



## Among the Members

### SPICY LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND LOCALS

#### ERATH COUNTY WILL BUILD CO-OPERATIVE GINS

Editor Co-Operator: I will give briefly the plan under which the farmers of Erath county contemplate building and operating their own gins next season.

Let each farmer say how many acres of cotton he will plant next year, then let him take the average yield per acre the past three years which will be an estimate of what he will raise next year. Estimating that it will cost three dollars per bale for ginning, bagging and ties, let each farmer pay one-half of this amount by the first of March to a committee to be elected and take a receipt for same. At the close of the ginning season let him pay the other one-half and the committee make a stock certificate for this much stock in the gin.

By this means his ginning will cost nothing and the money he paid for it will pay for his stock in the gin. Let this be kept up each year until the gin is paid out, at which time the board of directors will declare dividends each year to each one according to the number of bales of cotton he has ginned.

After this is done an oil mill should be organized and each farmer take stock in it. Under this co-operative plan in two years we can build a gin in each county convenient to every farmer and the third year every county which raised forty or fifty thousand bales of cotton can build an oil mill out of the dividends that have been cleared on the gins.

Now, Mr. Editor, the Union has been looking for a road that would lead them from under the hands of monopoly and this co-operative gin and oil mill, if taken hold of rightly, will take us from under the power of the trust and the gambler.

H. K. RAWLINGS.  
Chairman Executive Committee, Stephenville, Texas.

#### COTTON BALING WOULD REQUIRE 288,000 BALES

Editor Co-Operator: I note the movement among the farmers for cotton bagging and desire to suggest that the ginners should endorse this movement and that next season every bale of cotton should be wrapped in cotton duck or strong cloth. For a 12,000,000 bale crop at six yards to the bale it would require 72,000,000 yards of duck and at two pounds to the yard this would be 144,000,000 pounds or 288,000 bales of cotton. This much added to the demand would strengthen the price and also the manufacture of it would give employment to a large number of persons. All cotton bagging for the Lowery round bale press could be returned and used twice. Let us enter in this improvement and wrap all our cotton next year in cotton duck.

J. R. BURROUGHS.  
Silver Valley, Texas.

#### MILAM COUNTY UNION

The F. E. and C. U. of A. of Milam county will meet in regular session the first Thursday and Friday in January with Liberty local, five miles north of Milam. Representation will be one for every ten members in good standing. The brethren of Liberty local will meet the delegates who come on

the train at Milam. All locals are requested to have a full delegation present. Remember, basis of representation, place and date. Fraternally yours,

JIM CHERRY JR.,

County Secretary-Treasurer, Rockdale, Texas (Route 2), Dec. 9, 1903.

#### UNCLE JERE ON LOYALTY

Editor Co-Operator: Having honored me by publishing my last, and being encouraged by Bro. McCuishon's kind words, I now venture a short talk on loyalty, as in a recent issue our editor calls upon the members to be loyal. In doing so he calls upon them to practice the noblest virtues man can possess, for to be loyal means to be true. To be true to our promises, our duty and our love requires courage, faithfulness, endurance and obedience. The first commandment is "Be Loyal," for God says "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Joshua, at the close of a long and glorious life, in which the above mentioned virtues predominated, showed his loyalty by calling the Israelites before him and saying "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." With all reverence for holy writ, that is what our editor is saying, choose whether you will sell to the cotton buyer as you have been doing and remain his slaves, or be loyal to the Union and sell, if sell you must, through your local manager and be free men. In olden times kings demanded loyalty from their subjects. Here we have done away with kings and nobles, thereby abolishing personal loyalty, which meant slavish submission to some one and substituted loyalty to the constitution, declaring that all men are free and equal. We are loyal to a man for what he is and what he does, not for what his ancestors were. We make our laws and elect our officers, and if we are loyal we respect and obey the laws and uphold the officers we have chosen to carry on the business of the state and nation. In the event of war, if we give aid to the enemy, we are denounced and punished as traitors. Now, seeing that our government, great and powerful tho' it be and to which we are and must be loyal, cannot or, anyway, does not, protect us from the iniquitous juggling of the speculators, how much more should we be loyal to our Union organized for that express purpose. The great majority of us had no say so as to being an American citizen, being born such, but every one of us took the obligation to be loyal to the Union of our free will, just as we did to the church of which we are members.

Let us be faithful to these voluntary obligations and we shall prosper temporally as well as spiritually. Right here let us follow the lead of the churches in all ages and have our wives and daughters, every one, members of the Union, and as Sally hustles you and the children out to preaching and rustles the money for your church dues when you are short, so will she go with you to the local, see that you pay your dues and subscribe for and read the Co-Operator and even read it to you, and when you go to town with a bale of cotton and come back empty-handed saying the manager of the warehouse said hold. "All right, John," says she, "we can pull through a while yet, let us be loyal.

## Notice to the Farmers

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**H. KEMPNER. Cotton Factor, Galveston, Texas.**

We shall get more when we sell."

