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Executive Committee Issues an Address.

The State Executive Committee of the Farmers' Union of Texas met in regular session at the offices of the State Union on Tuesday, April 14, and remained in session throughout the week and Monday of this week. Many matters of importance to the union were transacted, but the business was principally of an executive nature pertaining to the development of plans for the marketing of this year's crops.

Reports of all the officers were received and approved. The reports of President D. J. Neill and C. Smith showed the State Union to be in better financial condition than it has ever been before at this season of the year.

For want of authentic information as to railroad rates, etc., the matter of selecting the next place of meeting of the State Union was left undecided, but it is thought that this information can be secured and a definite announcement made by the first of June. It is the intention of the committee to carry out the expressed wish of the membership at the last State Union if they can do so and at the same time provide for the accommodation of delegates and protect the financial interests of the State Union, on which the cost of the meeting will fall.

Perfect harmony prevailed throughout the deliberation of the committee. Before adjournment the following address was given out for publication:

Fort Worth, Texas, April 20, 1908.

To the Farmers' Union of Texas:

Our great organization is just now emerging from one of the most trying struggles in its history. The contest has been unequal and unfair, but with all the false representations of crop gamblers and speculators, aided by the allied money power of the world, there remains a glorious record of achievements to the credit of unity and co-operation among the farmers of the south.

We are free to admit that disappointment at not receiving 15 cents for our cotton has caused much anxiety and even solicitude for the welfare of our union, but nowhere do we find our membership in the least discouraged or disposed to abandon the fight or to relax their energies in the least, until every corrupt gambling den is put out of business and the farmers of this national are enthroned in their rightful power, the power to name the price of their own products.

On the other hand, the progressive and thinking farmers of the south have a just right to be proud of the results of organization. Previous to the organization of the Farmers' Union the average price of a bale of cotton for five years preceding was only \$32.75, due solely to glut on the markets, resulting from the rapid selling in the fall, when the entire crop was dashed on the markets in a very few months. But since the organization of the Farmers' Union, marketing has been partially controlled, due to fixed prices set by the union, and as a result the average price of a bale of cotton for the past five years has been \$50.05, a clear premium of \$17.30 per bale to the credit of organization and controlled marketing, and this, too, in the face of the fact that three bumper crops have been produced and also that the grades of cotton have not reached the standard of former years on account of incessant rains and bad weather conditions, both in making and gathering the crop. But let us suppose that the crop has averaged ten millions of bales for the past five years, this will give us a total of fifty millions of bales, which at a premium of \$17.30 per bale, due to organization, we have the sum of \$865,000,000 that the farmers of the south have received more than they would have received if no union had existed and every farmer had been left to his own resources and dumped his cotton, as had formerly been the custom under the old system of selling.

Is not this fact alone sufficient to create a pride in the heart of every farmer in our fair southland? Can it be possible that any legitimate business man or professional man would jeer at the organization of the farm-

ers of the south when such splendid benefits are shown?

Cotton exchanges and their agents have busied themselves in trying to create public sentiment that 15 cents is too high for cotton and that on account of the holding campaign of the farmers, the financial center in New York has been shaken and widespread panic prevails. Well, if it is a fact that the Farmers' Union has in so short a time shaken the great Gibraltar of stock gamblers, we shall accept it as the highest tribute to unity among the farmers and therefore, call upon every loyal farmer in the south to join the union and with a firm and determined hand, we will give one mighty shake that will obliterate forever this illegitimate and dangerous system of doing business.

Under no circumstances must we abandon our contest for 15 cent cotton. Lock your warehouses up and defy the world. Hold your cotton, you have at home, and don't market another bale for less than your price.

We appeal to all loyal men and women of the south to line up on the side of humanity in this contest. Help us make war on the greatest evil of modern times. Let every man and woman make one mighty move together and demand now, of the United States congress, to make it a special order of business to outlaw every gambling den in the United States before the present congress adjourns. Get busy and write your congressmen and senators at once and demand that they do their duty now. Brother farmers, do your duty.

You are now in the rush, planting another crop. Be sure to plant sufficient acreage of food crops for your families and animals, and don't neglect to cultivate them. A living at home makes you strong and independent, and will fortify you in this contest. Keep your acreage of cotton down to the minimum. Give your wife and children the "rest cure"; they need it. Let your land lie idle and grow up in weeds, rather than to over crop yourself.

Let no man fear; our cause is just. Place and keep your names on our rolls just as the soldier enlists in the United States army. Give us the loyalty of the farmers in the union for five years more, in co-operative marketing and the freedom of the American farmer will be achieved.

Our union is more prosperous than ever before. The men and women in our ranks are loyal and true, and the work of organization is pressing into thousands of neglected school houses. There is no indication anywhere that the union will become reactionary or take any backward step.

The energies of the government had

better be spent in the destruction of the real enemies of the farmer rather than the futile efforts spent on the inoffensive boll weevil. Get after the real foes of the south.

Brother farmers and union men, look up and take courage. This is no time to doubt and dally. A surrender now means servility forever. Let us exclaim in the language of the immortal Travis, "We will never surrender or retreat; it is victory or death."

The union flag is still floating in the breeze, beneath the sunny skies of Dixie. Our cause is as just as the laws of heaven. Our mission is "peace on earth and good will to men."

All our business arrangements and plans should be kept within our doors.

Be prompt to attend your union meetings and keep your name in good standing on the rolls. Keep yourselves posted on union work and make your local and county union meetings bright and attractive, and stand by and defend each other against all assaults from without and traitors from within.

Assuring you of our confidence in your increasing courage, and in the speedy triumph of our righteous cause, and that your organization today is in a better financial condition and stronger numerically than ever before, we beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,
J. C. ALBRITTON,
Secretary Executive Committee.
J. C. ALBRITTON,
Chairman Executive Committee.

CO-OPERATION VS. CORPORATION BY "UNCLE SAM" HAMPTON.

There is but one possible thing for the farmers to do, now and for all time, and that is to be as industrious for themselves as they are for the capitalist, for whom they labor and whom they serve with scarcely a dissenting voice.

The Farmers' Union has been projected for the purpose of forming united groups for the co-operation of the greatest and most powerful class in the world—the farmers, and the fundamental law of this great organization makes it the most important that has ever been inaugurated and when well under way, there need be no farmer to suffer wrong at the hands of gamblers and speculators, because thru union and co-operation he can possess all that he earns, and with it the added increment of accumulated wealth.

The exploiters and speculators hate that word "co-operation" when applied to the farmer's business because it upsets all their plans and opportunities to rob. The only danger that lurks in our union to hinder the glorious consummation of its purpose is ignorance of the true meaning of co-operation.

I fear that some have not progressed far enough to distinguish between co-operation and corporation.

If we persist in heading the union up into close corporations where fortunate stockholders are permitted to absorb profits of the weak and helpless farmers, then the sublime principles of co-operation are subverted, and the union will avail nothing.

The present state of stagnation of commercial and industrial death that pervades everywhere is due to the absorption of the wealth created by the farmers, thru the accumulating powers of corporations and trusts, and a nation of farmers has been reduced to vassalage, who are tax payers, to incorporated despotism. I hope and pray that the Farmers' Co-operative Union will not become inoculated with the deadly virus of corporation.

The rising sun of co-operation is beginning to spread its beneficent rays over our entire nation, and let us hope that it will not become obscured by the dark and dangerous clouds of profit taking corporations for the benefit of only a few who own the machines.

On the basis of co-operation, combining the interests of those on the soil, from whence all wealth is extracted, benefits can be returned to the real owners, and the impending calamity averted.

True co-operation cannot be overdone or outdone. Do you understand

it? Do you know how to apply it?

Every member of the Farmers' Union ought to be a co-operator, and as such he ought not to be robbed by another co-operator, neither should he desire to rob another co-operator. Then to prevent this all your institutions, such as gins, warehouses, oil mills and co-operative associations, must be organized on the basis of true co-operation, and thus make it impossible for any co-operator to rob or be robbed.

To organize a co-operative association, first draw up your articles of agreement and all sign this compact. I will here enumerate some of the stipulations to be embodied in this agreement:

1. That none but members of the Farmers' Union can acquire or hold stock, fix the minimum and maximum amount of stock each member shall hold, provide that no stockholder shall have but one vote, arrange so that poor farmers can take stock by signing a contract to patronize the association and paying for his stock by the accumulated profits from his patronage. Agree to pay dividends on the patronage of the co-operator, and not on his stock. On the patronage given to the association by persons who are not members of the union, let the profits thus acquired be designated non-co-operative fund, and distributed in the usual way to the stockholders. Provide for a small per cent to be set aside for improvement of the business.

