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## The Loom Of Events

A Weekly News Summary Cleaned  
from the Daily Press

The Bailey Controversy.

At this writing the political situation finds Texas in the midst of a determined conflict between the friends and supporters of Senator J. W. Bailey, on the one hand, and those who disapprove of the Senator's conduct on the other. The immediate objective is the election of four delegates-at-large to attend the National Democratic convention at Denver in June. This is the chosen battleground on which it is hoped will be fought out decisively among the people the question at issue in the Senator's public service: The Baileytes hope for an endorsement at the hands of the people that will close the contest, at least until the end of the present senatorial term, and which will leave the Senator's influence comparatively unimpaired; whereas, the opposing faction deem it important, particularly on the eve of a presidential election, that the democracy of the State shall not be left in the hands of a man who is termed "Baileysism" or the "curse of the late Legislature" in its investigation and election of Mr. Bailey. It is not in the province of this paper to go into the merits of the controversy.

By mutual consent a special primary has been called by the State Executive Committee for May 2. Both sides have been more or less active in the work of organization and of inaugurating an active speaking campaign. At Waco, in the first half of March, the anti-Bailey ticket was named, headed by Hon. Cone Johnson, of Tyler. On March 28, at Fort Worth, the Bailey convention named a ticket headed by Senator Bailey. A large number of anti-Bailey speakers have been addressing large and receptive audiences for the past two or three weeks. Senator Bailey formally opened his speaking tour (he having come from Washington to engage in the campaign) at Lufkin last Saturday. He was greeted there and at his subsequent appointments by large and enthusiastic audiences. Swarms of speakers are now making vocal every stump in the State, and joint discussions are not uncommon. Large quantities of literature are being sent out from anti-Bailey headquarters at Dallas, and likewise from the Bailey headquarters at Fort Worth. The Senator's partisans are predicting a large majority, while the opposition seem increasingly assured of an anti-Bailey victory.

**The Race for Attorney General.**  
Hon. R. M. Wynne, of Fort Worth, the candidate supported by Senator Bailey for attorney general in opposition to the present incumbent, Hon. R. V. Davidson, also opened his campaign last Saturday by addressing the people of Longview. He attacked Davidson's record and expressed his willingness to meet Mr. Davidson in joint discussion. An interesting race may be looked for. The general primary is set by law for July 25.

**State Prohibition.**  
The agitation for State prohibition is going industriously forward. Those active in the crusade are for the present engaged in procuring sufficient signatures to insure the submission, on the ballots in the coming Democratic primary, of the question whether or not the voter favors the submission by the Legislature of a prohibition amendment to the constitution. An effort will also be made to elect legislators favorable to prohibition. It may be remarked here that the very fashionable issue of prohibition was that on which, in one way or another,

others, the elections of Monday and Tuesday turned in the States of Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois the fight in the last-named State having been unprecedentedly bitter. The returns are not available as this is being written.

**Davidson at Washington.**  
The Waters-Pierce receivership case went before the Supreme Court of the United States the first of this week for final decision. Attorney General Davidson and those associated with him in the prosecution are at Washington. It will be remembered that, after the judgment for ouster and penalties had been secured at Austin, the State court appointed Robt. J. Eckhardt as receiver of the oil company's property in Texas. The corporation then secured the appointment of Dorchester by the Federal court, supplanting Mr. Eckhardt, and appealed from the district court's order appointing Eckhardt. Later, however, the Federal Court of Appeals at New Orleans held that Eckhardt was the rightful receiver; and now the whole controversy goes before the highest tribunal. Two causes were argued before the court: (1) the order of the State court appointing Eckhardt, and (2) on writ of certiorari to the Federal Court of Appeals to review the finding of that court. Davidson, it was announced, would make a motion to consolidate the two, thus hoping to avoid an interregnum in the receivership. It is our understanding that the forthcoming decision of the Supreme Court will cover, as well, the main case of ouster and penalties.

**Full Crew Law Upheld.**  
On the first day of this month the Court of Civil Appeals at Austin affirmed a judgment against the M. K. & T. Railway Company involving the validity of the "full crew" law enacted by the Thirtieth Legislature.

**Sunday School Conference.**  
A notable religious gathering was the Texas Methodist State Sunday School Conference held at Fort Worth the latter part of last week. Some 1500 out-of-town delegates were in attendance, who may be expected to carry the enthusiasm and inspiration of the conference to their several fields of activity. Three bishops, James Atkins of Nashville, Joseph S. Key of Sherman, and Seth Ward of Houston, were in attendance, and addressed the meetings. A number of experts in Sunday school work, representing several States, were present, and expounded the latest methods. It was determined to hold, next August, a State encampment, in the nature of an institute, in connection with the Epworth League encampment at Epworth-by-the-Sea. Officers were elected headed by W. E. Everett of Dallas, as president, and the conference placed itself on record unanimously as favoring State prohibition.

**Oklahoma Legislation.**  
The first State administration of Oklahoma naturally has its hands full, having found itself under the necessity of rearing from the ground up a State code, providing for various State institutions, and getting the new-made machinery of government in smooth-running motion. The new State's constitution is the most progressive and complete possessed by any State, and the Governor and Legislature seem disposed to erect a superstructure to match, the law-making body being now in busy session at Guthrie. Some of the recommendations of a recent message sent down by Governor Haskell may be taken as exemplifying the spirit of the new State. He recommends the passage of bills providing for mandatory pri-

### Official Announcement

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, APRIL 8, 1908.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS:  
BROTHERS AARON SMITH AND M. S. SWEET HAVE BOUGHT THE CO-OPERATOR, AND IT WILL BE MADE THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF TEXAS.  
THE TEXAS STATE UNION IS TO HAVE EDITORIAL CONTROL OF SAID PAPER, AND IT WILL BE STRICTLY A UNION PAPER.  
LET US URGE ALL TO SUBSCRIBE FOR THE CO-OPERATOR, AND WE WOULD URGE ALL TO RENEW JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND HELP MAKE THE PAPER A SUCCESS.  
ALL OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE CO-OPERATOR.

YOURS TRULY,  
*D. J. Neill*  
PRESIDENT.

matries, and, in general, such measures as shall carry out the intent of the constitution; he advocates laws covering impeachment and removal from office, taxation and preventing the practice of usury; or authorize the teaching of agriculture in horticultural schools a measure providing for the working of convicts on the public roads; a "full crew" bill, bills against blacklisting and a bill regarding hours of service for train crews, and a bill creating a court of criminal appeals. The establishment of an insane asylum, a school for the deaf, dumb and blind, a penitentiary and reformatory, and certain educational institutions are recommended. Other measures that bid fair to be written in the statutes are those providing for a free employment bureau, and requiring fire escapes in all factories; a compulsory education bill, and a provision for juvenile courts.

**The Coal Strike.**  
On April 1, the two years' contract between the bituminous coal miners and operators having expired, operations were suspended in the mines of the Southwestern district and portions of the central district, pending a new wage agreement. Some 250,000 miners laid down their picks. It appears that the differences are small, and it is expected that before long a new agreement will be reached; but in the meantime this large increase in the army of the unemployed will be responsible for much privation. An interstate conference, convened at Kansas City last Monday, will probably negotiate a wage scale for the Southwestern district, including Texas and Oklahoma. A joint convention of miners and operators of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Western Pennsylvania is announced to be held at Indianapolis to re-establish an interstate wage agreement for the central field. John Mitchell retired from the presidency of the mine workers, by reason of his health, and was succeeded by Vice President T. L. Lewis.

**Demands of Labor.**  
The above is one of several measures recently urged by the leaders of organized labor. They held conferences with the President and mem-

bered both houses of Congress in behalf of this measure and, among other things, certain amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law, providing that this law shall not be construed as bearing on the right of labor to strike or to organize. Mr. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, succeeded (after a fight lasting for years) in bringing the House of Commons to declare itself, by a large majority, in favor of Irish home rule.

**Election Riots in Lisbon.**  
The election in Portugal on April 5 was marked by disorder and bloodshed in Lisbon, the capital. It will be remembered that King Carlos and the Crown Prince were assassinated some weeks ago, perhaps by adherents of the republican element, and young Prince Manuel succeeded to the throne. In the recent election the republicans, ambitious for advantages, had strong reason to suspect fraud on the part of the election officers of the monarchial party, and on the refusal of the latter to consent to an immediate and open count, a riot ensued. The police and soldiers were called out, several men were killed and many wounded, and the city was in a state of terror all Sunday night. The riot and its summary suppression was merely an incident marking the onward march of political liberty.

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT LITTLE ROCK**  
Whereas, powerful influences of the New York, New Orleans and other cotton exchanges, with the alliance of the spinners' combine, with their great aggregation of capital, are arrayed against us in our fight to procure our minimum price for cotton; therefore, be it  
Resolved, That it is the decision of the State President's Council of the Farmer Union that no cotton belonging to any member of our organization shall be sold until the pooling of several hundred thousand bales belonging to the producers combined with interests of spot buyers has forced the price of cotton up to our minimum.  
Resolved, That each President immediately upon his return to his State Headquarters, notify each Local Union in his jurisdiction of the plans agreed upon for making these resolutions effective.  
Be it further resolved, That in consideration of the foregoing resolutions we ask the friendly co-operation of all spot holders, merchants and bankers who are friends of this movement.