Privation and hard work have no terrors for her when she knows that loyalty to the Union means a fair price for our cotton. What she has done for temperance and the church she will do for the Union. During the Revolutionary War some of the well-to-do colonists sided with and helped the British, believing it impossible to successfully resist them. But Washington and his followers, mostly farmers and working men, by loyally co-operating with each other, brought the war to a successful end and gained their and our independence. Their great grievance was being compelled to ship all their surplus products in British vessels to British merchants, giving them the power to fix the price of the colonists' products. They rebelled against that iniquitous system and in spite of the opposition and against the advice of their fellow colonists and the vastly superior power of Great Britain the so-called legally constituted authority, they declared and maintained their right to be free and independent of the British merchant and fix the price of their products themselves. Is not this exactly our case? We are being robbed by the speculators who have monopolized the markets and stand between us and the spinners, so compelling us to take what they choose to give for our cotton and claim they are legally entitled to do so. We have rebelled against them and in spite of the evil prophecies and the advice of the non-unionists, we have, by our leaders (men of sagacity, business ability and moral probity), established local warehouses where we can grade, weight and hold our cotton and other non-perishable products, and a central selling agency and concentrating point at Galveston where distressed cotton may be financed or sold. Our leaders have been loyal to us, they have provided the ways and means whereby we can eliminate the cotton buyer, dethrone the speculator and gain our independence. Are we patronizing our local warehouse, thereby honoring and upholding our manager, are we, if in need of money, shipping to Galveston for an advance? If so we are loyal to our leaders, to the Union, to our fellow men and more than all, to our wives and children and our voluntary and sacred obligations.

When the farmer makes a good crop and sells at a fair price and has enough to pay all he owes and a little over, to treat Sally and the kids, and still have something left for Santa

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Claus and the preacher, how the old hayseed goes from store to store, his hat on the back of his head, rejoicing because, like Longfellow's Blacksmith, he can look the whole world in the face, for he owes not any man.

In thirty years' experience under the cotton buyer this has happened four or five times, with a loyal membership under the Union system, it would happen every year. But, when moved by a non-unionist declaring the Union a failure, because he did better with his cotton last year by selling than we by holding, our faith in the Union falters and we sell to the cotton buyers, we are giving aid and comfort to the enemy, dishonoring and discrediting our warehouse managers, and making of no avail the wise and far-seeing plans of our leaders and giving outsiders some cause to say "I told you so. The farmers won't stick." Let not this reproach come upon us is the sincere request of UNCLE JERE.

#### WANTS COTTON BAGGING BY CONVICT LABOR

Editor Co-Operator: I want to say a few words in the Co-Operator about the manufacture of cotton bagging. I think the Union is neglecting a very important work in not getting this matter before our next legislature. I think each state should manufacture cotton bagging with convict labor. They can do it cheaper than the Union could and with less danger of destruction. The farmers are gathering their low grade cotton now and it will soon be on the market at a very low price, far below production, and enough of it should be held off the market for the manufacture of bagging.

Let the spinners know they cannot foot at once to bring about united get it and I think it will have a telling effect. There should be a move on action in all cotton states to down the jute trust that has been robbing the cotton farmer for years. With united action by the farmers and backed by our legislators, we can save millions of dollars to the south every year. If our representatives will not work to our interests we should remember them two years hence. I hope

I have given my ideas in a way that will bring this important matter before some one that will bring lasting good out of it. This has been my idea for years but I have been silent about writing it. Another word to the Union. Don't you think every local ought to make a light assessment on every member so we could pay our president a higher salary than he is getting? He is in the work for us and our families. A 10-cent assessment would be a small amount and would hurt no one. He is worthy of it.

Macadonia local is at the front ready to move in battle rank.

Long live the Union. May it grow stronger and stand by its principles.

IRA N. THORNTON.

Rising Star, Texas.

INTERESTING LETTERS OF BRO. W. B. TAYLOR AND BRO. T. P. STILWELL, AND ALSO BRO. NEILL'S ADDRESS.

Editor Co-Operator: I am captivated by the letters from the above mentioned brethren in last week's issue and by Bro. Taylor's thought that the early cotton produced in south Texas should be kept off the market. I think the wise men of our Union should concentrate their forces upon this thought and devise some plan to prevent the market from becoming glutted on the outset of the selling season. Bro. Taylor suggests no plan and says he has no plan to suggest. Now I am going to suggest a plan for the brethren to think about, and my plan is the certificate plan.

I think the quicker this plan is put into operation all over the cotton belt the better. Now if an agreement could be reached between the bankers of San Antonio and a number of other towns in south Texas, and the farmers, that each farmer should issue \$35 on every other bale of cotton he has ginned, they could in this way pay their debts, and live. It is clear to my mind that in this way we can make the cotton crop finance itself. Now let every Union lecturer begin to talk the certificate plan, and let them concentrate their forces on south Texas. Of course we must have a warehouse in every county before this will be a success. If necessary let the officials of the Union call on the Union for contributions to pay lecturers. Now as to Bro. Stillwell's plan it has many good features in it. In his No. 4 he says "the national board of marketing should sell direct to the spinners." Now as to this the spinners will have to get a divorce from the exchange gamblers before we can sell direct to them. They told me out of their own mouth at New Orleans that they must either buy from the gamblers or the farmers. They said the same thing at Atlanta, Ga. They say whenever the farmers get in shape to sell their cotton all through one agency, and they can know that none of it will fall into the hands of the gamblers that they are ready to give us any price we ask for our cotton. I believe the spinners are honest in this proposition. Mr. Spinner told this writer at New Orleans that they had to work every scheme they could to get the cotton as cheap as possible, for they did not know when the gamblers would put them in a hole. But if they could get the cotton at a uniform price they would know how to set the price on their fabric. Now I think the objective point with the Union is to establish trade relations with the spinners. We will then need the certificate plan to enable us to feed the market as needed. Now if the spinners want to

trade with the farmers and the farmers want to trade with the spinners, there is nothing that I can see in the way of effecting the trade, except to get more of the farmers in the Union, and if the trade was made and they could see that they could not sell their cotton only through the Union they would tumble over one another to get in, and they would stay when they got in. Then when they have to stick you can see how easy it would be to control them in every respect. But we have some farmers that when things don't go to suit them they drop out, but there would be no dropping out if selling their cotton depended on their staying. I know a few landlords that I would be glad to have them just where the boy had the monkey, his tail in the vice and the the crank turned. Now, brethren, stop abusing the spinners. Some of them are dishonest. Look at the question from their standpoint, and you are bound to see that they are as tired of the gamblers as we are. So let every Union orator sound it out that we must trade with the spinners.