These are some of the essential points of a co-operative association.

Under this agreement it will be impossible for one co-operator to rob another and thus harmony will prevail. By this means every member of the union will become a stockholder and hence a patron, and all the gates of hell cannot prevail against it.

I know of several cotton gins and warehouses and other co-operative associations that have made successes on this plan, even with the combined power of the cotton oil trust, these gins have gotten about all the cotton in gin and left the oil trust gins standing idle. I will mention the one at Burleson, Johnson county, Texas. Notwithstanding the oil trust gin cut the price, the true co-operators, like busy bees, went to their own hive and made honey for themselves.

"If there is a profit in ginning," they reasoned, "we will get it."

Give the profit to the co-operator who creates the profit, and not to the stockholder. By this means you build up the union and teach farmers that they can own the dollars they create.

But, on the other hand, if you organize a dividend paying corporation, you will soon find that a farmer had just as soon be robbed by the trust as by members of the Farmers' Union, and you will lose his patronage, and co-operative effort goes down in failure.

I know of many poor farmers who have taken stock on the plan I have here outlined and paid off their notes by their own patronage.

Let the light of co-operation shine! Put down trusts and corporations and drive them into outer darkness.

I wish I had space and time to write more in detail, but let me say in conclusion—Watch. Don't be lured into the trap set up by false gods.

Brother Neill and the state executive committee are on guard to preserve the integrity of this union, and prevent it being subverted to the use of speculators and incorporated despots. As an humble scout in this great army, I am determined to do my duty in helping to mould thought on the lines laid down in the fundamental law of the original declaration. Will you help?

Now, one request I wish to make of all the brethren and sisters, who may see or hear this read. Will you write me a card or letter, and express your opinion, and say whether or not you own your own home. I desire this for the reason that unity and co-operation is the only salvation of the poor people.

Let us be loyal and true, and allow no man or combination of men to divide and dismember our ranks,

Yours for unity and co-operation,
"UNCLE SAM" HAMPTON,
Union Headquarters, Ft. Worth, Tex.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT FT. WORTH.

President Barrett Arranges for Offices in Ellison Building.

President C. S. Barrett of the National Farmers' Union was in Fort Worth this week arranging for the removal of the headquarters of the national organization to this city. It has been understood for some time past that the national headquarters would be located in Texas and the supposition has been that Fort Worth would be the place selected.

While here President Barrett arranged for offices in the Ellison building, where the state headquarters are located, and Secretary R. H. McCullough would have arrived this week with the records and office supplies had it not been for the serious sickness of his daughter.

Fort Worth is an excellent location for national headquarters, because of its extremely good railroad and mail facilities and because all points where the Union has been well organized are easily accessible from here. This move will also bring the National Union in closer touch with Texas, in which state the organization has by far the largest membership and is doing the most effective work. After spending the day in Fort Worth, President Barrett left to continue a tour of the other Southern states, but will return here within the next few days.

While here he made definite arrangements for the holding of the next national convention of the Farmers' Union, which will be held on the first Tuesday in September at Fort Worth.

OPPOSED TO WAREHOUSE CONSOLIDATION

Fort Worth, Tex., April 22, 1908.

Editor Co-Operator:
There are certain men traveling over the State of Texas trying to work up a great hot-air consolidation scheme of our warehouses under one charter. This is the old Dane H. Shapira and Stanley Watson scheme worked over.

I want to warn our people against this and all other schemes just as long as the people retain local ownership and local control of their warehouses they are safe. Just as soon as they are led away and take stock in some hot-air scheme, located at Houston or elsewhere, they are lost. These people give nothing in return; promise nothing, but take all they can get.

Brethren, be not deceived by these men. They represent some interest and need your warehouses for that interest. Turn them down.

I fought the Shapira combination and will fight this. Let no man lead you away from the primary object of the Farmers' Union warehouse system, local ownership and local control.

D. J. NEILL, President.

Notice County Secretaries

It is very important that you send notice of your county meetings, the time and place, and how to reach them by railroad stations, to C. Smith, state secretary, Fort Worth, Texas. The summer's campaign of education, organization and warehouse building must be prosecuted with energy, and to do this you must keep headquarters in touch with your meetings.

Yours fraternally,
D. J. NEILL,
President Farmers' Union of Texas.

Uncle Sam's Dates

The following appointments are made for "Uncle Sam" Hampton, the union scout. Everybody is requested to hear him:

Liberty County Union, April 24 and 25.
Thornton, Limestone county, May 1.
Henretta, Clay county, May 4.
Mexico, Limestone county, May 11.
Other dates will be made to fill in between the above dates and will be published next week.

Excessive Rains in Texas and Oklahoma.

During the past week the central, north and northwest portions of Texas were visited by the heaviest rains of recent years and much damage to crops and lands is reported. Slow but continuous rains had been falling over most of this section for a week, and on the 16th there was a perfect downpour in Dallas, Tarrant, Parker, Palo Pinto, Denton, Hood, Erath, Johnson, and other counties of the central portion of Texas, causing a rapid rise of streams and the greatest overflow of the Trinity river that has occurred since 1880. Considerable damage is reported from all these counties and some damage in almost every section of the state, but the extent of it cannot yet be estimated. While the rains were not so heavy in other sections of Texas, they extended all over the state as well as Oklahoma and part of Arkansas, and the ground was made too wet in many sections for the good of growing crops. Cotton planting will be greatly retarded by the damage done to the lands and by the excessive moisture and in many sections corn will have to be replanted.

Not much damage to life has been reported. At Fort Worth two persons were reported drowned, though several narrow escapes from destruction by the flood were mentioned. In Parker county two young ladies, Misses Pearl and Bertha Thomas, were struck by lightning, but it is thought that both will recover.

WACO, Texas, April 17.—The Brazos river continues fluctuating between 28 and 30 feet, but was safely between its banks at 8 o'clock tonight, with a fair prospect of disposing of all its flood water without overflowing.

People on land subject to overflow have been warned to keep on guard, as the Bosque and other upper Brazos tributaries are high and rising.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 17.—Reports from the lower Arkansas river say the levees are breaking in many places on account of high water. A message received here from the penitentiary today told of a break in the levee above the state farm. Hundreds of convicts rushed to the break and aided in closing it. The levees opposite the farm will have to be cut in order to save them, as the water is pressing against the tops. This is caused by the construction of additional levees, confining the river within banks above. Thousands of acres of land are reported under water where levees broke and were cut.

STEPHENVILLE, Texas, April 17.—The rain of last night and this morning has wrought havoc in its path in the way of damage to the land and growing crops.

It is estimated by the most conservative men that \$200,000 damages would be a very low estimate done by this flood.

The bridges across most of the small streams have been washed away or damaged to some extent on all of the railroads in the county.

At Alexander the waters from Greens Creek is said to be higher than it has been in thirty years.

No loss of life has been reported as yet.

DUMAS, Texas, April 17.—A fine rain fell here last night. Lakes full of water; fine season in the ground.

TEXICO, N. M., April 17.—Rain has been falling heavily here, which will benefit grass and aid growing crops.

GARDEN CITY, Texas, April 17.—Had fine rains thruout Glasscock county. Stockmen and farmers are well pleased.

MEXIA, Texas, April 17.—Another heavy rain fell here last night about 10 o'clock and today it is so sultry that indications point to a rain for today.

ENNIS, Texas, April 17.—Rain fell here last night almost continuously.

BROWNWOOD, Texas, April 17.—Torrents of rain fell thruout this section last night and all streams are swollen. No serious damage has been reported, altho hail fell in considerable quantities south of here.

LORLAINE, Texas, April 17.—This section was blessed with a fine rain

yesterday afternoon. There is a better season in Mother Earth now than we have had since last fall. Everybody is jubilant over the prospects for good crops this year.

TERRELL, Texas, April 17.—Heavy rains have fallen at intervals here for several days. A steady downpour last night has caused the creeks to overflow their banks. Lowlands are under water in places and some damage will result to crops in bottom lands, it is feared.

MARSHALL, Texas, April 17.—At an early hour this morning rain began falling, slow at first, but within a few minutes it began to fall in a perfect deluge and continued for several hours, doing considerable damage to the streets and sidewalks. It was the hardest rain in a year.