(Signed) D. J. NEILL,  
G. R. HIGHTOWER,  
R. F. DUCKWORTH.

else to eat without going to town. The Union won't ever do any good as long as the old farmer depends on living out of a paper sack.

Some of the brothers and sisters speak of wearing their old clothes. I am going to buy all the clothes I can, for if the people don't buy the cloth that is made, there will be no demand for the raw cotton. The farmers can raise something to buy clothes with besides cotton, and when the cotton goods is all used up then they will have to have our cotton to make more clothes.  
Boys, let's don't say "our" cotton patches and corn fields, like we have always done. Let's say corn fields and cotton patches. We all know if we raise a big cotton crop this year, it will make it harder on us to get our price.  
I will close, with best wishes to the Union brothers and success to The Co-Operator.

P. K. PARTIN.  
Weatherford, Tex.

We have on hand plenty of Germas Constitutions and Rituals, Price, 1 cents apiece.  
C. SMITH,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

**GROWING IN KENTUCKY.**  
readers of The Co-Operator would like to know why the Union cause is progressing in Kentucky. I thought I would write and let you know that old Kentucky is coming to the front. Our county, McCracken, is not as well organized as some of the adjoining counties. We have some live Locals and a full attendance at our County Unions.  
Tobacco used to be our principal crop. But we have turned our attention to other things of late years. We raise wheat, corn, hay, tobacco, mules, hogs, etc.  
Woodville Local has 40 members and is progressing nicely. We are doing all we can to promote the Union. We have some good members as are to be found anywhere. Brother Barnett is doing a grand work in this State, and we are doing what we can to make his work a grand success. Brethren, the fight is on! The Union is in to win! This is the time to get to work. Let us wake up to a sense of our duty. We have already slept too long. Nothing will be accomplished until we put our shoulder to the wheel. Let us get to work, and let the world know that we are going to break the fetters that have bound us so long, and we will soon see victory perched upon the Union banner!

We endorse keeping our business a secret from the outside world. If we do not, what is the use of going behind closed doors?  
May we all prove true to the Union. Everything that can be done will be done to break it down; but if we stand firm in the ranks, we will win at last.  
Hurrah for the Union and The Co-Operator. May they long live to fight the battles of the oppressed.

W. S. MASSIE.  
Woodville, Ky.

### ENCOURAGE HUSBAND AND FRIENDS.

Editor of Co-Operator: If you will kindly give me, an old woman, a little space, I will contribute my small mite. I am a regular reader of your paper, "The Co-Operator." I say ours, because I am a Farmers' Union woman straight out. I don't belong to any Local, but I have always helped and encouraged husband and friends on every occasion that I could.

It seems strange to me that any farmer's wife who has taken notice of the times and customs could be anything else but Union. And I hope the day is not far distant when all of our non-union farmers and their families will lay down their prejudice and look at it from a reasonable standpoint. It can't be anything but just and right that he organize. The day demands it.

O, it makes my heart ache when I think back over the years that we have been sleeping on our rights. Wake up, wake up, my brother! We need you, if you care for your own loved ones. We need you if you can arouse any patriotic blood in your veins. Think what our forefathers and mothers, too, have borne that we might be an independent people. Look at our country. See how unfaithful we have been, with independence trailing in the dust. But God forbid that our own Southland shall wear the shackles of bondage much longer.

My sisters, do all you can to help in this fight. I only wish I could do more to encourage those who are weak and oppressed. Let your watchword be, "onward and upward," till we reach the goal. Then our children and grandchildren can surely rise up and call us blessed.  
Now, let me exhort every man, woman and child that love God and love their homes, to pray to God to give our leaders wisdom and understanding that they may direct us aright, for our Bible tells us that every good and perfect gift cometh from God.

I am for the right in all things,  
MRS. S. E. HORNE.  
Stephenville, Tex.

Who pays the salary of the men who want a great consolidated warehouse system under one charter. They who ought to control. Remember the Alliance Exchange.—Neill.

### PARKER ALL RIGHT.

Editor Co-Operator: If you will allow me a little space in your good paper, of which I am a subscriber, I will write a few lines to the brothers to let them know what we are doing in old Parker County. I belong to Robinson Local No. 4888. It has not been organized quite two months yet and has about twenty members, and will have three or four more to come in next Thursday night. We meet twice a month and have very good attendance. I don't believe the Union will ever make a success until the farmers go to raising their living at home. I am going to live at home and board at the same place this year. My smoke-house is in my yard, with plenty of meat in it to do me. I do not believe in having the smoke-house in Kansas City or some other place, and I have pigs growing to make my meat at another place. I just made three bales of cotton in 1907, and I have still got them, and I have not given a mortgage yet, and I don't expect to. I will milk old Mat till she goes dry, and then I will kill her and eat her meat, and wrap up in her skin, like a Comanche Indian, before I will give a mortgage. I don't have to go to town for something to eat. I have garden vegetables to eat now, and I can live all right as long as they last, and then I will find something

The "mind cure" for a financial panic may be all right for the panic; but the thousands of unemployed take no stock in the remedy as a cure for insufficient food, coal and clothes.  
Potatoes after potatoes is not so good for potatoes, as a rule, as it is for scab and blight. For some reason not fully explained any of the small grains do well after potatoes.

Ask your dealer for Simpson-Eddystone Silver Greys. The famous old "Simpson" Prints made only in Eddystone. Nothing more attractive than these stylish patterns...

The "LUMMUS" COTTON GINNING OUTFIT. Important 1908 Improvements Including Air Blast System. Requiring less power, greater efficiency. F. H. LUMMUS SONS CO. Columbus, Ga.

NOTICE KENTUCKY FARMERS. The State Organizer of "The Dark and Bloody Ground" Warns of Existing Conditions.

As State organizer of The Farmers' Union of Kentucky I feel it my duty to call the attention of every farmer throughout the country to the fact that our country is being threatened as never before...

Arrangements are being made so every Farmers' Union man can have his tobacco sold through a Farmers' Union sales house. Satisfactory and complete arrangements will be made for the handling of all of the 1908 crop of tobacco...

I offer this as a speedy remedy for the relief of our people from the trusts and combines and lawless mobs now being formed. R. L. BARNETT, State organizer of Farmers' Union of Kentucky.

Shall we call on them to form lawless mobs as a remedy for the evil? No! a thousand times no! What then is left for us to do? Organize every man who is a farmer or farm laborer into a strictly farmers' organization...

For COTTON GIN MACHINERY Of Any Description Write Continental Gin Co. Dallas, Texas.

NEW ROSE BABY RAMBLER

A dwarf compact form of the famous "Orion Rambler" Rose, growing about 30 inches. It is covered with its clusters of rich glowing roses from throughout its season. It is never out of bloom. Perfectly hardy. The color is brighter than the "Orion Rambler". Price, 15c each; 2 year plants, 30c each.

What you can buy for fifty cents. 10 Sweetblooming Roses, no two alike. 50c. 12 large flowering Chrysanthemums, twelve kinds. 50c. 12 Sweet leaved Calceas, fine for beds. 50c. 10 grand Geraniums, double and single. 50c. 12 choice Assorted Plants, for pots or bedding. 50c. 8 choice Begonias, flowering and ornamental. 50c. 12 mammoth flowering Verbena, 15 kinds. 50c. 15 Giant Imperial Pansies, rich colors. 50c. 10 Basket and Vase Plants, vines and foliage. 50c. 8 choice Canas, eight varieties. 50c. 15 Gladioli, orchid flowering. 50c. 12 Tuberoses, Dwarf, Peasi and sweet-scented. 50c.

JOS. W. VESTAL & SON, BOX 476, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

now that there will be probably 100,000 linters carried over, as there is no demand for them. It is also apparent from your reports that a large amount of cotton stored in warehouses for 15 cents will be carried over unless very much higher prices come before Sept. 1st. This makes the shortage on this crop two and a quarter million bales, compared to last year. The India crop is now considered about 2,000,000, so that the supply from now until the new crop comes on will be very short and every bale will be needed, so that it is up to the farmers that hold the balance of the crop; if they will stick together and hold a few hundred thousand bales off the market until July, I feel very sure they will be well paid for their trouble.

Trade has been very slow, but it is improving right along, and if it continues to improve it will not be long until the spinners will have to run on full time. So far the weather has been favorable for farm work in Texas and Oklahoma, but in other States there has been too much rain and very little farm work has been done. If the weather does not improve in that section soon it means another late crop. On my recent trip to Texas and Louisiana I find the weather has been very favorable to the boll weevil, and they have come through in good shape and the chances are very much against even an average crop in the weevil districts of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi.

This is our last report for the season, and I thank you all for your promptness and correctness in reporting this season. I feel very proud of our year's work, and especially our reports on the total crop on November 1st. Our estimate was 11,132,000, not including linters. On December 1st it was 10,662,000, and now it seems that both figures are very close to the actual crop. I feel very sure we will be able to do even better than this next year, as I have more confidence in my system now. Yours truly, J. A. TAYLOR, Pres. National Ginners' Association.