F. S. ROUNTREE.  
Potosi, Texas.

#### OUR GREATEST NEED

Editor Co-Operator: Cottonwood local struck the keynote when they passed resolutions indorsing compulsory education. To that I say amen. But they did not go far enough. Instead of four months in the year we should have at least six and probably eight months.

May we all wake up and see that the one thing most important is the education of our children. You can talk, preach, work and plan, build warehouses, fix prices and follow every other conceivable scheme from now until Gabriel blows his horn and you never can and never will accomplish what a compulsory school law will do for us. Were we all agreed to a man in every state in the south that we would reduce acreage and hold cotton till we got our price, just as soon as we felt and knew that we would get the price there would not be enough corn and wheat raised for bread. We may talk about the crop diversification, raising everything we need for home consumption, keeping our wives and children out of the cotton patch, sending the children to school and any and everything else, but I say that if we will demand six to eight months compulsory school law we will have the cotton problem settled, the acreage reduction will be successfully controlled, besides the great incalculable value in the training and uplift of our boys and girls through education. I am a strong Union man and am an equally strong democrat, but I would go further to vote for a compulsory school law than for my choice of presidents, for I firmly believe that it would be more beneficial to the south than Bryan's election.

I hope every local throughout the cotton states will take up this question.

Yours for the right,  
J. W. GRIFFIN.

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#### WHERE IS YOUR ARGUMENT

Editor Co-Operator: Some Union and non-union men fell down because they didn't get 15 cents for their cotton last year. They got 11 1/4 cents per pound on an average. This year they were so frightened because they did not succeed last year that they dumped their cotton on the market and got about 8 cents per pound. Their loss per bale by dumping and not holding is about \$16.

I hope this mistake will be avoided in 1909.

S. T. CLARK.

Lytte, Texas.

#### TITUS COUNTY MEETING

The Titus County Union will meet at Oak Grove, four miles northeast from Mount Pleasant, on the 30th and 31st of December. All locals are requested to send full delegations and all Union people are invited to attend. Open meeting the night of the 30th, and we expect some good speakers for the occasion. Come, Union people, and let's enjoy a good time.

L. E. CULVER,  
Vice-President.

J. H. Parks, secretary of Hochem local, writes that when their local was ready to order groceries in quantities they had their home merchants figure on the order and he got it. He remarks that if all locals, instead of sending away from home when they pay cash, and asking their home merchant when they want credit, would give the home merchant a chance at the cash business, that it would result in a better effort on the part of the merchants to co-operate with us.

#### EASTLAND COUNTY DISTRICT UNION

Editor Co-Operator: We met with the Eastland county Elm local district Union Dec. 5, and our much esteemed president, D. J. Neill, was with us and delivered an address to an appreciative audience. O, for more such men to stand by the farmers and their convictions.

Our county lecturer, Mr. Russell, was also with us and others who spoke for the good of the order. The good people of Elm spread a fine dinner before us. They are a good, sociable, hospitable people.

After dinner the trees I paint for the local Unions were exhibited and those who had not already bought them for their locals bought them.

Once President Neill told me to tell the Unions through the Co-Operator of my trees. They are painted on oil-cloths in oil colors, 35x48 inches, with eagle rising from the ground with a ribbon in which is written the name and number of the local. I send them postpaid for \$1.40. Orders promptly filled.

The Elm local is small but on the th they received three new members with more to follow soon. President Neill solicited subscriptions for the Co-Operator and got several, and altogether it was an enjoyable and profitable day. Respectfully,

MRS. M. F. THORNTON.  
Rising Star, Texas.

There ought to be 500 contestants for our libraries and gold watch.

See our gold watch and library offer on last page.

## GIVE THE PEOPLE WHARFAGE PROPERTY

Editor Co-Operator: I see a few lines in Nov. 26 of the Co-Operator from N. A. Shaw, Texarkana, Texas, speaking of the railroads building spur tracks to warehouses being of so much benefit to the farmers and of trying to get the legislature to donate wharfage privileges. He says if he is not mistaken the railroads have had such privileges. He is not mistaken. When Culberson was governor he and the legislators donated to the Southern Pacific three thousand eight hundred feet of the Galveston channel to have the exclusive right to it after the United States congress had given Texas eight million dollars to open up the channel. Now, it would certainly be nothing more than right that the farmers should have something done for them. I wish to call attention to one other thing: Our last legislature passed a law making it a felony for a farmer to refuse to give in the number of acres of each of what he planted in cotton and corn and everything. I consider that another move to benefit the speculator. O. F. STANTON.

Granger, Texas.