WINONA, Texas, April 17.—It has been many years since the farmers of this section of Texas have had a finer spring for doing all kinds of farm work than they have had this year. There has been no cold nor rains to hinder their work. Corn came up almost a perfect stand and is growing nicely, while early planted cotton came up perfectly and is now since we have had nice seasons coming up fine. The prospect for a fruit crop is only fairly good. The Mamie Rosa peach will average about 70 per cent of a crop, while the belle of peaches, Miss Elberta, is not over 25 or 30 per cent of a crop. Potatoes and onions are very fine. Fine rain fell on the 11th and 13th and it is now threatening, but still we have not had too much rain for farm work to be stopped, only in places where the ground is low and wet.

GRANBURY, Texas, April 17.—One of the heaviest rains in ten years fell here last night, the downpour lasting all night. One bridge across Lambert branch between town and the railroad station was washed away, which is a loss to the city of \$800. Great damage has been done to crops and bridges in this section.

CLEBURNE, Texas, April 17.—For the first time since the dam was built, a couple of years ago, the lake at the Country Club grounds, west of this city, overflowed on yesterday afternoon. Any of the smaller streams near here were out of banks last night. The railroad companies had their bridges watched closely.

CANYON CITY, Texas, April 17.—The long drouth, which was beginning to tell on small grain crops, was broken by a splendid general over Randall county. During the rain a small hay barn in the eastern part of town was

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The Loom of Events.

A Weekly News Summary Gleaned from the Daily Press. Paramont Issue in Texas.

The Bailey issue is yet the absorbing topic in Texas. The week has been marked by strenuous activity on the part of the campaign orators, including Senator Bailey.

Among the elections in Texas cities on Tuesday, April 7, that at Dallas is of interest. Dallas, it will be remembered, adopted the commission form of city government something over a year ago.

The appropriation for submarines reminds us of the occasional cry of graft in connection with letting of contracts for the construction of the navy.

The throwing of a bomb by an anarchist in New York city not long since set our volcanic President going again.

An important meeting scheduled for this week at Fort Worth is the state convention of the Farmers' Union.

Of wide interest was a decision of the state supreme court affirming the findings of the lower courts in a case of mandamus to compel teachers and trustees of the public schools to desist from conducting certain exercises.

There is no difference in the protection given by our constitution between citizens of this state and those of other states.

So far as Texas is concerned, it appears that the coal strike is at an end. Representatives of the miners and of the operators conducted negotiations at Fort Worth.

The Oklahoma legislature has passed the bill creating a temporary court of criminal appeals to relieve the supreme court of a part of the mass of litigation accumulated on its docket.

On Sunday a great conflagration raged the greater part of the day and into the night at Chelsea, a populous suburb of Boston.

It is freely predicted that unless a truce can be patched up between Secretary Taft and Senator Foraker, their feud will lose Ohio for the republicans by next year's election.

Attacks made on Mr. Bryan by the Johnson managers called forth an answer from the Bryan publicity bureau Saturday, asserting that Johnson is a negative man, who, in the ordinary conditions now prevailing, cannot carry his own state of Minnesota against the republicans.

Week at Louisville, the home of Henry Watterson, who first proposed Johnson to the country.

The New York state democratic convention was held Tuesday of this week. Its proceedings are not at hand as this is being written, but it was regarded as almost certain that while Bryan's friends would make a fight on the floor of the convention, an unimportant delegation would be sent to Denver.

The cause of prohibition made tremendous gains in the recent election in Illinois, and large gains in Nebraska, while the anti-temperance forces, on the whole, in Wisconsin.

An event in the financial world was the gaining of control by E. H. Harriman of the Erie railroad. The railroad company, a \$400,000,000 corporation, has \$5,000,000 of notes coming due, and was in desperate straits for the cash to take up the notes and prevent a receivership.

This coup of Harriman's is taken as a sign of returning confidence. Civic societies continue to speculate on the causes of the panic, interested capitalists of finance and their newspaper organs have daily assurances of returning industrial health.

Such concern has been expressed all over the country of late for the health of Senator Tillman of South Carolina, who has been confined to his home.

Mr. Herbert H. Asquith, raised from the post of chancellor of the exchequer to that of prime minister, by reason of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's resignation, reorganized the cabinet by naming David Lloyd George chancellor of the exchequer.

Mr. Roosevelt's managers pull wires and fill the press with campaign literature highly complimentary to their champion, the champion himself fills his speaking appointments.

Efforts on the part of our state department to cajole Venezuela into a settlement of some American claims has apparently failed.

Things in the island of Hayti have been in chaotic condition for some weeks, owing to a new revolution in that black man's republic.

A new turn was given last week to the talk about what our strenuous president is likely to do when he returns from the White House.

The summary preceding was prepared for publication last week, but, as is explained elsewhere, one issue was unavoidably omitted.

steel king has set aside \$25,000,000 as an endowment fund for the institution. The president will travel a year in foreign countries before entering upon his new duties.

The president's request for an appropriation to build four battleships instead of two, as recommended by the committee on naval affairs, was turned down by a large majority in the house.

A bill which passed the Oklahoma senate last week empowers the state corporation commission to prescribe its rules and procedure, and extends the commission's authority, it is said, beyond that heretofore known in any state.

The Oklahoma state prohibition convention, in session at Guthrie on the 15th, endorsed Governor Haskell and his state dispensary system.

Cardiff exports twelve million tons of coal yearly. There were 9,914 new books published in 1907, or 1,311 more than for 1906.

Speaker Murray spoke in favor of continuing a committee appointed by the constitutional convention to investigate the value of some 442,000 acres of coal land belonging to the Choctaws and Chickasaws.

Speaker Murray's initiative and referendum bill has been approved by the governor. It has the endorsement of the National Direct Legislation League, and provides that on application of 5 per cent of the voters of the state any proposed measure must be submitted to a vote of the people.

The question of a permanent state capital is being agitated. Citizens of Guthrie are urging an appropriation of about \$100,000 for temporary buildings in that city.

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of coal land belonging to the Choctaws and Chickasaws, which the state contemplates purchasing. It appears that this land is of immense value, containing incalculable deposits of coal.

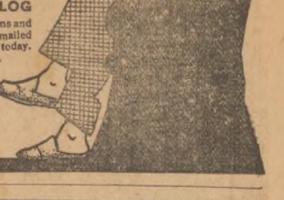
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Newsp Notes from the States.

Reports from State Organizers and Members.

Randolph County, Arkansas, Com- mends Union Officials

Noland, Ark., April 5, 1908. Resolved, That in the name of all members of the union in Randolph county, Arkansas, we thank our state president, J. B. Lewis, for coming to us in the hour of our need with the message of hope and cheer.

Resolved, further, That under the leadership of our beloved national president, Brother C. S. Barr, and those grand and patriotic leaders of our state president, we must either march to unqualified success or prove beyond possibility of dispute that the genuine of farmers in any way is of a better condition than they are in.

Approved by committee and we urge its passage. COMMITTEE. ED HOLMES, Foreman. Randolph County Union, Ed B. Stolle, Noland, Ark.

Pike County Against Drunkenness

Here are some good resolutions we put into effect last meeting of our local union. Whereas, No drunken person is fit for any social or business duties; be it resolved, That no person under the influence of whisky or any wise be admitted to the local union in any way.

Y. Y. FELDER, Secretary-Treasurer. Farmville Local, Pike County, Mississippi.

They Are Alive in Florida

Marlana, Fla., April 6, 1908. We have our cotton all in the warehouse waiting for the price, living in good hopes yet, for we don't think that they can starve us out, for we have just as much to eat as we usually do, and if they think that they can live longer without us than we can without them, why let them go right ahead.

Think that the union in this state is doing very nicely and all is in good shape.

I had the pleasure of going to Calhoun county a few days ago to a county union, which was the first one in the county, and all seem to be the true union spirit. Some of them wanted to see a copy of the Co-Operator and asked me to have you send a few samples down there and let it be sent to the farm.

I think it would be a great help to those people and the paper.

Losses and Condition of Farm Animals

Reports from correspondents and agents of the bureau of statistics of the United States department of agriculture in regard to the general condition in regard to the health of farm animals on April 1 was higher than the average of the past ten years, and with the exception of swine, slightly higher than on April 1 last year.

Losses from disease during the past year were slightly heavier than during the preceding year, but smaller than the average of the past ten years.

North Carolina Goes into Stalehood

Dear Brother Pyle: It is characteristic of North Carolinians that they are conservative and slow to take a decided stand in any movement, but that when our people have often wondered why they are always loyal and true to their convictions, and their history in the heroic struggle of forty odd years ago makes it appropriately known as Tar Heels.

While you Texas people have been going forward with the great organization of the Farmers' Union, you in North Carolina have been standing still.

President Barrett was with us and presided during the organization of the state union. Mr. W. A. Morris, who had just filled appointments in the different counties that are organized, was also present and gave us the benefit of his valuable counsel.