With best wishes for The Co-Operator and its many readers. W. E. FLETCHER. (Perhaps so. But friend Fletcher, do you not think we had better stay close to the shore? Had we not better first build all the warehouses we need? When we do this, then all things else will be added unto us. The Co-Operator is for any enterprise which is the best for our class, but we must be careful in our building less the whole structure should fall.—Editor.)

WORD OF GOOD CHEER. Brownsville, Tenn., March 12, 1908. Dear Brother Pyle: I want to congratulate you on deciding not to give the particulars of your Texas trouble in The Co-Operator. I am sure you did the right thing. What we want is peace and harmony and to keep our enemies from having any thing to fight us with. I am sure you are giving us one of the very best papers possible, and sure you are worth millions of dollars to the South in money and God and eternity will manifest how many good things you have done for the farmers of the South in helping them to get better prices for their products and giving them aspirations for a higher and better life.

PUBLIC SPEAKING. Editor Co-Operator: As per arrangements made by the Secretary and President of the Grant County, Arkansas Union, I will lecture on dates and places named below. We hope to make this of great benefit to Grant County Union, and we ask the hearty cooperation of the brethren. Marlow, April 9th and 10th. Palestine, April 11th at 10:30 A. M. Tull, April 11th at 7:30 P. M. Sweet Home, April 13 at 10:30 A. M. Prattville, April 13 at 7:30 P. M. New Hope, April 14 at 10:30 A. M. Leola, April 14 at 7:30 P. M. Shiloh, April 15 at 10:30 A. M. Friendship, April 15 at 7:30 P. M. Brooks, April 16 at 10:30 A. M. Fikes, April 16 at 7:30 P. M. Cedar Branch, April 16 at 7:30 P. M. Parker, April 17 at 10:30 A. M. Orion, April 17 at 7:30 P. M. Sheridan, April 18 at 10:30 A. M. Moores, April 18 at 7:30 P. M.

Let every interested man or woman appoint himself or herself a committee of one to see that every Union and non-union man or lady is present at above dates. Fraternally, R. B. SNELL, Lecturer 4th and 5th Districts, Stephens, Ark. FAVORS A CENTRAL BANK. Editor Co-Operator: I am sure there are 1,000,000 Union farmers. Out of such a class a great central Bank and Trust Company could be organized with a paid in capital stock of \$5,000,000.00 and increased later on to \$10,000,000.00 or \$15,000,000.00. A bank chartered at \$100,000.00 generally carries deposits amounting to \$400,000.00. A great corresponding bank with a capital stock of \$5,000,000.00 should carry deposits amounting to more than \$20,000,000.00. But suppose 1,000,000 Union farmers deposit in such a bank, on an average of only \$100.00 each, that would be a grand total of \$100,000,000.00. These estimates, I think are very conservative. Seventy per cent of \$100,000,000.00 is \$70,000,000.00, and this is the amount that could be used in buying up the "distressed" cotton and "dumper" cotton. At \$50.00 per bale \$70,000,000.00 would buy 1,400,000 bales. This, with the millions of bales of home production held by the members of the Union would give us the control of the cotton market both speedily and effectively.

If cotton be bought at \$50.00 per bale and sold at \$60.00 per bale, that gives a profit of \$10.00 per bale. A profit of \$10.00 per bale on 1,400,000 bales would be \$14,000,000.00, and the cost of storage and insurance of the cotton would be almost nothing compared with these figures. When the capital stock of the bank would be invested in bonds and other good securities and bringing in a nice dividend. We must figure on taking care of the "distressed" cotton and a good portion of the "dumper" crop, and it is my opinion that the sooner we get it at the better. The Union is a business proposition and we should get busy and get into position to enter the cotton market. With buyers in the local markets throughout the cotton producing States, and to do so we must of course have money. This money must come from the members of the Union, and others who would carry deposits with us if we had a great Central Corresponding Bank.

There are many banks in the great cities which make 10 per cent on the capital stock, and I see no good reason why the farmers could not have a great bank—the most powerful and the most influential bank in the United States. Fact is I do not believe the Union will ever have the success and enjoy the respect and influence that it should without the possession of such a great Bank and Trust Company. The proposition that the Union should build and own its cotton factories, is good and I favor it, and if we had a great Central Bank, a good portion of the dividends could be reserved and would go a great way in building factories. And this would be co-operation in its truest sense, and would bring the members of the Union into closer business relations with each other.

With best wishes for The Co-Operator and its many readers. BRO. H. A. DUNCAN. Frost, Tex. MUST STAY OUT OF POLITICS. Pres. J. B. Lewis Will Suspend Charter of Any Union Declaring For Any Candidate. "If any Farmers' Union, as a body, declares for ANY candidate or party, and the fact comes to my knowledge, I will immediately upon receipt of the proof of same, suspend its charter." J. B. LEWIS, President Arkansas State Union. MERITS APPRECIATION. No industrial reform has ever been inaugurated in Texas that will compare in substantial benefits to the people of the present and future generations with that started and successfully led by Judge V. W. Grubbs, of Greenville, having for its purpose the incorporation of industrial features in the public schools of the state. It is generally known that he has never received a cent for his years of service to the cause nor in the way of reimbursement for the money he has spent in the promotion of industrial

education of which he is the recognized leader. He is entitled to recognition and it is hoped that the State of Texas will not permit his declining years to be clouded by the reflection that his great work has not been duly appreciated by the people who are receiving the blessings and benefits accruing from the reform to which he has given many years of his life.—Editor. OTIS FLOYD. WORTHY GENTLEMAN. We note with pleasure that our old-time friend, Jno. T. Garner has settled in Dallas and is prepared to furnish wagons, buggies, harness, pianos, organs, etc., direct from the factory to the people. His address is Box 1084, Dallas, Texas. Write him.—Editor. NEWS FROM ALL THE STATES. Editor Co-Operator: Our Local has bought a gin and a saw mill. We will gin our own cotton and saw our own lumber. We are building a warehouse at Brooklyn to be ready for the next crop. We are going to sell our cotton from it and not on the streets any more. Lets not go in debt this year nor give any mortgages, so our products will be our own when they are made. Success to The Co-Operator. J. M. CRAFT, Claunch, Ark. Editor Co-Operator: We should all take The Co-Operator and keep posted in the Union work in all the States. The Co-Operator gets better all the time. Lets stay out of debt and lets not give any more mortgages, for as long as we do not own our produce, we can not successfully hold it for our price. I think it would be right to not let the non-union people store their cotton in our warehouses. The Union should be for Union people and if a non-union man wants to take advantage of the warehouse, let him come into the Union. With best wishes for Co-Operator. CARROLL McCLAIN, Centralia, Tex. STILL FIFTEEN CENTS. Editor Co-Operator: We still have some 15 cent cotton. We are going to live at home this year and be better able to hold our cotton next time, if we must hold it. We firmly believe in the idea of slow marketing, which we believe in time will amount to controlled marketing. Success to The Co-Operator. J. F. PRATT, Caledonia, Ark. "Family life is give and take; the head of it giving, the rest of it taking." But quite often it's the head of it keeping and the rest of it wanting.

Information concerning the whereabouts of my son, Jas. Simmons; 19 years old, 5 feet 11 inches high, weight 160 lbs.; dark brown hair, blue eyes, part of one tooth broken off. Any information would be thankfully received and appreciated. C. L. SIMMONS, Route 2, Potts Camp, Miss. The best is the cheapest; and this is true of railroads and railroad service, just as it is in other lines. MAKE COTTON A SIDE LINE. Editor Co-Operator: Our minimum price is one thing that the outside world should not know as it is our business and not theirs. In writing to the paper we should call it the minimum price and all members in good standing will know what it is. We must keep our business from the outside world. We must stand strictly to our constitution and there is no way for the outside fellow to know our business. Watch that fellow standing on the street who will ask you how many acres of cotton you are going to plant this year. Tell him you are going to plant enough, that you are going to try to run your own business. Lets plant plenty of corn and raise hogs and have plenty to sell and raise cotton to sell just as a side line. Success to The Co-Operator and our Union friends. J. T. ENGLISH, Frost, Tex. WILL WORK FOR CO-OPERATOR. Wheatland, Ind., March 16, 1908. Editor National Co-Operator: Our County convention of Knox County

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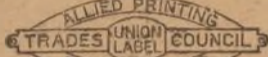
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## GOOD BYE.

With this issue, my connection with The National Co-Operator ceases. It has been sold to Bros. Aaron Smith and M. S. Sweet, who will move it to Fort Worth, where it will be published in the future. These gentlemen are honorable Union men, and are fully able, in all respects, to make the paper a success and thus help to build the great organization for which it stands. In retiring from this field of work in our great organization, my zeal for our cause is not, in any way, lessened. I shall join the ranks and do what I can and all I can for the success of the cause for which I have given so many years of toil. I am very anxious to see The Co-Operator succeed, and it will succeed, if our people will give it the assistance they should. The many thousands of friends The Co-Operator has made will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Fraternally,

O. P. PYLE.

## THE NEW MANAGEMENT.

Almost from the organization of The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas there has been a demand among the membership for a newspaper, absolutely controlled, or owned and controlled by the organization. This demand grew as conditions developed the necessity for it, and in response to it the State Executive Committee, with the approval of President D. J. Neill, submitted the proposition to the membership to be voted upon in their locals, and they voted in favor of the paper by a majority of about four to one. As soon as it became evident that the proposition would be adopted, in order to do justice to The Co-Operator and its publishers, who have labored earnestly in the cause, negotiations were entered upon for its purchase. It was an understanding, however, not originally contemplated by the editor and there were many difficulties in the way. But it has been accomplished, and the entire plant, subscription list and business, has been purchased by the editor and is held in trust by him for the State Union. This has entailed considerable expense and personal sacrifice upon his part, but he will not complain at this, if it shall but please the membership and the readers of The Co-Operator.