Knott local No. 2954, organized about six months ago, now has thirty-nine members. They recently enjoyed an address by Brother Wheeler and are anxious to have him visit them again. Resolutions were passed indorsing our worthy state president in his untiring efforts to suppress night riding.

Brother J. T. Grice of Sparenberg writes that cotton has not made over one bale to fifteen acres, and that here does not seem to be very much demand for feed stuffs and other farm products in his county, but that even under these adverse conditions there is no excuse for the argument that cotton cannot be held. If his people, after having failed to make a crop, and therefore had no cotton to hold or to sell, can make it through, why not others, who have made good crops and are in better circumstances. "Now is the wrong time to lay down on the Union," he writes, "for it is the only hope for the farmer and the women and children of our fair southland."

Brother A. N. Singleton of Gorman, Texas, sends this week fifteen subscriptions for three months. Let the good work go on.

## INTERESTING ITEMS GLEANED FROM CORRESPONDENTS

Brother H. E. Deaver of Rockdale, Texas, renews his subscription and notes the change of the Co-Operator since it has become a "Real Union Paper," and incidentally raps Mr. Wilson for indulging in "bucket shop booze" and advising the farmers to buy cotton instead of using his talents to the better purpose of trying to help the farmer price and sell the cotton which he produces.

W. T. Loudermilk, ex-chairman of the Farmers' Union executive committee of Texas, and present member of national committee, was in Fort Worth the past week on his way to Arkansas to attend a meeting of the national committee.

T. G. Simpson, president of the Farmers' Union of Cherokee county, Texas, was in the city last week, being on his way home from Knox county, where he has business interests. Mr. Simpson heartily approves the action of the state officials in calling for a convention of county presidents to be held Dec. 21-22, and promises to be in attendance. His county Union

will meet in regular session the first Tuesday in January.

One of the most interesting visitors to Farmers Union headquarters recently was S. O. Daws, state librarian, of Guthrie, Okla. He stopped over here a few hours in route home from Dallas. Bro. Daws is an interesting conversationalist and it is a treat to hear him relate reminiscences of the days of the Farmers' Alliance and the early days of the Farmers' Union in his state. Bro. Daws held every state office in the Farmers' Alliance except that of president and was nominated for that but declined to allow his name voted upon as he did not feel that he could serve at that time. He has done a very active part in the organization of the Farmers' Union in Oklahoma, and his work in helping to shape the constitution of the new state in the interest of the bill was especially effective.

Sister Maggie Croslin of Rising Star, writes the Co-Operator that Macedonia local is doing excellent work.

J. F. Preston, R. F. D. 3, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, writes us of an interesting meeting of the county Union of Titus county, Nov. 26 and 27.

## LABOR LOBBY FOR AUSTIN

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 3.—Union labor of Texas, according to announcement of the Laborer, the official organ of the Dallas unions, will maintain legislative committee at Austin the coming session of the legislature. The members of the committee are announced as follows: Walton Petet, Dallas; H. G. Wagner, Temple; C. D. Johnson, Temple; Joseph S. Myers, Austin; C. F. Goodrich, Fort Worth, and H. G. Cox, Fort Worth. It is declared that the representatives of organized labor in Texas will seek the enactment of a safety appliance bill patterned after the federal statute; an amendment of the fourteen hour law so as to prevent conflict between the Texas and federal laws; automatic ashpan law intended for the protection of locomotive firemen; a law creating the office of labor commissioner, and a compulsory education law.

## PLENTY OF TIME YET

While several locals have entered our library contest, none of them have sent in enough subscriptions to give them any material advantage over new comers, and as we have extended the contest until Feb. 1 there should be a large number of new entries next week.

The rules of the contest make the premiums within the reach of any local which hustles, as the winner will be decided by the number of subscribers in proportion to number of members.

There are three premiums to locals and two to agents or secretaries. Why not try for one of these? You will help the farmers of Texas whether you win or not and you have as good a chance to win as anybody else.

## TEXAS COTTON MILLS PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

BONHAM, Texas.—Directors of the Bonham cotton mills have decided to make extensive additions to the plant early in the coming year. Improvements are to cost \$30,000 and will consist mainly of additional spindles and looms. The mills are running extra time and are behind with orders and have been for quite a while.—Fort Worth Telegram.

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## FARMERS' UNION SPEAKING

The following assignments for speaking dates for "Uncle Sam" lectures will be public, and all farmers are cordially invited to be present.

## Coryell County

Permelia, Thursday night, Dec. 17. King, Friday, Dec. 18, 11 a. m. Pidcock, Friday night, Dec. 18. Springhill, Saturday, Dec. 19, 11 a. m. Arnett, Saturday night, Dec. 19.

All members of the Union are urged to help make these meetings successful. Bring along your neighbors and families. Don't fail to get every farmer to hear "Uncle Sam." He will tell you how to organize and stay organized, and how to put the gamblers out of business.

At each meeting a secret session will be held wherever requested, after the public address.

By order of

JOE E. EDMONDSON,  
State Organizer.

D. J. NEILL, President Texas State Union.

## THE FARMERS' UNION OF COLORADO VS. THE COAL TRUST

One of the important items of expense in every household (rich and poor alike) is the coal bill, which, under the fostering care of monopoly, has become a greater burden year after year.

To grapple with this problem, the Farmers' Co-Operative Coal Company was organized in 1907 by members of the Farmers' Union at Pueblo, Colo., and shortly thereafter purchased its first mine in the famous "Niggerhead" coal regions near Walsenburg, Colo. Although opposed at every step, the enterprise has already become the greatest success in the annals of modern co-operation, and the demand is now taking the entire output of three mines.