During the former period of the organization in North Carolina, Mr. G. W. Fant of your state helped to make history here. He prosecuted his work as a state organizer with skill, tact and discretion, and laid the foundation. Without making any extravagant claims, but with convincing argument, he brought into the union representative men who are respected citizens of their respective vicinities, and his work was done on a high plane that commanded the respect of all with whom he came in contact, whether union or non-union men.

As a token of their appreciation of his splendid services, delegates to the state meeting presented Mr. Fant with two handsome presents, one for himself and one for Mrs. Fant. Keep an eye on North Carolina. When this great organization shall have come to the hardest place in its march toward victory, give a place in front line for the Tar Heels.

Marshall, N. C. J. Z. GREEN.

A Voice from Tennessee

Editor Co-Operator: I take seven papers, but my church paper, the Baptist Flag, for religion, comes first and the Co-Operator, for unionism, first above all others put together. Please, do please send it to me as long as you publish it. I am a member of Pleasant Hill Local 188 and am a chaplain of the same. We are getting along all O. K. We number 65, men and women. We have dropped out our number nine for non-attendance. But are taking in others every now and then. We, the local, have our cotton in the warehouse at Hemming. I say, we the most of us have, of course some have sold, and some of the boys say before they would take less than the minimum that they would rather roll their cotton out of the warehouse and burn up. We expect to hold an open meeting in the near future and have some good speakers for the occasion and invite the non-union people to attend. We have some loyal union men in old Lauderdale county some who will be found at their post defending the union in and under all conditions and circumstances that may arise. We have also a Farmers' Union Bank at Kipley, open up for business with a paid up stock of \$25,000.

Bro. Editor, a little incident happened to myself that I want to tell

you about. I went to the bank in our little town and offered the cashier \$500 worth of warehouse receipts to draw \$100, and was refused on the account of no money on hand, and in less than 20 minutes a country merchant stepped in and wanted money and told him that he could give a good note, and it was brought to me for my signature in 10 minutes.

I could not get the money on cotton, but he would not refuse the merchant's note with my name on it. Let the world be along for the farmer who will be gay and happy still. With best wishes to Co-Operator and its host of union readers, I am respectfully your union brother.

J. H. WHITE.

Florida Man Says Reduce Crop

Editor Co-Operator: I notice that there is a great effort being made by the bears and cotton mill men to combine and work to the detriment of the cotton growers of the south. Now is the time for the farmer to protect himself and there seems but one way to do this, and that is to plant less cotton and more feedstuff.

Reduce the cotton acreage 25 per cent, if we have to plant all lands, not already in cotton in this year, else, or even plow up some already planted and utilize the land so cut off for pasturage and hay farms. It is not too late to do this and it would enable the southern farmers to raise bread, wheat, soy beans, which are much easier cultivated and gathered and pay a much better profit than cotton, even at 12 1/2 cents. Cotton requires ten months of the year, while hay crops can be disposed of in four months.

Please agitate this matter, as we think this will solve the problem and show to the bears that we will name the price we will sell our product for. What little we can get, or else, or can hold indefinitely and will do so or get our price.

A. J. CRUTCHFIELD, Secretary Farmers' Union Warehouse Company.

New Mexico Gets Gay

Editor Co-Operator: How are your farmers getting along with your 15-cent cotton? We are away out here in Quay County, N. M., but we have a Farmers' Union, too. There are 22 members in our local, 25 men and 7 women. They are going to organize a county union at Blair, N. M., next Friday and Saturday for the farmers. You all ought to visit this new country. It is all O. K. We have been here 14 months.

With many good wishes to The Co-Operator and its many readers, I remain your sister in the union.

LIZZIE MASON. Allen, N. M.

PLANS FOR UNION COTTON MILL

Executive Committee Outlines Plan for Building Co-operative Mill at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 21, 1908. To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' Union of the State of Texas: We beg to inform you that the general officers of the Farmers' Union have approved of the plan for the building of a cotton mill at Fort Worth, and the purpose of this circular letter is to call the attention of the members to the enterprise, and ask their cordial support.

The present plan of the farmer raised the wool, the cotton and the flax, and our grandmothers spun the yarn and wove the cloth. A great evolution, however, has taken place since those days. The cotton gin and the mule spinner has taken the place of the hand loom and the flax brake. While the farmer still individually produces the raw material, he has failed to avail himself of the facilities of modern business has completely sidetracked old methods. The gigantic scale on which business is now conducted makes individual effort almost impossible. Co-operation is now the accepted plan.

Can the Farmers of Texas Collectively Own and Operate a Cotton Mill? We Say "Yes."

History of the Present Move to Erect a Cotton Mill at Fort Worth.

For some months the members of the Farmers' Union and their friends throughout the state have been discussing the feasibility of building a cotton mill somewhere in Texas, to be controlled by the members of the Farmers' Union. In January last the local union of Tarrant county took up the matter and by resolution asked the State Union to look into the feasibility of building a mill at Fort Worth.

As a result of the action of the Tarrant County Union the executive committee appointed a sub-committee, consisting of Brothers Abrition and Lundermilk, to confer with a like committee appointed by the Tarrant County Union, and a committee appointed by the Fort Worth Factory Club. These several committees held a joint meeting, and after a careful investigation recommended the establishing of a cotton mill at Fort Worth. Upon receiving the recommendation of the above named joint committees, your executive committee carefully examined into the matter, and the members of the committees were instructed to examine the several sites proposed. After much investigation the committee selected ten acres of land donated by the Fort Worth Land Company, very eligibly situated for the purpose in the western part of the city, along the line of the Texas and Pacific railway.

The plans are now all matured, and this circular is addressed to you, with the view of interesting you in the enterprise. The plan of organization as outlined by your executive committee is to incorporate a company with a capital stock of not less than \$50,000 divided into shares of one dollar each; said stock to be sold at par fully paid and non-assessable, and it is expected no subscriber will take less than ten shares, and as many more as he may like to subscribe. It will be a part of the plan of incorporation to provide that each shareholder shall have only one vote in the election of a board of directors; other words, the man holding \$10 worth of stock will have the same voice in the management that the man who holds a hundred shares or a \$1,000. It is our purpose to so divide the organization that each individual will have the same voice in formulating the policy of the company.

We Need More Cotton Mills in Texas

The query, "Why does not the State of Texas, producing as she does, more than one-fourth of all the cotton, have more mills within the state?" Why should we ship our cotton to New England, then ship it back here in the manufactured form, paying freight both ways, and manufacturers' profit both ways, when we can just as well retain the money at home? What policy a little short-sighted on the part of our people? In the last few years millions of dollars have been invested in cotton mills in the states of Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina and other Southern States, and we are informed they are all doing a prosperous business. Their stocks being quoted, even these dull times, at such a high price. What cotton mills we have in the State of Texas are reported to be in a very flourishing condition, the profits earned on the capital invested running 10 to 23 per cent. From all of the data gathered by your committee, we feel warranted in stating that the returns from a well-managed cotton mill in the way of profits will justify us in making the recommendation. Therefore it is believed that it is not only a good business proposition but a patriotic one on the part of the union to aid in the development of the resources of the state. Now is the time for the farmer to plant large profits to the foreign manufacturer when we can just as well manufacture the cotton at home. In other words, your committee believes that the time is ripe for the farmer himself to take a little "co-operating" along this line.

The 4,000,000 people of Texas, mostly farmers, should see to it that the state should, as far as possible, be manufactured here, and thereby retain some of the profits which has been making millions for the eastern manufacturer. Your committee believes that these millions of dollars sent outside the state in the way of profits for manufacturing Texas cotton consumed at home would be much more appreciated, being in the pockets of our own people.

We therefore ask your careful consideration of this matter, believing that the action of your committee will meet with your hearty approval and active cooperation.

This circular will be sent to all of the unions throughout the state, and it is hoped that the membership will take active hold of the enterprise. We wish to see our scrap-book filled with names in the next sixty days.

Builders inform us that the price of building material has not been so low in years. Therefore this is the opportunity to erect the plant. We are sending out with this circular also a blank form for the subscription to this stock. We ask the brethren to give their careful attention and clear up the same promptly. This cotton mill is to be built within the year. We must all put our shoulders to the wheel. We therefore appeal to you to send in your subscriptions at once.

We should all be patriotic enough to make some sacrifice for this enterprise. It is our hope that every loyal member of the union can see his way clear to become a stockholder in this enterprise. Many of the members have already taken stock for goodly amounts. If you act promptly the whole amount can be subscribed in a few days.

