. Wallace of Omaha is secretary of the Orthodontia and Periodontology Section. It is very gratifying that the strong men of our society are also recognized by the National.

Lester, son of Dr. A. J. Cobb of Lincoln, is now in France with the U. S. troops. He was a passenger of the same convoy of ships as the ill-fated Tuscania. His parents were in suspense for a long time fearing that he was on that boat. Word has been received of his safe landing, which seems to indicate that he was on one of the other ships.

Dentists commissioned in the Dental Reserve Corps, but not yet assigned to duty, should not wear the army uniform. For reasons see page 193 of the February issue of the National Dental Magazine. If you have a dental friend in the above status pass this information along to him. Somebody will lose his commission some day for violation of the rule.

Dr. Morris of Denver in his discussion of the cast gold inlay says that results are never due to luck but rather a precise, closely followed technic. The technic followed in this case is the Taggart. Absolute attention to detail and not being afraid to spend a little extra time in preparing your cavity, making it as smooth as possible, will accomplish wonders.

The private equipment demanded by the government of Drs. Webster & Boeler will be an expense to each of three to four hundred dollars. What would be the objections of directing a part of this fund contributed by the dentists for the Base Hospital No. 49 to a special fund to provide this private equipment demanded by the government? Or to raising a special fund for that purpose?

The teeth of ten thousand children in the Omaha, Nebr., public school need dental attention and the parents cannot afford to pay for the same. Last year 2,183 children were cared for by dentists, for which the public gave \$4,200.48, and the dentists \$1,000.00 to support the work. A dental dispensary day to collect funds was set for December 8th, and an office and street campaign instituted to raise \$10,000.00 to carry on the work.—Oral Hygiene.

Dr. Morris of Denver was the clinician at the second number of the Lincoln District Post Graduate Course, February 11. The doctor can cast gold inlays that will go to place with thumb pressure. He can do this—we saw him. We say they went to place. In a practical way Dr. Coston of Topeka would demonstrate how much closer he could seat this same inlay we presume by the indirect method, but when we get as proficient as Dr. Morris at casting we feel it a shame to use a sledge hammer on an already A1 inlay.

Dr. E. D. Coolidge of Chicago and a member of the Illinois State School of Dentistry, will be the attraction at the third number of the Lincoln post graduate course, March 11. Dr. Coolidge's specialty is Root Canal Operations, and as a dentist is known nationally. Illinois University Dental Department has made a reputation in the short period of her history (being the youngest of the three Chicago Dental Schools) in adding a large number of Chicago's good dentists and scientific research workers. Dr. Coolidge is one of these.

Dr. M. E. Vance of Lincoln, who is first vice-president of the National, and chairman of the Oral Surgery and Anaesthesia Section, will be in Chicago, March 30th, to attend a meeting of the ad interim committee, officers of the Association and section chairmen, at which time the final outline of the program will be completed. The following extract from a recent letter to him from Dr. Otto U. King, secretary of the National, will be of interest: "I am pleased to know that you are to be with us at the meeting March 30th, and also that you have the work of your section so well outlined. The general session meetings will stand out distinct and separate from section work in that each session will stand for some specific phase of dentistry, for instance the first general session will be a seminar, probably under the direction of Dr. Price. The second general session will be on mouth infections with a lecturer, probably Dr. Billings of Chicago. The third general session will be a great war program. Then the other great meeting will be the dedication of the Black Memorial."

STYLES

The Beau Brummel of the dentists of the state, Dr. E. H. Bruening, states that the spring styles in clothes will be quite different in that a man is supposed to wear a color to harmonize with his hair. For instance, Editor Grubb will wear black from tie down to hose. Daddy Hunt would dress in white, and Bro. Greiss is brown; Nelson will don a suit of red, but gee, what a sight. Baird would dress in—well, now, some to think it o'er, how would he dress—or would he dress at all?—Meservey.

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