Through this company any Union local or body of organized labor may purchase coal direct from the mines at a great reduction in cost, quality guaranteed.

The officers of the company are all members of the Farmers' Union and the management is in the hands of competent and experienced men.

Delivered prices and full information will be cheerfully furnished and the secretaries of all locals interested in the cost of coal will do well to write to the company's office in Pueblo, Colo., for prices.

If your local secretary is not in our contest for the gold watch and library, write and enter it yourself.

Our great subscription bargain offer is renewed in this issue, but will not be extended again.

Read our want columns. There are things advertised there every week that interest you.

## BELL COUNTY UNION

Bell County Union will meet at Belton, Texas, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1909, at 10 a. m.

Let every local in Bell county elect delegates to be at this meeting. We are expecting great things to be done and will have good speakers.

J. N. GRIGGS,  
County President.

Local Unions are still sending in lists of subscribers for three, six and twelve months and in most cases such locals are on the eve of a revival. Nothing will so alarm the speculators and buyers as a large increase in the membership of the Farmers' Union.

## DATES FOR COUNTY MEETINGS

The following county Unions have agreed to allow the state officials to set the dates of their meetings and they have been arranged as given below. The object of this is to get the county meetings held in rotation so that lecturers may go from one to the other at the smallest possible expense.

## Section 1

Kaufman county, first Tuesday in January.

Navarro county, first Wednesday in January.

Henderson county, first Thursday in January.

Smith county, first Friday in January.

Camp county, first Saturday in January.

Marion county, second Monday in January.

Cherokee county, second Tuesday in January.

Anderson county, second Wednesday in January.

Houston county, second Thursday in January.

Walker county, second Friday in January.

San Jacinto county, third Monday in January.

Jasper county, third Wednesday in January.

## Section 2

Jackson county, first Monday in January.

Wilson county, first Wednesday in January.

Frio county, first Friday in January.

Bandera county, second Monday in January.

San Saba county, second Wednesday in January.

McColloch county, second Friday in January.

Runnels county, third Monday in January.

## Section 3

Parker county, first Monday in January.

Haskell county, first Wednesday in January.

Floyd county, first Saturday in January.

## Notes From the States

### REPORTS OF STATE ORGANIZERS AND MEMBERS

#### OKLAHOMA'S 1908 CROP

##### Cotton Acreage Reduced—Increase in Corn and Wheat

Guthrie, Okla. Dec. 10.—Oklahoma's four principal farm crops, corn, cotton, wheat and oats, yielded the farmers an income of \$93,640,865 for the growing season of 1908, according to the final crop report for 1908 just issued by the state board of agriculture, which in the board's opinion, is a strong argument for diversified farming.

According to the returns made to the board of agriculture, 1,610,453 acres of cotton were grown in Oklahoma during the present year, as against 1,951,600 acres in 1907, a decrease in acreage of 19.7 per cent. The crop this year yielded 492,272 bales, as against 644,891 bales of 500-pound net weight last year. Figuring on the basis of the bale used in the ginners' report to the federal government of 500 pounds gross weight, the board estimates that the total number of bales ginned in Oklahoma this year will be 608,451. The total value of this year's cotton crop is placed at \$25,508,992, as compared with \$23,748,825 last year.

The estimated corn production this year in Oklahoma is 95,220,442 bushels, or an increase over last year of 30.5 per cent. The crop is valued at \$49,519,823, as compared with \$35,409,961 last year.

The report shows that 1,326,158 acres of wheat were sown in the fall of 1907, as compared with 1,128,934 acres this fall, a reduction of acreage of 15 per cent. The present growing condition of wheat is 87 per cent of the normal crop. The total value of this year's wheat crop was \$14,000,008, as compared with \$9,545,525 in 1907, when it was all taken by the green bugs.

The acreage of oats grown this season is estimated to be 87.4 per cent of that of last year, and the yield to be 25.5 bushels per acre. This means a total acreage of 459,821 with a production of 10,725,435 bushels and a value of \$4,611,937, compared with a value of \$1,126,892 in 1907. The acreage sown to oats last year was 526,112, but the total production was but 2,820,563 bushels.

The average price received for the various crops is as follows:

Lint cotton, 8.2 cents per pound; cotton seed, \$11.05 per ton; corn, 62 cents per bushel; wheat, 83 cents per bushel, with an average yield of 12.7 bushels per acre; oats, 43 cents per bushel. The report shows an increase of 3 per cent in alfalfa acreage over last year.

#### MISSISSIPPI STATE MEETING

The state meeting will be held in Jackson on Monday, Jan. 11, and will last three days.

This date was agreed upon by the state executive board at its meeting here during the first week of October, but the place was not decided upon until today, when State Secretary Russell and State Business Agent Collins considered the applications of Jackson, Meridian, Starkville and Brookhaven and decided that, all things considered, Jackson is the best place, both for the meeting itself and for the comfortable and economical entertainment of the five hundred or more delegates and visitors.

The meeting will be held in Representatives' hall at the capitol, and will

be presided over by State President G. R. Hightower. There will be more than 300 delegates, and probably an equal number of visitors will be in attendance. It will be an executive affair throughout, only members of the organization being admitted to the hall.