The Board of Directors of the company are to be elected by the stockholders on the first Thursday in June, 1908, at the Farmers' Union Headquarters, Ellison Building, in Fort Worth. All stockholders will remember this date and this circular is due notice of the same.

You will readily understand that your committee having this in charge can do nothing toward organizing the company until the stock is all subscribed. Therefore we are to take the very best results we can get. It is important that we BE UP AND DOING.

Repeat in conclusion, that it is the purpose and intention of the plan of the union to make this a modern, up-to-date cotton mill in every respect, with experienced management, so that the very best results may be obtained for the stockholders. The plan of the committee of the union have designated the American National Bank of Fort Worth to act as trustee, and receive the proceeds in the name of the company as they are received. You will therefore send your subscription to the American National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas, and said bank will send receipt for the same.

Fraternally yours, W. T. LOUDERMILK, Chairman Executive Committee. J. C. ALBRITTON, Secretary.

The following quotations of the value of the leading Southern Cotton Mills stocks is appended. These quotations are in the Manufacturers' Record for the month of April, 1908.

Table listing cotton mill stocks and their values: American Spin. Co. (S. C.), 145; Arkwright Cot. Mills (S. C.), 105; Ninety-six Cotton Mills (S. C.), 95; Avondale Mills (S. C.), 110; Belton Mills (S. C.), 112; Brandon Mills (S. C.), 125; Cabarrus Mills (S. C.), 125; Clinton Cotton Mills (S. C.), 103; Courtenay Mf. Mills (S. C.), 100; Drayton Mills (S. C.), 100; Eagle & Phoenix Mills (Ga.), 130; Easley Cotton Mills (S. C.), 145; Enoree Mills (S. C.), 103; Glenwood Mills (S. C.), 122; Graniteville Mfg. Co., 160; Greenwood Cot. Mills (S. C.), 94; Hartsville Cot. Mills (S. C.), 119; Harrier Mills (S. C.), 185; Inman Mills (S. C.), 100; King Mfg. Co., J. P. (Ga.), 95; 102; Laurens Mills (S. C.), 150; Limestone Mills (S. C.), 140; Milledgeville Mills (S. C.), 110; Mollohan Mills (S. C.), 110; Monaghan Mills (S. C.), 112; Monarch Mills (S. C.), 98; Newberry Mills (S. C.), 127; Norris Cotton Mills (S. C.), 115; Victor Cotton Mills (S. C.), 122; Orr Cotton Mills (S. C.), 100; Paeolet Mfg. Co., 105; Paeolet Mfg. Co., prd., 101; Piedmont Mfg. Co., 167; Spartan Mills (S. C.), 148; Trion Mfg. Co. (Ga.), 132; Tuacapan Mills (S. C.), 130; Warren Mfg. Co., 100; Warren Mfg. Co., prd., 102; Washington Mills, prd (Va.), 100; Watts Mills (S. C.), 102; Whitney Mfg. Co., 140; Woodside Cotton Mills (S. C.), 110.

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Books and Education.

GREETING!

People have been known to turn up their noses at the idea of book-learning. But such action has been ill-considered. Book-learning is contemptible only when the possessor pursues it to the exclusion of other useful knowledge and the doing of useful work; or when he makes the possession of booklore (You could hardly call it knowledge, or wisdom, in this case) an end in itself, so that the display of it may excite envy.

The man values the rich storehouse of the world's literature, and makes knowledge the helper at his daily task, the companion of his leisure hour.

These facts are recognized by the union man or woman, else he would never have joined an educational, as well as co-operative, organization.

Union people believe in good reading for themselves and same schools for their children. Wherefore it has been thought wise by the founders of the Union Farm Journal to maintain a department that would be a helpful adviser to all members of the family in the matter of selecting the best books, both new and old, and in the matter of rural education, both a mirror of current conditions and an advocate of progress. The intention is to print short notices of such new books as may be sent for review, books pertaining to practical farm problems and also works of general culture, so that the reader can choose, with some degree of certainty, just such books as will be of use to him. Besides, we have short commentaries on some of the old classics of the language, and biographical sketches of the writers; and to express our notions, in brief style, of things literary and educational in general.

In order to keep in direct touch with our younger readers especially, and their requirements, we aim to conduct a column of "Questions and Answers" in which we will endeavor to answer any questions pertaining to books and education which you may send. So jump in, readers of The Union Farm Journal, and let's make the most of this thing!

Three Recent Books

HEART THROBS.—Here is a whole-some book of 416 pages, made up of 100 poems and scraps, book-club plans, sent to the National Magazine by a large number of its readers, in competition for \$10,000 in prizes offered for "heart throbs." Pathos is there, and some bright humorous pieces and a number of noble poems. We find "The Man With the Hoe," Kipling's "Recessional," Joaquin Miller's "Columbus," Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," and "Charge of the Light Brigade," Poe's "Raven," "Lead, Kindly Light," "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night," besides Bible selections, among a splendid array of less well known contributions.

The names of Eugene Field, Riley, Longfellow, Whittier, Ben King, Nixon Waterman, Sam Walter Foss, and John Boyle O'Reilly occur frequently.

The book is worth its name in itself—such a book as a tired housewife could ponder over for hours together. There is, to our way of thinking, something in the poems and scraps, which is disjunctively southern. The current issue contains the first installment of "The Gift of Grass," being the autobiography of a housewife by John Trotwood Moore—an eloquent animal story.

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This he did, and thru his influence in securing the proposals of Richard Bartholdt of Missouri, a long step was taken toward the establishment of a world congress and the referring of all disputes between nations to The Hague court—a consummation which, it is believed, will promote international well-being and, in time, abolish war.

The book outlines the history of the Interparliamentary Union from its inception in 1877 thru the historic developments of the past few years, and contains appreciative chapters on the leading advocates of world peace. It is a timely contribution to the literature—all too meager—of one of the most important and beneficent movements of the twentieth century.

(New York: Progressive Pub. Co., 1908.)

SOME OF THE APRIL MAGAZINE

Suburban Life (New York) is a magazine which should appeal with peculiar attraction to our readers. The current number is richly illustrated, presents varied table of contents, "How to Have Berries All Summer," "A Country Home Flower Garden," "A Woman's Success With Bees," and "Why Thoroughbred Poultry Are Best," are a few of the articles.

Success (New York) besides the regular quota of poetry, fiction and helpful departments, has a number of good special articles and a bright new coronal page. A page of personal reflections of Edwin Markham, the poet, is full of charm. "Who'll Be the Next President?" is the title of an article sizing up shrewdly the chances of the various aspirants for presidential honors.

The American Magazine (New York) the still young under the present management, is, in our estimation, one of the very best popular priced magazines. "Mr. Dooley on the Temperance Cause" is the current feature. "The Success of Mr. Dunne's comic, yet serious, philosophy. A most important contribution is "The Tragedy of the Mulatto," a sympathetic and unbiased study by Ray Stannard Baker of the historical sketch of the London Times, are of more than ordinary interest. Harry Thurston Peck contributes a scholarly literary study of Ralph Waldo Emerson. B. Neveda writes of the much-discussed subject, "The Power of the Presidency." He concludes that the presidency has not grown more autocratic than in the days of Washington or of Jackson, that the personality of an executive determines how big a part he will play.

The Cosmopolitan (New York) has a superbly illustrated article on the "New Spirit in German Painting," several breezy stories, and other good things. Of the latter, "The Fight Between the Excitables," Erlabane, a study of emotion in criminals, by Professor Hugo Munsterberg, and the regular installment of dramatic comment are well worth reading.

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Education in Texas

Texas people are proud of their state and its institutions. Sometimes in our zeal we boast of our free public school system. We do not possess a worthier institution, and we certainly should pride our public schools just as highly as their efficiency will warrant; but when we take a disinterested glance at the state of education in Texas, we cannot resist a certain feeling of sadness—sadness for our neglected youth, sadness for the short-sighted statesmanship that refused to make a tangible reality of the ideals of the fathers of Texas. Thanks to these latter, the state has the largest permanent school endowment of any state yet the sum derived from state and local taxes is so small that in average length of school term we fall almost at the end of the list! Not only that, but the free school are limit in Texas (ten years) is the very lowest of all the states. And in the percentage of illiteracy our proud Lone Star state is well down among our sisters of the black and red.

There are evidences, however, that our citizenship is waking up to the true state of affairs, and that the people will shortly demand the removal of one of the most serious handicaps to our progress. The state constitution, as it now reads, prohibits the levying of more than 20 cents on the \$100 special school tax in county districts, and then only when it is voted by two-thirds of the majority. An amendment will be submitted to the people next November, providing that a special school tax up to 50 cents on the \$100 may be levied by a majority vote. We can see nothing but a most reasonable in such a provision. It seems to be the one thing on which the beginning of an upward march depends.