Arrangements had been made for the issuance of the first number of the "Union Farmer" at Fort Worth this week, before the transfer

of The Co-Operator was consummated and by reason of this and the necessity for this paper to be issued from Dallas this week, our plans are somewhat frustrated. At the risk of taxing the patience of the thousands who have shown their interest in the matter by subscribing in advance we are going to leave off bringing out an issue from Fort Worth this week. But we shall remove The Co-Operator during the week to Fort Worth and will publish the first complete number of the paper under the new management early next week. We hope this arrangement will be borne with, if it is not entirely satisfactory to all, and we promise that we shall be on time when we have gotten moved and straightened up at the home of the State Union.

In our next issue we shall have something to say of the objects and aims of the paper under the new management. In the meantime we trust that we shall have a pleasant greeting and the continued support of the present readers of The Co-Operator, and that ere long we shall have the pleasure of delivering a message each week to hundreds of thousands of loyal Union farmers and of marching shoulder to shoulder with them, with all past differences forgotten, to a victory which shall place them, not only equal with, but at the head of all other industrial and commercial classes.

Fraternally,

AARON SMITH.

The Texas State Union has 5000 Locals, 117 Districts, 153 County Unions, 323 Warehouses and a membership of 225,000.—Neill.

## CO-OPERATOR'S NEW HOME.

After this issue The National Co-Operator will be moved to Fort Worth, where it will be in close touch with State Union headquarters and will have offices in the Telegram Building, at the corner of Eighth and Throckmorton streets. All unexpired subscriptions will be carried out to date paid for, and all expired subscriptions are due and payable direct to this office. All correspondence relative to subscription and advertising, and all communications for publication should be addressed to

## THE NATIONAL CO-OPERATOR,

Telegram Building,  
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The battle of 1907-1908 for 15-cent cotton was not lost, but won. The panic shook the price of everything, but the price of cotton has remained stable.—Neill.

## A FALSE CRY.

The mills are now trying to scare the farmers into turning their cotton loose by telling them that they have goods that they cannot sell, and that they will have to shut down their mills as they are already overstocked with manufactured goods.

It is no trouble for a man who will stop to think, to see that this is a false cry, a misleading statement, with which they hope to shake the farmer's confidence and cause him to turn his cotton loose on a depressed market.

The mills have deliberately gone into a scheme to force the price of goods up. They have not been able for the last few months to pay the price for cotton which the farmers demanded, and make as big a profit out of the manufactured goods as they had been able to do when cotton was cheaper. Now they have determined to press the price of cotton goods up until they will have a larger margin of profits. It is not a question of being able to sell the products of the mills, but it is a question of the amount of profits they are able to make. They realize that they must do one of two things, press the price of cotton down, the price of cotton goods up, or make less profit than in the past.

The farmers should not become alarmed at low prices for March. It is the purpose of the speculators to press the price just as low as possible at all times, and while they have succeeded in pressing the price to a low record in March, it is no new thing. It will react and prices will go up again.—Union News.

The test of loyalty is to stand firmly by your principles.—Neill.

Educate! Diversify!! These are the warcries, with which to rally the boys.

Have you got that warehouse committee at work figuring on plans and getting up stock? Time is precious now.

If your subscription has expired, renew today. There will be many important happenings in the near future which you can not afford to miss.

The spinners are really going to experiment on cotton raising in Mississippi. They will be wiser before they are through with the experiment.

Let the slogan till August be, "The Farmers' Union for Farmers Only." Admit none but farmers into the Union of Texas.—Neill.

As General Grant said, "Do not let any guilty man escape." Do not let any non-union man get away from you. Get a committee on membership to work and round 'em up.

The only problem The Farmers' Union has to meet now is the warehouse problem. It is easily solved. Just say, "We need the warehouse. What we need we intend to have." Then go to work and build it.

One thing you want to forget entirely and that is how to spell the word "fail." Forget that there is such a word in the English language. Cut it out entirely. We do not need it in The Farmers' Union business—no part of it.

The meanest man in all this world is he who goes from place to place talking about his neighbor or his brother in a common cause. Such a man will be of few days and full of trouble, and the cause he represents will be trailed in the dust. If you have nothing good to say of a man, say nothing. After all he might not be as bad as you think.

A District Union in Coleman County, Texas, will meet on April 11th for the purpose of debating the question: "Resolved, That flat breaking is the best method of preparing the land and the deeper the better." A good subject indeed. We suspect that Tom Taylor is behind this debate, and that he will be able to throw much light on the subject. We need scientific farming and scientific marketing.

The bucket shop element are not dead, nor are they sleeping, but are working to reinstate the gambling dens in Texas.—Neill.

## FOR LAW AND ORDER.

State Organizer R. L. Barnett, of Paducah, Kentucky, has a very interesting article in this issue. He stands for law and order as against the lawlessness now going on in Kentucky. Looking at the matter at this distance, we are impressed with the fact that the tobacco raisers of Kentucky are in dead earnest, but it has seemed to us all along that the means some of them use are not justifiable. We are glad to see an old time farmer friend, Barnett, speak out so plainly and unequivocally on the subject. There is a peaceful remedy for the wrongs which have been done to the tobacco growers of Kentucky. "Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are paths of peace." The Farmers' Union has a plan by which these differences can be settled peaceably in a business-like manner, and the Kentucky brethren are going about it in the right way. They will control the production, build their own system of marketing, set a just and equitable price on their product, and cut off all the needless waste between the producer and the manufacturer.

This is a year of political strife. All officials are warned to watch and not become entangled in the political web of any party. Let politics alone.—Neill.

## NOT OUR FIGHT.

The political strife now going on in Texas is not of our making, and we must not be drawn into it. No doubt, efforts will be made to draw The Farmers' Union into the fight, but we must keep straight on in the middle of the turnpike, keeping constantly in mind that this is a business, and in nowise a political organization. Let the politicians get up fights which divide the people and try to turn their minds from our educational campaign if they will, but it is the part of wisdom for us to pay no attention to them. We can not take sides in any political strife. It will divide us; it will disrupt us as it has done all the other farmers' organizations. Let it be said, when this bitter conflict which is now raging in Texas is over, that The Farmers' Union has not been hurt by it; that we will go on as an industrial organization building warehouses and perfecting our system of marketing which has so well been begun. Cut the politician out and build warehouses.

There are too many men trying to dictate to The Farmers' Union.—Neill.

## TO ALL LOYAL UNION MEN.

Thousands of you have voted for the establishment of a paper under the control and ownership of the Union. Many of you expressed the wish that the Co-Operator might be purchased and converted into such paper. In order to meet your wishes, and do justice to the publishers, as well

as to prevent any want of harmony, we have made the purchase, and will devote our best energies to giving you a live Union newspaper.

Having done this much, may we not now ask your co-operation? We have advanced the money to make this deal, and that at considerable sacrifice. We do not complain at this, but in doing it, we have drawn so strongly upon our resources that it will depend upon your prompt response, as to whether or not your paper succeeds. We do not mean by this to ask you to donate one cent, or take one dollar in stock; we merely mean to ask you to pay your subscriptions as far ahead as you feel able. If you are already paid ahead, and do not feel justified in paying more, all right, although if you pay more, it will be all the more appreciated. If you are not paid in advance, you are asked to send money order at once.

We want to begin next week to keep a list of those who respond to this proposition, and to publish their names each week for the next four weeks under the head of what we shall call "Our Honor Roll." Won't you try to be on this Honor Roll next week? We have put several thousand dollars into this enterprise. Won't you invest just one dollar, or even less? Even then, you will only be paying for something you need. Your payment now will be worth far more than same amount even two months later; so please do not delay one day. DO IT NOW!

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Fort Worth, Texas.

Watch the men who want to consolidate The Farmers' Union Warehouse system. Headquarters don't— are not in harmony with headquarters.—Neill.

## OUR FRIENDS WILL EXCUSE.

Our friends who have been interested in their own paper enough to send in articles for publication, will please pardon us for passing them over for another week. Among such articles are one from "Uncle" Sam Hampton of Fort Worth and another from Brother J. D. Smith, of Rocky, Ark. We want all to feel that this is their paper, and is open to all for the discussion of matters of interest to the farmers. Remember our address.

Local ownership and local control of our warehouse system keeps your business in the hands of the people  
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## THE COTTON RAISER AND THE SPINNER.