There will be new matters for consideration, so far as is known, and almost anything is likely to bob up during the session. The question of abolishing the state business agency will undoubtedly be brought up again. This was a live subject at the meeting last year, and the sentiment was almost equally divided. It was finally voted down, however, but there are still many prominent members who frankly believe the agency, while having numerous strong points in its favor, does the organization more harm than good by antagonizing the merchants of the country and selling goods direct to the members, and through dissatisfaction caused by delays in making shipments and delivering.

There will be several changes and amendments to the constitution offered, and several obscure paragraphs broadened so that the readers can determine their meaning without referring to a dictionary. There will also be a proposition to have the State Union buy out and control the Advocate.

Steps will be taken at once to secure reduced rates on all railroads in the state for the delegates, through Secretary Stephenson of the Jackson Board of Trade, and a canvass of the hotels and boarding houses will be made at once to provide proper accommodations at the lowest possible rates. In fact, much of this work has already been done conditionally.

#### A MISSOURI WORKER

The Farmers' Union in the cotton states has helped cotton growers to obtain fair prices for the fleecy staple and it will help you to obtain fair prices for what is raised here in Scott county, provided you stick to it and don't stray off after a fellow who is saddling, bridling and riding you right into market, and to foster his own personal gains.

Down in Pemiscot county, which is not very far from this county, the Union has been of untold benefit to the farmers in that county—because they have fought shy of politics and worked for the good of the cause. They have many Union warehouses and Union cotton gins. They are self-sustaining and help the farmer to get more for his cotton. They are being led by a man who is not a graftor, but one who apparently has their best interests at heart. His name is Harvey Averill, editor of the Argus, a paper that is devoted principally to the cause of the Farmers' Union, but Mr. Averill is not telling his readers to dig up fifteen cents every month for political purposes, but he urges them to attend the meetings of the Union regularly and try to induce their neighbors to join, and admonishes them to fight shy of any new brand of politics. Harvey knows it is a pretty big undertaking to combat the trusts and there's no time to waste on politics.—Sikeston (Mo.) Hornet.

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let's take them at their word and reduce the cotton crop next year to 25,000,000 acres and plant the other 8,000,000 acres in food supply crops. This would make about 9,300,000 bales, and the farmer would get as much money for the 9,300,000 bales as we will get for a 12,500,000 bale crop. Just remember, farmers, when you make more of a product than you can control some one else will take it at your

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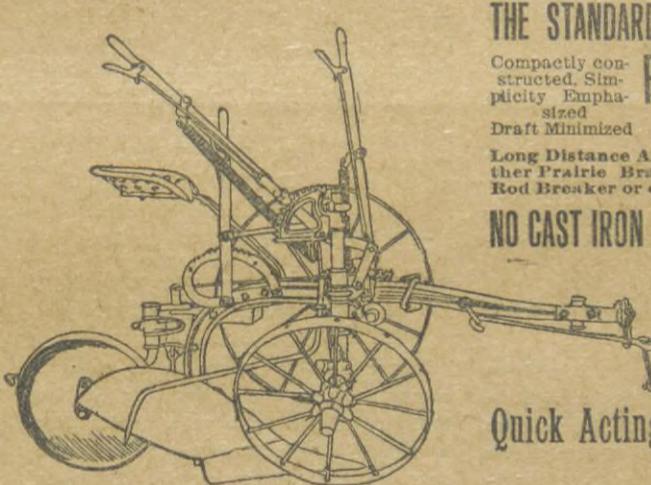
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#### TO THE PEOPLE OF WINN PARISH

We, the undersigned, having been requested by the mass meeting held in the town of Winnfield, Oct. 29, to issue an address to the people of our parish upon the subject "How to best counteract the effect of the boll weevil," issue the following address:

Knowing as we do that there never has been anything more than a mere living in raising cotton in our parish when we had no such enemy to cotton as the boll weevil to contend with, we shall not attempt at all to tell you how to raise cotton at a profit under adverse circumstances as confront us now; nevertheless we would advise those who attempt to plant cotton while the boll weevil is with us, to plant the poorest high dry land and plant early and fertilize well. If you keep your cotton land well stirred and have moderately dry seasons, you will probably make a fairly good crop. So much for cotton.

Now, there are a good many things a farmer can raise as a money crop besides cotton. If each one-horse farmer would plant one acre in sweet potatoes extra of what he usually plants for family consumption, and give the production of said acre to his hogs which he could bring through the summer on sorghum, he would not only have plenty of good meat for his own use, but he would have enough to sell to equal one if not two bales of cotton.

We do not believe that truck farming as a whole for our whole parish to be the best for our parish, nevertheless we do recognize the fact that diversification and intensive farming is the only solution for us.

To those who live near enough to railroad stations to make one load a day, we would suggest the planting of one acre in Irish potatoes for market purposes, and when the Irish potatoes are gathered, to plant said acre in sweet potatoes or peas. One acre in Irish potatoes to each one-horse farm will not overstock the market if the marketing be done right. We would suggest the gathering of the potatoes as soon as they are near enough matured to gather, and not wait until the vines start to die as is usually the case. By so gathering the potatoes, and not letting the sun on them too long, they will carry through the summer, in case the price is not high enough to justify the marketing of them when first gathered. One of the best things in our estimation to offset the effect of the boll weevil with is sugar cane. We have an unlimited market for genuine first-class sugar cane molasses. Now to get this molasses on the market and so that it will be a repeater is the problem. It will have to be done right or it will be a failure. The molasses must be made right. The only plan we can think of just now would be for each community, say school district, to organize a farmers' club, and let the members of that club select a good molasses maker to make all the molasses for that community or club, for so long as the molasses is made by Dick, Tom and Harry, as the old adage goes, some will make a poor class of molasses. By carrying out the above plan at least one step will have been made toward success. There certainly is good money in raising sugar cane, and we know of no one item a farmer can raise that he can better counteract the effect of the boll weevil. Respectfully submitted,