The Farmers' Union is progressive; its members can see beyond their own front gate. The union is educational as well as co-operative, and we believe that all union men will be glad of the opportunity, next November, to assist in lifting the millstone from the necks of their children, and the state itself.

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Union Notes

Uncle Sam Hampton, the union scout, recently made a tour of Kaufman county, and was very successful in organizing three local unions. Several weeks local on the way to recovery.

Lewis L. Dalrymple, president of the Kaufman county union, and Bro. Nelson, county organizer, are pushing the fight, and old Kaufman is right along with the procession.

A school house campaign is being made this week by "Uncle Sam" in plain at Bryan last Saturday. Several local will be organized there this week. Brown county is one of the big cotton counties and many large plantations are interested. The county union meets on April 4 at Kurten and a big time is expected.

In most large cities the death rate in winter is much greater than in summer.

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Subscription to Cotton Mill, Ft. Worth, Texas.

The Farmers' Union having endorsed the project to build a cotton mill at Ft. Worth, Texas, believing that the erection and operation of said mill will be of great advantage and profit to the cotton growers of said state. Now, therefore, in consideration of the benefits accruing to me from the construction and operation of said cotton mill at said Ft. Worth, I hereby subscribe and agree to pay to the American National Bank, Trustee, at Ft. Worth, the sum of \$..... as follows: One-half of said amount to be paid on or before June 1st, 1908; the balance on or before January 1st, 1909; said sum so subscribed by me, to be used in the construction and operation of a cotton mill at Ft. Worth, Texas.

It is understood and agreed that upon payment in full of the above subscription by me, said company building said cotton mill shall deliver to me of the capital stock of said company one dollar in shares of said capital stock fully paid and non-assessable, for every dollar of this obligation, but not otherwise, which certificate of stock shall be deposited with said American National Bank, Trustee, for my benefit, and delivered to me upon payment in full of this obligation as herein stipulated.

Witness my signature at..... this..... day of..... 1908.

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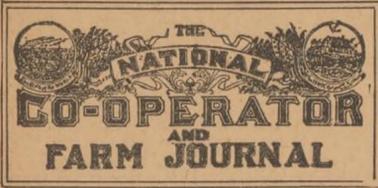
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FARM PRODUCTS PRICES.

Established for 1907 and 1908 by the National Farmers' Union.

This schedule of prices was agreed upon at the National Convention of the Farmers' Union held at Little Rock, September 3, 1907, and all members are expected to maintain them during the year 1907-1908. The key to success in this organization is Controlled Marketing. Don't dump your crop on the market the month you harvest it. Help to make these prices standard by refusing to sell for less. Organize and stay organized!

Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Cotton, middling, per lb. \$ 15; Wheat, No. 2, red, per bu. 1 00; Corn, No. 2, per bu. 35; Cotton seed, per ton. 20 00

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Take a look at the label on your paper and see when your time expires. Your paper will stop when your time expires. This is best for you and for us. Renew before your time is out. You can not afford to miss an issue. To keep fully posted on the workings of this great National organization, you must read The Co-Operator. Be sure to renew in time.

It is now or never to begin your arrangements to keep your next cotton crop until you can get more for it than it costs to produce it.

An increase of crops for home consumption and a decrease of the cotton crop is absolutely essential until the Farmers' Union can work out a safe plan for marketing and financing cotton.

If you are inclined to think this issue rather full of cotton acreage reduction doctrine, just remember we are trying to make your paper practical and timely.

Don't get carried off your feet in political campaigns. The fellow who has controlled legislation in his interest so long never gets enough partisanship in him to make him vote against his own interests.

Be a missionary. The time is now ripe for a great forward movement in the Union. Show your neighbor that the Union has maintained a higher price for cotton than was ever known before, under such extreme pressure, and tell him if all the farmers were united we could win over all opposition.

The cotton market is inactive and the price inclined to go lower because the gamblers and spinners are expecting the Southern farmers to plant a large crop. Are you going to help them send the price lower by increasing your acreage, or will you help your wife and children by raising more products for home consumption and less cotton?

Elsewhere in this issue of the Co-Operator we publish a circular from the Executive Committee of the Farmers' Union of Texas, outlining the plan recommended for the establishment of a co-operative cotton mill. Cotton mills are good investments as money-makers, but they have another value besides this to the farmer and that is that they manufacture into the finished product the greatest farm staple of the world. Farmers need to take more interest in cotton mills, cotton seed oil mills, etc.

While it is the earnest hope of all who have done much work or much thinking in behalf of the Farmers' Union that some system may be evolved by which the farmer may secure profitable prices for his products without curtailing his crops, it must be conceded by all that such a system has not yet been wrought out. This being the case, there is only one sensible course to pursue and that is to plant less of the staples and more of those crops which can be consumed at home, making less money required and consequently less money crops needed.

A Parker county farmer wrote last week that he made only three bales of cotton last year and that he has them yet. "I do not believe," said he, "in having my smokehouse in Kansas City or some other place." This man has found the key to the whole situation. With corn in the crib and meat in the smokehouse one can hold his cotton until he can sell it at a profit.

Co-Operator believes it voices the sentiments of two hundred thousand union farmers in Texas when it extends a hearty welcome to the national officers of the Farmers' Union, who are locating national headquarters in Fort Worth. We do not believe a better location could have been secured and we hope their choice will meet the approval of the organization everywhere.

Even the lumber trust, which most of us are just now denouncing, will not risk its members producing the full capacity of their mills, lest there might be some mishap in its well planned combination that should cause prices to be cut. If this be so, can the cotton farmers of the South expect profitable prices if they vie with each other in planting the most cotton to the fewest hands? Ask yourself this question, morning, noon and night for the next ten days.

Speaking of keeping out of debt, so as to be able to secure better prices, a correspondent writes: "Diversification is one of the ways to get out, and the surest way of staying out of the clutches of debt. It is not too late, even now, to turn over a new leaf. Farmers can yet plant more corn than once intended. They can arrange for a sorghum patch, a potato patch, a large crop of hay, fat cattle to sell in the fall, instead of the usual half-fat or even poor cattle, as of yore. Then, the poultry lot should be looked after. A little extra feed for the milch cows during the long dry summer months and a shed for them in winter, would add much to the table comforts of the family, and perchance a few pennies to the purse."

TO OUR EXCHANGES

We hope that all our exchanges will take notice at once of the removal of the National Co-Operator from Dallas to Fort Worth and will revise their mailing lists accordingly. We do not know how to keep house without a great bundle of exchanges to clean up each day.

CO-OPERATOR HAS MOVED

Have you ever moved? Have you ever had your effects all packed and wagons and teams engaged to come next morning and then wake up and find it raining? And then the next day the same? And then have you ever gotten to your new home a week late to find that you needed a hundred things which were packed away somewhere—that is, you thought they were—but where, you did not remember, and a thousand things demanded your attention at once with nothing at your command with which to do any of them? Well, this is the condition in which the Co-Operator has been the past two weeks. We were removed from Dallas to Fort Worth last week, but were delayed and hampered by the rains and were so confused and tangled that it was utterly impossible to issue a paper. Our plant and offices are still scattered around in a chaotic condition, but we have stopped straightening up long enough to start the pens and presses going. We hope to keep on time when well straightened out and we invite our friends to visit us when in the city.

GOD'S OUT-OF-DOORS

Often I have noted that when I borrow a book, or take one from a library, I am almost certain to read it promptly and return it; and that, on the other hand, if I buy a book I am apt to lay it aside and defer the reading of it indefinitely. "I've got it," I argue, "secure; it is mine to read whenever I please."

Is the trait here suggested a general one, and does it hold good in other realms than that of book-reading? I own not an acre of soil, yet I wonder sometimes whether I do not seek and enjoy the society of trees and flowers, the spell of the songbirds, the expansiveness of broad green prospects, more than do the holders of the title-deeds to all those broad acres. They, I fancy, are inclined to philosophize thus: "This is all mine—mine alone—to enjoy; but Gain calls me now. Go, leafy glades, for this time; I will see you at a more convenient season." And in this manner some folks fritter the years away, never taking account of the solace and renewed strength they might know by dreaming—dreaming periodically among their own trees.

For dreams—healthy day dreams—are made of more substantial stuff than prosaic men fancy. Out of the dream walks forth the dominant, vital act. David, Joseph, Thomas Jefferson, Wordsworth, Emerson, Edison—who shall say they wrought less profitably for their dreams?