National Co-Operator (Dallas):

Who are you raising cotton for this year? For yourself, Bettie and the children, or for the cotton spinner? You want to make up your mind right away, for the spinner is pursuing his usual course—contracting to deliver clothes next fall and next spring, spun and woven from the crop you are to grow this year. Suppose you fool him this year, and really own yourself the cotton you have grown.

The spinner is not blameworthy for seeking to dispose of his merchandise in advance. He must book sales ahead in order to keep his machinery going and his workmen regularly employed. He tries to do the best he can for himself, of course; otherwise he would not last long in the manufacturing business, or any other. And the farmer must work along the same lines. Do not blame or bemean the spinner for buying in advance to meet contracts for goods which he must make in advance. How on earth can it hurt the cotton raiser to stimulate the demand for his bales by selling over the earth any quantity of cotton goods? It will help the cotton raiser continually, and will never hurt him.—Cotton and Cotton Oil News (Dallas).

Certainly. But the farmer should own his cotton when it is grown. Of course, the spinner has to buy in advance to meet contracts for goods, but it is up to the cotton farmer to say what this future contract shall be. In other words, the farmer himself, by thorough organization, must do the selling of the cotton for the spinner to fill his future contracts. It is wise, of course, to employ every legitimate means to do this. A complete chain of warehouses, with competent men in charge who know the cotton trade will some day solve this great problem. It may not be this year, but it can, it will be solved, because the system is a correct one. If the farmer does not build a correct system for himself, some one else will furnish the cotton for the mills to meet their future contracts. The mills very often sell contracts for six months or even a year ahead. They, of course, must deal with some one who can furnish them the cotton at the agreed price. The producer should, and some day he will be able to furnish this cotton.

Watch the little cotton broker at the interior town. He is a traveling medium of advertisement for the bucket shop crowd.—Neill.

## JUST ONE THING TO DO.

Save and except the holding of the remnant of their cotton that they have on hand for the 15 cents minimum price for middling, there is just one thing, and this one thing alone, that The Farmers' Union has to do, and that is to build warehouses. Warehouses are an absolute necessity. It is just as impossible for the Union to win the great end it is contending for, the control of the markets for the products of their fields, as it is for a horse to walk with all four of his legs chained together.

We must have places in every community, that is, at the central points of communities, known as market towns, where we can store our products, say, cotton, and hold it to be disposed of only as the market needs it. It will not do to attempt to keep our cotton at our homes, or at the ginhouses for two forcible reasons. The first is that we must have the product at the right place just when it is needed. Not twenty miles, or ten miles, or two miles away, but exactly on the spot, with the samples ready for examination and the goods ready for delivery when the sale is made. The second reason is that the product cannot be cared for and protected from the weather at home, or, say, in the matter of cotton, at the ginhouse, as it can within the walls and under the tight roofing of the warehouse. Another reason might be urged, too, and that is the question of insurance. In bonded warehouses the cheapest insurance is secured beyond a peradventure.

The Farmers' Union ought to have not less than 5000 warehouses constructed this year in time for opening of the cotton season in September next. This will give us about 6500 warehouses, but we will say 6000. With 1000 bales of Union cotton in each warehouse, that will give us 6,000,000 bales, well housed, and if we have made our living at home this year, as every farmer ought to do, we can hold it for the fixed price, whatever that price may be—a just, reasonable, honest price based upon the size of the crop and the cost of production. Any man in the world who can figure enough to add two and two together, knows if The Farmers' Union will house and hold 6,000,000 bales of cotton off the market, save just as the market needs it, we can command our price.

These facts being true, and they are just as true as that the sun rises each morning in the east, it must be plain to every Union member and to every Local Union, that we must go to work vigorously to supply ourselves with all the warehouses we need. It is five months and a half until Sept. 1 next, so you see we have no time to lose in calculations and considerations. If there is one Union warehouse in a county, or two, or three, the membership can see more plainly and appreciate more keenly the necessity for storage room for all the cotton in the county, than can members, perhaps, where no warehouse has yet been constructed; therefore, we certainly hope to see in those counties, all over the South, that already have one or more warehouses an increased activity in warehouse building. These counties know that the warehouses are self-supporting and, indeed, where properly managed, are more than self-supporting. These counties ought to do missionary work in those counties that have not practically demonstrated the benefits resulting from warehouses. They should show to the brethren without them, the absolute necessity of warehouses.

A brother in a letter recently said, "Warehouses are all right, but warehouses are not the only thing." This is true, eminently true. The warehouse is of no practical benefit save as a protection from weather and to secure cheap insurance, unless the owners of the cotton stored in it are independent of creditors, or by obtaining advances can make themselves independent. Warehouses are not mortgage-proof. They are not hunger-proof. That is to say, to make the warehouse fully available, as a breastwork and bulwark indeed, the cotton stored in it must be "free" cotton, in no wise "distressed." We must have raised our own living, and not be compelled to sell from any cause whatsoever, so that we can hold it in our warehouses one month, three months, twelve months, forty years, if we should desire to do so, and no human being authorized to say nay and with no power on earth that can prevent us.

Another thing. In building Union warehouses, see that they are absolutely Union warehouses. No man living, no interest under the sun, save a Union member, must be allowed to buy or own a cent's worth of stock in any Union warehouse. You may have non-union friends, true friends, good, honest people, and they may say they will hold their cotton with you, but let that make no difference. Let them come into the Union if they want Union warehouse stock. Make this a positive rule—only members of the Union can own warehouse stock.



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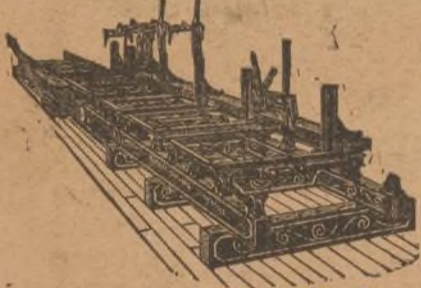
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Home Circle Department

SPRING CLEANING HELPS.

Nothing is more important in the spring rejuvenations as the cleansing of the cellars and after the cellar has been thoroughly cleaned, gessous coatings of whitewash will add to the cleanliness of the place and the safety of the family health. It is well to keep a box of unslaked lime standing in a corner of the room, and this should be renewed several times during the year, as it will absorb the dampness and help to keep the cellar sweet and dry. Fly specked and soiled furniture can be cleaned and freshened by washing a small portion at a time with warm suds, using a soft cloth, then use another soft, clean cloth dipped in clear, cold water to rinse off with, and then rub with a soft piece of chamois to restore the high polish. To clean willow furniture, first brush away all dust that may have accumulated in the crevices and then scrub with strong salt water. Shabby curtain shades can sometimes be made to look like new by taking the roller off the top and turning them upside down, out one must be very careful in tacking the curtain in place again. There is nothing better for cleaning carpets and matings than warm suds made by stirring enough pearline in warm soft water to make a strong lather and then adding a little ammonia, as the suds cleans perfectly and the ammonia brightens the colors, but all dust should be beaten out of carpets and matings before they are wet with water. Use whitening on a damp cloth for washing white and delicate shades

THE WIFE AND MOTHER.

The wife and mother sits serene And full of happiness; She has her little ones around Her joyous life to bless; And her beloved husband, too, Fulfills her true ideal, So all the household, due respect And love for him will feel.

What joyous evenings will be spent In this delightful home, From which the father never has The least desire to roam. His wife and children are his joy; And how the mother's heart Feels pride in all her family, With which she would not part.

She loves to hear her Eleanor S it down to play and sing, And of her own bright childhood days Sweet memories 'twill bring. What joy to train her little ones; For oh, she loves them so. The sweetest part of life will be The joys that parents know. MARTHA SHEPARD LIPPINCOTT.

stuffs, stay out of debt—"owe no man anything," but to love him.

R. B. SNELL, Stephens, Ark.

KEEP ACREAGE SECRET.

Editor Co-Operator: Sipe Springs Local Union met in regular session and passed the following resolution: Resolved, That we, the members of Sipe Springs Local, do hereby ask all members of The F. E. and C. U. of A. who have not yet rendered their taxes not to give in the amount of acreage they will plant in cotton this year.

It is the sense of this body that we believe it will only add the dealer in cotton futures, and that the acreage planted in cotton should be kept a secret to the outside world.

We ask that a copy of these resolutions be sent to The National Co-Operator for publication.

JEFF JAMES, Secretary, Rockdale, Tex.

PRESIDENT R. W. MASTERS.

Whereas, On the 16th day of February, 1908, God called from this life our neighbor, friend and brother, R. W. Masters.

Resolved, That Indian Creek Local has lost a true member; his family a kind husband and father. He will long be remembered in the community in which he lived as one who was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in distress.

Brother Masters was a charter member of this Local Union and president at the time of his death.

Resolved, That Indian Creek Local Union extends our heart felt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to The National Co-Operator and Bandera Enterprise for publication and also spread upon the minutes of this Union.

C. A. TAYLOR, J. W. HOLT, P. P. DUKE, Committee, Bandera, Tex.

PRESCRIBED CUTICURA

After Other Treatment Failed—Raw Eczema on Baby's Face Had Lasted Three Months.