S. J. HARPER,  
R. B. KENNEDY,  
HARRY EAGLES.

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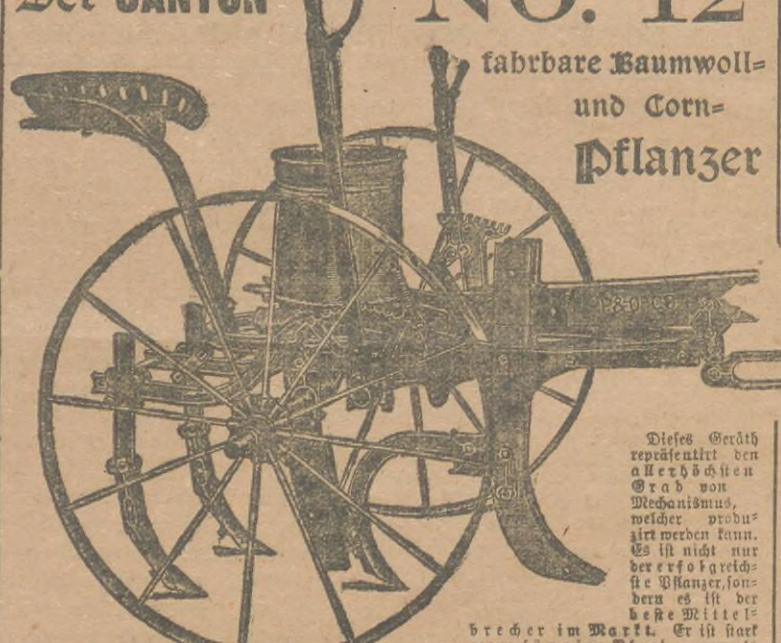
#### PRACTICAL THOUGHTS ON THE CAUSE AND THE CURE

Editor Co-Operator: It is a very common thing for a member of the Farmers' Union to have a hobby that he honestly believes to be the true and only way out of the woods. There is no great harm in that, but some of these fellows, if you dare criticise his plan, or propose another, will jump on you with both feet, declare that you are not a Union man, but an enemy and a traitor. That, of course, is all wrong. I heard just the same talk, by the same class away back in the days of the Grange, the Wheel, the Alliance, and I don't think it ever did any good. The humblest member has as much right to an opinion as the president, or anybody else, and no matter how ridiculous his proposition may seem to be, it is the duty of every brother to treat him courteously, and not impugn his motive, until his conduct or other indisputable evidence justifies it. That is the spirit of our order, and, above that, it is the spirit of Christianity.

With the utmost regard for the rights of others, with the editor's permission, I propose to offer a few of my humble thoughts through the columns of the Co-Operator.

Before prescribing a remedy, the good doctor first carefully considers the condition of the patient and the causes that have led up to it. That seems to be good common sense. Now then, what is the condition of the farmer, and what is the cause for it? Well, there are many notable exceptions, of course, but, as a rule, as compared with other classes, the farmer and laborer, or, for short, the producer, seems to be poor and ignorant.

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It would seem to be reasonable to expect that the producers of all wealth, should be the wealthiest of all people, why is it they are the poorest. It seems to me that for this unjust, unnatural and unreasonable condition there are two main causes, both easily within the control of the producing classes, if only they can be brought to understand it, and induced to act in concert by thorough organization.

One of the causes is the suicidal methods the farmer has pursued in the management of his own business. The other is, as our spellbinders and quill drivers have so often and so eloquently told us, "we are mercilessly robbed, and practically by everybody." Now, if this is what's the matter, with the farmer, then, what are you going to do about it?

With reference to the first cause, I think that President D. J. Neill in his address, published in your issue of Dec. 3, strikes the keynote when he said "if the farmer will raise his living and stop buying it, he will naturally reduce the cotton acreage, and this, of itself, will reduce the volume of cotton and will raise the price to a profitable basis. Just as long as the farmer is dependent and his cotton has to be financed, he will be at the mercy of organized monopoly." Now all of this is plain, naked truth, and every farmer in the south knows it. The remedy, it would seem, is perfectly plain, but as it is my purpose to go more into details than space will now admit, we will let President Neill's admirable statement suffice for the present.

Now as to the robbery. Well, there is no end of remedies offered. Some say build warehouses, hold your cotton, concentrate it at Galveston and New Orleans, build factories, establish banks and so forth and so on, take charge of and control practically every branch of business in the known world, well we might say, except farming, as some seem to forget that entirely.

In many of these remedies I have no confidence at all, but some good

brother has, and I certainly do not object to anything that would afford us even temporary relief. But, in my humble opinion, some of these things will prove to be a boomerang, or, at best, can be only palliatre, for they strike at an effect and not the cause.

Is it not a fact that every other class is enabled to rob the producer through class legislation, designed and enacted for that very purpose. Not only the national government, but every state in this Union has on its statute books legislation conferring special privileges not only upon the great combines and trusts, the manufacturers, the bankers and transportation companies, but upon the lawyer, your good friend and neighbor, the doctor, the merchant and practically everybody but the farmer and laborer.