The other evening I walked, volume in hand, to a slope overlooking the quietest town. Stretched upon the wild grass, mixed tender fern, sprinkled with pale wild violets and yellow flowers, with tufts of Spanish dagger here and there. I drank in the inspiration of that scene. Budding redhaw bushes and live and Spanish oaks about, the limpid blue above (tumbled high with white clouds), the low sun flooding the

green flat beyond me; homing cows lowing expectantly, garrulous mocking birds complaining in the near distance. I fancy the ear attuned could almost hear the whisperings of God. The owner of the land whereon I lay was shut in, these many weeks, behind the green blinds of his two-story mansion. His the land, mine the landscape; his the shadow, mine the reality; his the dull care, mine the heart-ease.

PUBLISHERS' ANNOUNCEMENT

We tried to make it clear last week that the National Co-Operator is to be run on the same basis as the "Union Farmer" was voted for by the locals. The Co-Operator was purchased in order to keep perfect harmony, but the Union is to have control of its policy through the election of its editor, just as President Neill outlined in his letter submitting the "Union Farmer" proposition to the membership.

The name of the paper is to be The National Co-Operator and Union Farm Journal. The paper has been published under this name, except the insertion of the word "Union" for a long time, and is well known among advertisers, and for this reason, as well as for the fact that it is generally recognized as the national paper of the Farmers' Union, it is thought best to retain the name, at least for the present.

It was our intention to issue the "Union Farmer" in the form of four-column, sixteen-page journal. This is the size and style of most farm papers and other trade journals. It is our purpose to change to this size as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. In the meantime, however, we are ready to receive suggestions, for we are anxious to please our readers.

We want this paper to contain departments devoted to the different interests of the farm, and it is our aim to inaugurate such departments as rapidly as we can. We invite all to write as often as they can and upon subjects and questions with which they are familiar, and their articles will go under the proper department. While devoting some space to the several farm interests, we shall give under the heading of "The Loom of Events" a digest of the world's real news the past week. Also the more important events of the section in which the paper circulates.

As stated in our first issue, the purchase of the Co-Operator was more than we had originally contemplated, but if all will come forward promptly with renewals as fast as their subscriptions expire, and if all the new subscribers will pay promptly we can go through all right. We hope that you will do this now, so that we may not need to refer to it again, but may bend all our energies to giving you a live Union newspaper.

NO ENTANGLING ALLIANCES

There comes from Wichita Falls an article published in the New Orleans Picayune charging that the Farmers' Union officers of Texas were meddling in politics, and had abandoned the warehouse proposition.

This statement is false from beginning to end. President Neill has advised, almost in every address, that the Union stay out of politics. The proposition of warehouses has been pushed from the beginning and President Neill has made more speeches than any other man in Texas for the building of warehouses. But he and the Executive Committee have from the beginning been opposed to the Shapira warehouse schemes because they believed this would prove disastrous, and so it did.

The charge is made that there are only two democrats in the official family and they have been ignored. One of these is Vice President Lane.

We wish to state for the justification of President Neill that he is the first president to show the vice president any consideration at all, having called Brother Lane to fill the chair three times during his absence.

Another charge is that President Neill has for his advisors Clarence Nugent and Sam Hampton, when the truth is the Executive Committee has been his advisors from the start and his other enemies charge he advises with the committee too much.

Now comes the crowning charge against President Neill, which is that his deal with Galveston has diverted cotton that ought to have gone to New Orleans or Houston. At the time this deal was made with Galveston, what was the condition of the country? New Orleans would not loan a dollar on cotton, neither would Houston nor any other city in the South. President Neill had met the president and secretary of the Bankers' Association at Austin and tried to secure loans on cotton; also at San Antonio. Later, at Dallas, he urged them to even guarantee warehouse certificates, and this all failed. Then when Galveston offered to loan money on cotton shipped to Galveston, President Neill and the Executive Committee accepted the proposition, by which the people could draw money on such cotton as they desired to hold in Galveston, instead of selling in a market where they could get no cash.

The Wichita Falls correspondent and the New Orleans Picayune are not friends to the Farmers' Union, but are strictly its enemies. This correspondent very likely does not live at Wichita Falls, but is probably a railroad lobbyist and bucket

shop booster and wanted to stab the Union. Watch the enemy.

A WORD AS TO THE "OFFICIAL PAPER"

Last week we promised a few words as to the objects and aims of the National Co-Operator which is now published under the auspices of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of Texas.

It is not so much an "official journal," but rather an advocate of unionism. If there has been any misapprehension as to this, it may be dispelled by pausing right here to say that his present position, or the establishment of this state union paper was not sought by this editor. He had never discussed the matter in conversation nor by correspondence with any state official nor any member of the executive committee until he was summoned before the executive committee at their request and did not know even then for what purpose he was wanted until he was shown into their room. This much is said for the purpose of showing that he was not a "place seeker," nor was he planning for his own personal interest. If he had been so planning, he does not believe now that he could have secured the endorsement of a single member of the executive committee or the president.

Now that the Co-Operator belongs to the Union and there is only one union paper in Texas, the co-operation of all is invited, to the end that it be made the standard-bearer, the seed sower, the educator, of the organization. Let past differences and past errors be forgotten as we rally for another stand against the organized band of cotton gamblers and trust robbers who have grown fabulously rich by systematic plundering through keeping the producers unorganized and disorganized.

This is not to be an "official organ" of the officials of the State Union. No committee or official has even remotely intimated anything of the kind, and if one had, they should have had to look elsewhere for an editor. This editor has never been tied to any man or set of men, and never will be, but he will work and sacrifice for the establishment of principles and policies which he deems for the common good of the producers of this nation, and he will defend men as long as they measure up to this standard. He is proud to enlist in the work under the supervision of a board of men who take the same view of the subject as he does.

It is to be the official journal of the membership of the Farmers' Union of Texas. That is to say, it is to represent their announced policies and principles and to afford them a medium through which they may discuss their interests and arrive at what may be their best future policies.

Every other business and every other labor organization has its trade journal, and the farmers can no more fight a successful battle without a paper than an army can expect victory in battle without a general. This fact has been learned by all other classes and is now coming to be recognized by the farmers.

It is not the object of the paper to publish the secret work of the organization nor the secret letters of the officials. We believe too much has been published and we may discourage the publication of much that others think should be published. However, there are many things done behind closed doors that are proper to be told to the world. The object of a Union paper, or advocate, if you please, is not so much to publish the doings of the local, county or state Unions, nor even the official addresses, as it is to truthfully present to the farmers and members of the organization the conditions which affect their interests. There are so many things which affect the price of any product that by a well planned system of education of the public mind through the medium of the press, special interests have been able to manipulate markets and control prices to a much greater extent than could have been done if the masses had been correctly informed. It will be the aim of the National Co-Operator to exert every effort possible to furnish its readers reliable information upon such subjects as directly affect their interests. And then, with this it shall be its aim to afford a forum for the discussion of the ways and means by which the farmer and farm laborer may be elevated to the dignity to which they are entitled by virtue of their relationship to the rest of the world.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE URGES PROMPTNESS

Fort Worth, Tex., April 20, 1908. To the Members of the F. E. & C. U. of Texas—

In your locals you decided by a large majority in favor of the establishment of a newspaper to be owned and controlled by the Farmers' Union of Texas. Before arrangements could be made for the establishment of the "Union Farmer," a proposition was made to sell us the National Co-Operator and Farm Journal. In order to prevent any confusion in the minds of the members, we advised the purchase of the Co-Operator, and a few days ago, Bros. Aaron Smith and M. S. Sweet, whom he had interested in the proposition, purchased the Co-Operator and have moved it to Fort Worth and will publish it in lieu of the "Union Farmer." On account of the postal regulations and for

others reasons not necessary to mention, it is not possible to change the name of the paper at the present time, but otherwise there are no restrictions upon it except those held by the State Union and it will be published under the same contract as contemplated when the establishment of the "Union Farmer" was submitted to you, and its editorial policy will be absolutely under the control of the State Union, through its Executive Committee, in such way as may be hereafter designated by the Union, and if there are any profits therefrom, the Union will share in them. Having full control over the policy of this paper and knowing that we can direct it at all times to the advocacy of the principles and policy of the organization, we recommend it to the membership and not only recommend it but urge them to subscribe for it at once and help to make it a great educational factor, which we need in building up this great organization in Texas and throughout the country. You have said by your votes that you wanted such a paper and we have made what we consider a very desirable arrangement for its publication from the Union's standpoint, and now if you will give us your support and your subscriptions promptly and keep paid up as your time expires, we believe that we will be able to build up the greatest educational publication that has ever been established in the interest of a farmers' organization. Its success, however, will depend largely upon how promptly the membership of the Union and its subscribers generally respond in the payment of their subscriptions, and we have confidence in you enough to believe that you will do your part without any urging from us.