At Last Doctor Found Cure. "Our baby boy broke out with eczema on his face when one month old. One place on the side of his face the size of a nickel was raw like beef-steak for three months, and he would cry out when I bathed the parts that were sore and broken out. I gave him three months' treatment from a good doctor, but at the end of that time the child was no better. Then my doctor recommended Cuticura. After using a cake of Cuticura Soap, a third of a bottle of Cuticura Ointment, and half a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent he was well and his face was as smooth as any baby's. He is now two years and a half old and no eczema has reappeared. Mrs. M. L. Harris, Aiton, Kan., May 14 and June 12, 1907."

A SISTER'S SAGE COUNSEL. Editor Co-Operator: I am Union from head to foot. We take The Co-Operator and like it better than all other papers we take. It is full of good sound doctrine,

of painted woodwork, and use kerosene oil instead of water to remove finger marks or stains on woodwork, then wash with warm water to which a little ammonia has been added. Very little force is necessary and farnish, oil or paint are not injured. In cleaning the kitchen, sinks or where foul water is emptied, coppers dissolved in water is a very cheap and effective deodorizer, and one quarter of a pound of coppers to a gallon of water is about right. A. M. H.

into last spring by New York speculators to furnish European cotton at 12 cents. We have been feeding these speculators all the while that we sold for less than 12 cents middling. Under this kind of contract it matters not who sells and delivers for less the difference is credited to these contractors. Money was cornered and denied to cotton buyers and farmers, and even denied the American spinners, so that all cotton sold would be forced on a demoralized market for export and fill these contracts below 12 cents.

The Union has only about a million and half of bales left. The demand for cotton goods was never greater. Japan, China and Russia are buying heavier than ever before. The American crop is two million bales short of the previous crop.

The foreign crop is two million bales short—making a shortage of four million bales. India's staple is so short on account of the drought that it is not a competitor of American cotton in the markets.

When these facts are known, how can any one get scared or weak-kneed, and in consequence, be admitted by the heaviest cotton dealers in this country that if it had not been for The Farmers' Union that cotton would have broken at seven cents during the panic. The recent decline in price is a last desperate effort to depress the price, as it is known that people sell on a declining market, and hold on a rising market. Spot quotations follow future quotations, and futures are under the control of a cabal of exploiters that artificially and arbitrarily generate storms on the commercial sea that they may profit by the wrecks. Hold on till May and June, and be rewarded for your patience and faithfulness. Keep the mortgage fever down this spring, keep it down; keep it down.

Praternally, H. P. HUDSON, Chairman, W. W. RHODES, T. N. EPPERSON, A. A. WEBB, Secretary, Committee.

(This patriotic and thrilling appeal will commend itself to the heart of every earnest Union man who raises cotton, no matter in what State he lives. It will make him more determined to hold if he has any cotton left, or if not, to put himself in condition to hold all future crops against all enemies and all their efforts. Stand by our Tennessee brethren, no matter what hardships may follow.—Editor.)

HOUSTON COUNTY UNION.

Editor Co-Operator: Please announce that Houston County Farmers' Union will meet with Ash Local Union sixteen miles Southwest from Crockett April 9 and 10, 1908.

MATT B. MATCHETT, County Secretary, Kennard, Tex.

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sisters belong also and my grand-father who is old and gray headed, the first secret order he ever belonged to. My mama raises poultry and we would like to find a good market for eggs. MALDEN, MO. PARRY RIDDLE.

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**Poultry Department**

**THE WOMEN AND THE BARNYARD**  
HEN—OR, THE MEN AND THE COTTON MULE.

This woman for Farmers' Union principles goes up head. This farmer's wife drove ten miles to town with twenty dozen eggs expecting twenty cents for them, the price she got for the last lot, but as over one thousand dozen had been dumped in that town

within a few days, everybody was fasted out on eggs and the prices dropped from 20c to 8c; but the old lady swore that she would stand from under any such collapse, and declared that she would not permit her hens wearing out their constitutions laying eggs at 8c, if the men did wear out their lands growing cotton at 8c. She took her eggs back home, packed them down in salt on little ends in a nail keg and got 25 cents per dozen next winter. This was warehousing eggs on the very cheapest plan and coming over 300 per cent clear in nine months. This farmer's wife made clear profits enough in nine months on each nail keg of eggs to pay for nails to fill each keg. Anything like that to be made out of cotton the farm?

J. C. STRIBLING, Pendleton, S. C.

**POULTRY POINTERS.**

Warm sweet milk is a good tonic for silk fowls.

Geese thrive best on good grass runs with plenty of water.

When the hens are too fat the eggs are less liable to prove fertile.

An occasional change of feed is relished by the fowls and helps the egg supply wonderfully.

A sudden change from one kind of grain to another will often stop hens from laying for a short time.

One objection to using eggs from young geese for hatching is that they more frequently prove infertile.

An egg from a good layer will be more likely to produce a good layer than an egg from a poor layer.

Young chickens that are subject to weakness in the legs should receive a small allowance of bone meal in their soft feed.

Disinfectants should be freely used at all times and especially during the spring when cholera is most likely to appear.

The chick is a rapid grower, easily raised if kept from water and trailing through wet grass and weeds until reasonably well feathered.

To a very considerable extent the time of hatch more than the breed regulates the laying. Early hatched pullets make winter layers; late hatched pullets make summer layers.

There is no better disinfectant than burning sulphur. Turn out all of the fowls, close the doors and windows tight, and keep them closed for at least two hours after burning the sulphur.

Young ducklings should not under any consideration be allowed free access to water until they are six weeks old, at which time they will be pretty well feathered and can stand its chilling effects.

As a rule in making up the breeding yards it is better to have a small cockerel and large hens than to have a large cockerel and small hens unless some special object is desired in breeding.

Especially early in the season, the first few days of incubation are by far the most critical, and hens should be closely watched that they do not stay off the nest too long and thus allow the eggs to become chilled.

**STICKS TO THE BUSH.**

Floresville, Texas, March 23, 1908.—Editor Co-Operator: A few days ago I received a sample copy of a paper published at Abilene, Texas, by J. L. Hicks. He clipped a part of my letter in Co-Operator and commented on it in part as follows: "And no sagacious man will advise renters to do things that their owners are not willing that they should do." I know that I am not very wise, but there is an old saying that the chewing of the bag is proof of the pudding. It is not always pleasant to refer to the past, but when I was a young man I invested everything that I had in a cotton mill in Marion County, Alabama. I helped to build the mill and helped to run it two years. We broke; then I came west, rented land on the halves two years, then for third and fourth. Wonder if Bro. Hicks ever chewed that bag. I have

a neighbor that has been married about seven years. At that time he had one little pony. He made two crops on the halves, since for third and fourth. The boll weevil ruined two cotton crops for him. Was at his house the other day. I noticed that he had a nice lot of corn. I asked him how much corn he had sold this year. He said: Thirty dollars' worth. Many landlords in this county are buying corn. He then had five head of horses, is out of debt, had ten bales of cotton in his yard holding for the minimum price. I know a widow who is a renter. She keeps out of debt. She sells \$50 to \$60 worth of turkeys every year, besides chickens and eggs. Tell me that a renter can't diversify! It is all bosh! I stick to my bush. The only financial salvation for the Southern farmer is in diversifying. I believe in warehouses, but if we had houses enough to hold every bale that is produced and they were put in them, then go to the banks and draw on half of them, the whole is gone. Why? Because you have furnished the banks with a lever to prize half of it out and it scares and demoralizes the farmer and away goes the other half. Put half the crop in warehouses unencumbered and victory is ours, i. e., with a reduced acreage. Every intelligent farmer in the South knows that ten million bales of cotton will bring as much or more money than fifteen millions. They will agree that if we could raise more corn, hogs, chickens and eggs, potatoes, beans, peas; in fact, everything that we can raise to live on at home, raise less cotton, we would all get along better; but when you pin them down to brass tacks, they want the other fellow to do the diversifying, so produce will be cheap and they will raise cotton and get a big price for it. Well did T. D. Hinky say in National Communist, "What fools we mortals be."

J. A. McDONALD.

**STANDS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Editor National Co-Operator: Dear sir: The Farmers' Union is on the boom in this district. We have a good warehouse completed and paid for. We are preparing to put in a cotton gin at Kanawa, Seminole County. We are now selling stock and have already sold over \$1,000 worth.

Let us keep our beloved order out of politics, but let each and every one of us get in politics as individuals and think for ourselves. I want to say right here that much of our hard times are caused by the way our government is administered and we are largely responsible.

Yours for righteousness in all things. J. C. HENSON, District Lecturer, Kanawa, Okla.

**LOVES TO READ CO-OPERATOR.**

Editor Co-Operator: I am a country girl 16 years of age. My papa and I both belong to the Union. Papa takes your paper and I always look forward for Friday to come so I can get to read the dear old Co-Operator. Come on, girls, with your good letters, for I sure love to read them. Freedom Local is still taking in more members. I wish more would join. I enjoy going to the Local meetings. We meet every Wednesday night. Papa says the Co-Operator is the best paper he is taking and he is taking three.

With success to all and with best wishes to The Co-Operator, I will close. KITTIE McEUVEN, Marion, Ky.

**NAVARRO COUNTY UNION.**

The National Co-Operator: Navarro County Union meets with McCausless Local No. 2537, three miles northwest of Dawson, on April 10-11, 1908. All delegates that want to come by rail will be met at Dawson with conveyance. Yours fraternally, W. P. COTTINGAME, Secretary McCausless Local, Hubbard, Texas.

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**The Murray Co., Dallas, Texas**

**WILL THE FARMERS' UNION EVER SUCCEED IN DETHRONING THE SPECULATORS IN FARM PRODUCTS.**

In the past year I have been told by a number of merchants, cotton buyers, and some farmers, that the Union could never succeed in its fight against the New York speculators; that they have the money and can forever control the situation. When I was a boy I was accustomed to hear such remarks made about the Louisiana lottery. They said the men who run this giant evil had so much money that they could never be outlawed. The president of the Louisiana Lottery, John A. Morris, established a ranch in Gillespie County, where he raised race horses. He had horses on his ranch for which he paid \$100,000. He sold his colts at from ten to fifty thousand dollars. When you approached this ranch you would think you were driving into a large city, so stately were the barns, where the race horses were cared for. It is said that before the meeting of the Louisiana Legislature that each legislator would be presented with a race horse. As this great evil assumed proportions the people of this State became so determined on its destruction that they sent men to the legislature that could not be bribed with money or race horses. So this gigantic evil has past into history. Its overthrow was due to the determined purpose of honest people. Fifteen and twenty years ago it was common to hear the remark made that the whiskey traffic could never be outlawed. That it had too much money and rascality behind it. It was proclaimed by some of our statesmen that prohibition was anti-republican and undemocratic. By the determined, uncompromising efforts of Christian men and women this giant evil is now trembling in the very throes of death. County after county and State after State has turned its white face against this black monster and only a few more years will suffice to drive it from the face of the earth. Truth is mighty and will prevail, when it is advocated by honest and determined men and women. The whiskey traffic, like the red man and the bison, now read their doom in the setting sun. But what about men who speculate in farm products and rob the Southern farmers out of more than one-half of their honest toil? Mr. Macara, president of the Spinners' Association of Europe, says that of the 1903 crop of cotton that the speculators got \$481,000,000 of it, about \$40 per bale. It is stated on good authority that of the 1906 crop the speculators got \$441,000,000. It is a conservative statement to say that for the last 20 years they have gotten at least \$300,000,000 each year. A sum sufficient to educate all the boys and girls in the Southern country and to build all the factories we need in the South to manufacture our own cotton.

Yet some men tell us that we will forever have to submit to this injustice; that the women and children who drag the cotton sacks must forever be the slaves of a few speculators in New York. Well may we ask has justice fled from the land? Has the God of justice deserted his throne? I answer no; there is still virtue in the land. The same God who heard the prayers and rewarded the efforts of the honest men and women who fought the Louisiana lottery and the whiskey traffic reigns and rules in the heavens and on the earth, and the F. U. will succeed in its efforts against this monster infiquity. Long strides have already been made in the direction of victory. The iniquitous bucket shops have been outlawed in a number of States and now a bill is pending in Congress to wipe them from the face of the whole country. Intelligent farmers did not expect to accomplish their purpose in one year nor two years; they expected a long pull and a strong pull and a pull all together to accomplish their purpose. Ignorant and uninformed farmers will fall by the wayside and quit, but there are intelligent farmers enough to keep up the fight until victory crowns our efforts. Now, Mr.

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Yours for victory in the fight. F. S. ROUNTREE, Potosi, Tex.

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With deep sympathy with her bereaved relatives, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us that we may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

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Gentlemen, in view of a serious condition now existing in the Dark Tobacco District of Kentucky and the fact that, each day brings a more se-

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KEEP IN THE SEED.

FROM LITTLE RIVER COUNTY ARKANSAS.

To The Co-Operator: I thought I would write you all what I think a good plan for the Union to pursue in our cotton crop for the year 1908.

Editor Co-Operator: After having read so many interesting letters from members in the various States, and never having seen any from our county, we have decided to write a few lines to let the balance of you know that the Union has reached this section of the country.

We are doing all we can for the advancement of the cause. Most of us held our cotton for the minimum price and some of us are still holding. While some of us may be somewhat discouraged in not getting the price fixed by the National Union for our last season's crop, let us not lose interest, but in the coming season, let us resolve to profit by the mistakes made in the past.

May the blessings of God rest upon the Union now and forever, is the prayer of four humble servants.

JAMES W. TAYLOR, Lorena, Texas.

COTTON FOR GUN WADDING ONLY.

Editor Co-Operator: We are growing every day. I am pleased to say most of us are holding cotton for 15 cents, and intend to do so until we get it.

I am a constant reader of The Co-Operator and am always anxious to get my paper so I may see how other Unions are getting along. I am greatly pleased to see so many Union people taking an interest in writing letters to The Co-Operator. It makes me feel as though we are going to win out victorious over all in this just cause. I am in favor of keeping all of our business that is not of a public nature a secret.

Now, brothers, let's try something like that on them.

Suppose you were placed at the head of a large army of men, and were getting ready for a great battle. Do you think you would send news to your opponent as to where and how you were located, and all the plans of the battle?

I am in favor of the farmers organizing and running banks of our own.

I am in favor of diversification. I think the farmer should raise everything possible at home, such as pigs, peanuts, poultry and potatoes. We should also raise enough corn to do the year around, as well as plenty of good old home-made sorghum, and raise a good garden and truck patch in general, and never be afraid of getting too much of something to eat because you can always sell all surplus. When you see a man with plenty of hogs to make his meat, and plenty of cows to make his butter and milk, and plenty of poultry to have all the eggs he can use, and some to sell, you see a man that is independent. If a man would raise everything like this possible, he won't have to work much cotton to be given away, because he has his living at home. With plenty to eat and enough cotton for gun-wadding, he can whip the world.

With success to Co-Operator and the Union, I remain, your friend and brother.

J. C. ROBERTS, Bald Knob, Ark.

GERMAN RITUALS AND CONSTITUTIONS.

Secretary C. Smith of the Texas Union requests us to announce that he now has ready a supply of Union rituals and constitutions in the German language and those needing them will be supplied upon request to him at his office in Fort Worth.

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As good as can be made, and made by a Farmers' Union mill. Every dollar of stock controlled by the Farmers' Union. Now is the time to show your loyalty to the cause by ordering, or having your merchant order your flour from us.

Woods County Co-operative Association, W. T. Ruby, Sec., Mgr. CARMEN, Oklahoma

of happiness and contentment. The dignity of labor demands that the laborer should be treated in the spirit of love and patience. If love were at the helm, justice might be enjoyed by those on board the ship. The dignity of labor also demands that the laborers are justified in combining their forces for mutual protection. The initiative must be taken by the workers themselves. Therefore we have organized our forces and have shown what a formidable host we are. So we have come to see that we have all power in our hands. However, we are seeing that the problem is not easy of solution, yet each struggle is a step toward the end, and our army of workers, even at the cost of mistakes and blunders, will continue their agitation, and push their campaign until they reach some Waterloo or Gettysburg, where their decisive battle will be fought, and the cause of Unionism win its day. Till then, all hearts must be patient, and every soul be in earnest, willing to suffer if need be, until the day of redemption is at hand.

Success to Co-Operator and its many readers. I am fraternally, WILLIAM BURT, Wilton, Ark.

STRAIGHT TALK.

To the Co-Operator: Lorena Union 4476 met on the 28th, and had a good turnout; had music but no dancing. After all the recklessness of a Texas farmer he has the immense sum of \$105.27 to blow.

From Carroll D. Wright's eighteenth report we have together some idea of the wonderful and wasteful extravagance of the farmers. On page 466 we find a detailed report of the average expenditure per family in Texas. He first shakes our faith on page 52, in stating that more than 79 per cent of Texas working people actually live in rented homes, and that more than 43 per cent of those claiming to own their homes have them plastered with a money changer's mortgage. Knowing as we do that there is no word in this world half so sweet as the word "home, sweet home," to which he can take his wife and babies and there bid defiance to the unwelcome landlord, and being told by good authority that 79 out of every 100 of them do not own one, we began turning the leaves of this report to see what the average Texas working man did with his wages on page 466 we catch him red-handed in the act of squandering his substance in riotous living. Just listen: \$84 is the first item on his bill of expense—paid to the landlord for the privilege of living on the earth for one short year. Gross extravagance! Why cannot he sprout wings and live in the air? But may be there is a corner on wings; we don't know.

Next we find him handing over \$15 on a mortgage—on what? Not his home; he rents that. Then what is it on? We don't know; suppose he just wants to be extravagant. Next he does a very foolish thing—spends 20-36 cents for fuel, and burns it all up! No wonder he is poor. Such wasteful habits! Next he is said to pay \$6.90 for charity. The report does not say whether this sum was given to blind beggars or deposited in broken banks, so we pass it by without comment. JAS. W. TAYLOR.

A DETERMINATION TO BE FREE.

Dear Co-Operator: While I am aware of the fact that Co-Operator is not supposed to be a newspaper, yet I am tempted to write the news of this section, and even with the waste-basket staring me in the face, I shall venture.