Further than this, we hope that you will feel free at all times to send such reports of your meetings as are proper to be published and any other articles which you may wish to write that are of general interest to the farmers of this country, and we are sure that they will be given due consideration. The paper will print the official announcements from State Headquarters from county and local Unions and such other articles concerning the welfare of the Union as may be contributed by the members or officials. It will not be its purpose to publish anything concerning the secret work of the organization or the private communications sent out by the officials, but it will be an educational journal directed along the line of keeping our people informed upon all subjects which are of vital interest to the farmers and especially to those of this organization.

Trusting that it will meet the hearty co-operation of all and that it will be of great power in helping us to secure the right to price our own products, we are,

Yours fraternally, W. T. LOUDERMILK, Ch. Ex. Com. J. C. ALBRITTON, Sec.

Large vertical text advertisement: We Want Every Loyal Union Man on the Subscription List of Co-Operator

TO THE GINNING TRADE

The Murray Company has, after vigorously contested litigation with the Continental Gin Company, finally established its rights...

The Ray & Holmes Gin Co., of Kerens, Texas, who were using infringing machines bought from the Continental Gin Company...

Purchasers are advised to assure themselves that seed cotton Elevators, Distributors and Feeders offered them are not infringements of our patents...

We manufacture complete gin outfits embracing all the latest improvements and sell same at lowest prices.

Ask for our catalogue or one of our representatives to call on you. The Murray Co., Dallas, Texas

THE ADMIRAL THREE STROKE HAY PRESS

Advertisement for the Admiral Three Stroke Hay Press, featuring an illustration of the machine and text describing its features like '3 FEEDS TO THE ROUND' and '2 PROFITS IN HAY BALING'.

WASHINGTON WANTS NATIONAL CONVENTION

State Organizer Writes Interesting Letter About the Organization in New State

We want you to keep the national convention prominently before the readers for Washington in 1908. We can have one of the biggest conventions here that has ever been held...

and if the farmers will work on that proposition, they will not have such a hard time maintaining a uniform price, because the price must of necessity regulate itself somewhat according to the supply...

BURNETT COUNTY UNION AT BRIGGS

The following account of the recent county convention of the Burnett County Farmers' Union is taken from the Burnett Bulletin:

Surely, there is no lovelier farming country in Texas than that around Briggs. The magnificent black land farms extend as far as the eye can reach...

The afternoon session was mainly taken up with the vital question of how to finance the cotton crop of 1908 in the event of another panic or money is wanting to move it.

After several hours of business the convention, represented by nearly all the "Locals" in the county, and numbering some seventy-five, was addressed by Brother L. B. Holloway, assistant state lecturer...

At the close of the convention, an enthusiastic and unanimous vote of thanks was given in behalf of the citizens of the community for their hospitality and kindness to the visiting delegates.

There was one disappointment, Capt. F. J. Hundley, J. M. Clifton, Ed. Shuford, Prof. Parker, J. D. Sims, Jet Halje, C. C. Stewart and other leaders were absent, and we all missed them.

Advertisement for S. C. Rhode Island Reds, featuring an illustration of a rooster and text describing the breed and its availability.

Although not a Union man, study Ben H. Stewart was in town, mingling with the delegates. "Dilly of Briggs," also a non-Union man, did not show up, and his absence was also noted.

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Large advertisement for 'From the Vineyard' wine, featuring a detailed illustration of a vineyard, several wine bottles, and text describing the wine's quality and availability. Includes a 'Sample Order Form' and 'Famous California Apricot Cordial' promotion.

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Modes of the Moment



SMART WALKING GOWNS

In the earliest days of its existence, now some ten years ago, the blouse fasten invisibly, while their adjustment is so contrived that they can be tightened or loosened at the will or necessity of the wearer, and they hook securely down to the front of the corset.

And now I have forgotten in my list of the blouses desirable the very latest model. It is made of stripes of embroidered pique, joined with fine tucks of lawn, and it looks exceedingly well under the regulation tailor-made coat and skirt, which continues to hold some measure of our fancy, although, in truth, not so much as they usually obtain at this time of year.

We are, so to speak, set upon the director's style. Our skirts are long and very narrow, and they bear in the center of the front three little pleats, which look as if they had dropped



A SLEEVELESS PALETOT. Trimmed with Embroidery or Braid and Revers of Velvet—The Coat is Ornamented with Tassels.

there accidentally, but have really been planned with infinite trouble to assume a carelessness their arrangement did not permit. The skirt, being cut high above the waist, is fastened with a band either of ribbon, silk, or petersham, or galon, and the long coat hangs straightly to the sides, with deep-pointed revers, buttoned usually with large buttons of enamel or metal, on either side of a double-breasted waistcoat, which terminates above the waist.

Spring walking costumes are the two heroines of our large illustration. No. 1 is of cloth, with the bodice draped with a suggestion of kimono and the fichu, the waistcoat and the sleeves being braided, while the revers are of gulfure, and tassels dangle on either side of the buttons down the front.

The other shows a coat and skirt of dark blue, trimmed with strappings and small gold buttons, and a line of white braid beyond the purple velvet collar and cuffs, the latter being frilled daintily with soft muslin and lace.

THE NOW AND THE TO-BE OF THE PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY



OSMEÑA, SPEAKER OF THE PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY

THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING AT MANILA, WHERE THE LEGISLATURE MEETS

ground, and is acutely sensitive to the external factors which affect it.

The direct external influence, aside from congress, is the commission. The American commissioners exercise executive functions apart from their legislative duties; in fact, the commission embraces all the executive authority of the insular government, which is now concentrated in the hands of the five American members. So the commission holds a double check upon the assembly.

Eighty-six bills have so far been introduced, and of these only two have passed, and both have become laws by the assent of the commission. The first bill passed by the assembly was to appropriate 1,000,000 pesos for the erection of barrio schools; the second was to increase the salary of the speaker.

The bills which have been introduced, but about which no definite action has yet been taken, cover a wide range. Agriculture, taxation and education seem to be popular questions with the delegates, and a number of bills relating to each of these topics have been presented. There is a bill providing for compulsory education, one requiring that native languages be taught in the primary schools, one providing for the further establishment of manual training classes in the schools, one providing for an agricultural college in each province, one to establish industrial schools, one compelling the teaching of English in the barrio schools. The state of agriculture in the islands is evidently on the minds of many delegates, half a dozen bills on this subject having been introduced. One provides for the free distribution of agricultural implements under certain conditions, another provides for the revocation of land sold under failure to pay certain taxes. There is a bill to abolish the death penalty, one to permit Chinese immigration under restrictions, and one to prove the insular waterways. Forty-six bills apply to revision and amendment of various laws. Six of these propose amendments to the election law. A bill provides for the establishment of the writ of habeas corpus. One provides for the erection of insular government buildings in Manila.

Apart from its legislative efforts, it is interesting to note some effects which the assembly is having upon the general political state of the islands. Thomas F. Millard, the New York Times correspondent, says on this point: "I have just returned from a trip about the provinces, and I am convinced that the sentimental effect among the people is very great. At any rate it has provided a diversion. People, and consequently the politicians, no longer discuss with the same interest what the Americanos are doing or intend to do; they are talking about their own assembly. What is the assembly doing? What is the assembly proposing to do? Have you read Queson's speech? Ah, yes; but I do not agree with him. Osmeña's reply was much better. The land law should be revised. Yes; let us write to our assemblyman. And so on throughout the islands."

Wins in Textile Competition. The Craftsman announces that Miss Elizabeth C. Niemann of Philadelphia is the winner of the first prize offered in a competition for the best design for textile decoration. Her design was for a peacock portiere and is intended to be carried out in applique embroidery of brilliant dark blue, light blue, green and ivory upon a background of natural color Russian crash.

For Ugly Streets Only. It is announced that the Berlin police are taking steps to prevent the defacement of streets by electric signs. No objection will be offered to their erection in ugly or confined spaces, but they will be excluded from the best streets and from places where they are likely to produce a discordant effect.—Engineer.

Enormous Coral Reef. Fronting the coast of north Australia is the Great Barrier reef, the largest coral reef in the world. It is over 1,000 miles long and 30 miles wide.

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Willie—I was thinking how far away you and I would be from mother

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