We have had more rain in the last five months than has ever been known in a similar period before, and yet farmers are better up with their work than before. They seem to have appropriated the adage of the ancients, which says, "The gods help those who help themselves." There is a determination to be free, and as a natural consequence, there are fewer debts being contracted than ever before.

A very large grain crop has been planted. Oats were never better, and corn is coming up nicely. The farmers have their lands prepared in excellent order. Feedstuffs are scarce and high, but grass will soon be good, and full many a farmer will finish up his crop on grass alone.

Store accounts will be smaller than usual, and after all, our recent financial troubles may be for the good of the energetic farmer.

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 locked 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.

Our people still have more than forty per cent of our entire cotton crop on hand, and seem determined to get a better price, or else know why.

Co-operation is the watch-word; and while we may not effect everything that we undertake, we have already done much, even more than many of us imagine.

J. F. PARKER, Bertram, Tex.

CUT OFF COTTON CROP.

Editor Co-Operator:

I get your great and good paper every week, and after I have read it, I pass it along. I agree with you that we must raise more to eat, and raise less cotton. We are not going to give any more mortgages. We will cut off an acre of the cotton, for corn, one of potatoes and other different crops and raise less cotton, so that when we gather our crop, it will be ours.

Success to The Co-Operator! J. B. MCKENZIE, Prescott, Ark.

NAVARRO COUNTY UNION.

To All Local Unions of Navarro County:

You are hereby notified that Navarro County Farmers' Union will hold quarterly meetings with McCanless Local on the 10th and 11th of April, 1908. C. M. PAYNE, County Secretary.

IS A STAND-PATTER.

Editor Co-Operator:

Just received my first Co-Operator on the 19th, and if all issues that follow are as good as this one, you may count on me as being a stand-patter. I will say that I will also act as agent for The Co-Operator. I am Local Secretary of Novo Union, No. 4855. Yours fraternally, I. D. CANTRELL.

FOR WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS.

To Co-Operator: Wallace Branch Local met in regular session March 28 and passed the following resolution:

Realizing the fact that so many of the patrons of the warehouses are urging cotton to sell below the minimum price, we ask that the Farmers' Union Warehouse Associations throughout the entire jurisdiction in 1908 issue cotton receipts with a contract on the face of said receipt that the cotton specified on that receipt is to remain in the warehouse until the Union fixed price is gained, or ordered sold by the National Executive Committee, and that a minimum price be kept a profound secret from this outside world.

Brother Pyle, if you will allow me the space in your paper, I will try to answer some questions some of the brothers and sisters have been asking in regard to the cost of manufacturing cotton goods. Of course, to get at the profit the spinners are making one would have to have a fair knowledge of the work from lint-room to shipping clerk and bookkeeper. Having had five years' experience in weaving, I will confine myself to weaving department. It was asked how much cloth a loom would make in a day. It depends altogether on the grade of goods they are making. If it is 8-oz. duck, a loom will make 120 yards, which weighs 60 pounds. If it is 56x60 threads to the square inch, or what is known as LL sheeting, it takes 4 1/2 yards to weigh a pound, and one loom can make about 46 yards in a day, for which the weaver gets 21 cents for every 61 yards or cut he makes.

One hand can operate ten and sometimes twelve looms, unless the Draper looms are used, in which case a weaver can operate twenty or thirty. One hundred looms can consume about three bales of cotton daily. The spinning is run by children and very cheap labor. Expert mill men claim it takes ten cents per pound to manufacture plain cotton goods. Of course, we cannot rely on what they say, but I have known them to pay eighteen cents per pound and sell their cloth for six and a half cents per yard. The heavier the goods, the more profit they make, for they can make much more of it in a day, or with the same labor and amount of fuel; also, the larger the mill, the more profit. Mills get very little more for their goods now than when they got cotton cheap. Sheeting has not advanced but about a half cent on the yard.

In my opinion it is not cotton mills we need yet. We had better wait till we get stronger and able to build them. Let's not build mills till we have it to do. Warehouse material is much cheaper, and besides, we need warehouses worse.

We are in the farming business, and not the mill business. Remember the



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Grange when it went into the mercantile business, so let's be careful lest we fare the same fate.

I am glad to see so many of the brothers still holding firm to their cotton, and we are getting so many ladies in our great organization they can control the chicken and egg market.

In conclusion, let me say, let us march onward to victory step by step, holding our banners high and proclaiming Unionism wherever we go, and may victory be ours in the end. A. W. HARRISON, Secy. Wallace Branch Local.

There is one female who "travels on her shape" to some purpose—the dairy cow.

"A fall scarcely hurts a drunken man." The harder he drinks the softer he falls?

If we worked as hard to be happy as we do to get rich we'd take a deal more comfort.

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An 18-year-old boy is king of Portugal. Wonder if the mother's slipper gives him the same sensation it does ordinary boys?

When seeding cannot be done in March there is no occasion for idleness on the farm; March is always a good odd-job month.

Garden soil ought to be too dainty a feeder to be given coarse, strawy manure; the well rotted form is much better for the soil's stomach.

Large, fine, healthy seed potatoes and clean soil, on which potatoes have not grown for several years, make a good potato scab preventive.

In this issue is a notice of a History of The Farmers' Union which is to be put on the market by E. J. Cook, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alabama State Union, about September 1st. Bro. Cook has been in the work from the beginning and is entirely capable of writing an acceptable history of the great movement.

NACODOCHES COUNTY UNION.

Meets at Martinsville in Enthusiastic Quarterly Session.

It was indeed a band of true and tried and thoroughly loyal Union men who composed the Nacodoches County quarterly meeting at Martinsville on Thursday, March 26. There were not many of them, but they made up in enthusiasm and determination to do something for the cause what they lacked in numbers.

Martinsville is situated in the eastern part of the county in one of the loveliest and most fertile sections of East Texas, and the people of the community are loyal to the interests of the farmer.

President A. B. Meador presided over the meeting.

A number of matters of vital importance to the membership were discussed and acted on. Of these the members will learn through their locals.

A strongly worded resolution declaring for the strictest secrecy in all business matters of the organization, especially that of the minimum price set on farm products, was unanimously adopted, and National, State, County and Local Unions were called upon to adhere to it.

It was decided to begin a campaign of organization in the county as soon as possible, and to make an effort to get every farmer in the county to join the Union.

The great question of co-operation between the laborers of the country and the farmers was discussed at length and W. F. Marr was elected fraternal representative to the meeting of the State Federation of Labor at Fort Worth.

Alonzo was selected as the next place of meeting on the last Thursday in June, and it was decided to have a great two days' rally on that occasion and have a number of leading Union men of the country present to address the people.

After adjournment most of the delegates decided to remain over night and by special request H. F. Marr addressed a large crowd.

THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

The boys in Kentucky, under the very efficient leadership of our good friend R. L. Barnett, certainly do mean business. It is a very great pleasure to the editor of Co-Operator to remember that Barnett and he lived and worked for farmers' organizations in the same old East Texas county many years. His field of usefulness has broadened, just as we hope, his aims has broadened. Kentucky is a tobacco state, and our people there are making the same fight there for a just price for their product as the cotton farmers are making. It seems that the tobacco trust has been buying the Kentucky product at their own price. Our people have decided to let them do so no more, but, to control the price

by not only controlling the production, but to concentrate the product and sell direct, thus doing away with what is known there as the independent buyer. The contract which we give below looks to such concentration:

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this, the... day of....., 1908, by and between..... of..... County, Kentucky, party of the first part, and The Farmers' Union, located in..... County, Kentucky, being a Branch County Union of The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, which is a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, party of the second part.

Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the covenants and mutual agreements hereinafter mentioned the party of the first part hereby binds and obligates himself to deliver to the party of the second part all the tobacco which he may produce in the year 1908, same to be delivered by the party of the first part to the party of the second part upon the following terms and conditions:

Said tobacco to be delivered at some point in Kentucky that may be designated by the Board of Directors of The Farmers' Union above mentioned when the same is ready for market; and to remain in the custody and under the control of the party of the second part until sold, and to be sold by it at such time and for such prices as the Board of Directors aforesaid may, in its discretion, designate.

It is hereby agreed and understood that all necessary and reasonable expenses incident to the handling of this tobacco, including storage, insurance and labor, if any, shall be deducted from the proceeds of the amount realized from a sale of this tobacco by the party of the second part, and retained by it, and the balance to be paid to the party of the first part immediately upon its being received from the purchaser thereof.

The party of the second part promises and agrees that it will handle this tobacco in a competent, careful and workmanlike manner, and will use its best endeavors to obtain the highest possible price from its sale, or such price as may be fixed by the Board of Directors as aforesaid, and to sell it at as early a date after it is delivered as it may deem wise and practicable.

The Board of Directors herein referred to means the Board of Directors that may be, or has been, elected by the various Local Unions in whose territory the party of the first part resides.

The business manager, or salesagent, of the party of the second part, shall have the direct management and control of this tobacco, and shall be elected by the members composing the various Local Unions of the party of the first part in this territory; and he shall be required to give a good and solvent bond for the faithful performance of his duties as such officer before he shall be permitted to act in this capacity; and he shall at all times be subject to and under the control of the Board of Directors aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party of the first part signed his name hereunto the day and date first above written.