I am not going to propose that the Union go into partisan politics. O, no. If the farmer and laborer had been less a partisan politician, things would not now be as they are. And when the farmer, if he ever does, comes to think more of himself and family than he does of the scurvy politician, and more of his Union than he does of political parties, he will very soon correct the great abuses he now suffers from adverse legislation.

How did other classes secure the legislation in their interests? Why, sirs, by ignoring party politics. The great monopolists care nothing for parties save as a means to divide the rest of us, so they can conquer us. They are after the almighty dollar first, last and all the time. Each class has its peculiar organization, and each desires specific class laws. So upon the principle of you tickle me, I'll tickle you, they combine and bring their tremendous power and influence to bear upon politicians of all parties. If that means falls a little short, which it rarely does, then they send up expert lobbyists to browbeat or, as a last resort, buy the legislators or courts they need.

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miles east of here, from a gunshot  
wound received in the stomach Friday  
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upon the fundamental principles of our  
order, the golden rule, and the eternal  
principle of justice, equal rights to all,  
they can command that the last vest-  
age of class legislation be wiped from  
the statutes, and it will be done. We  
can do it, not by going into party  
politics, but on the contrary, by ignor-  
ing parties and partisans.

I know full well that it will require  
time and a vast deal of work to edu-  
cate the farmers and laborers up to  
this point, but until he gets ready to  
make these parasites take their hands  
out of his pocket it is hardly worth  
while to consider methods by which  
his wife and children may replenish it.  
And so long as we allow everybody to  
rob us and so long as a very large  
proportion of farmers are unable to  
finance their own little business, it  
seems to me to be folly to talk about  
financing the whole cotton crop, be-  
sides the banking and manufacturing  
business of the country, but more of  
this anon. J. D. SIMPSON.

Byhalia, Miss., R. F. D. 2.

**HOW TO MAKE THE HOLDING  
MOVEMENT EFFECTIVE**

**BATESVILLE**, Ark., Dec. 6.—Editor  
Co-Operator: I notice in The Co-  
Operator a few lines from Uncle Sam  
Hampton, in which he speaks of a  
cotton pledge. I want to indorse it  
and give my views as to how to make  
it effective. The committee appointed  
at New Orleans also recommended a  
pledge, but there is not one man in a  
hundred that will sign it. This is  
what they will say when it is presented  
to them:

"I would not care to sign the pledge  
if I knew enough would sign it to  
make it effective."

So you see we have got to have a  
perfect understanding, and there is  
only one way to bring about this un-  
derstanding, and that is for each local  
in the whole cotton belt to call a  
mass meeting and try to get all the  
non-union farmers to attend and tell  
them that we are going to endeavor  
to see every farmer face to face and  
find out just how many there are who  
are willing to sign a pledge with the  
provision that a certain percentage  
sign the pledge. Tell them that we  
will call another meeting in order to  
let them know the percentage that  
signed the pledge and explain that  
they will be relieved from the pledge  
if the required percentage does not  
sign it. It will be necessary for the  
local to appoint a committee to go  
from house to house and see all who  
fail to attend the first meeting, visit  
all the big farmers, tell them you have  
come on a business proposition and  
explain that it will benefit them as  
well as the small farmer.

This move on the part of the Union  
will bring 75 per cent of the farmers

into the movement. It will be a direct  
appeal to each individual. There are  
hundreds of thousands of farmers who  
are well wishers to the Union but  
have never got the idea into their  
heads that it is as much their duty  
as it is the duty of others to join  
the Union. Some keep thinking they  
will join and others are waiting to  
see if they are going to do anything.  
Then there are a great many that  
think because they have never joined  
the Union that they are under no  
obligation to hold for better prices,  
and while they are friendly to the  
Union they don't realize that they are  
firing a bullet into our ranks every  
time they place of bale of cotton on  
the market. They think that all the  
appeals that we make are intended for  
the Union men and the only way we  
can get them to think is to call on  
them personally and all at the same  
time. Make them understand that it  
is a general move and they will all  
be ready to come to the second meet-  
ing to find out how many signed the  
pledge. The second meeting will be  
larger than the first and the most of  
them will come into the Union. This  
will set the country on fire with  
unionism.

It might be well to explain to some  
men that the cause of the night rid-  
ing in Kentucky was because a large  
percentage of the people refused to  
hold tobacco with the rest and refused  
to reduce the acreage when asked to  
do so. I fully believe by carrying out  
this plan we can win this fight and  
it is the only way that we can win.  
The farmers have got to know that  
there is enough being held before they  
will risk it.

We would all feel certain of victory  
if we knew all were holding, but I  
am afraid that we have waited too  
long for this crop, for the spinners  
have got enough cotton to battle us  
down and cause some to break their  
pledges. We had better do the best  
we can with this crop and make pre-  
paration for next by applying this  
pledge to the acreage reduction next  
spring, and then follow it up with the  
holding movement next fall. If we  
could reduce the acreage 25 per cent  
and then get the pledge signed up for  
the holding movement before time to  
gather the next crop then it would be  
easy sailing for us hereafter. I of-  
fered a resolution on this plan on the  
acreage reduction one year ago in our  
county Union. It passed by a unani-  
mous vote and our delegates carried it  
to the National Union meeting at  
Memphis the 7th of last January. It  
was turned over to the committee on  
resolutions and they had so many res-  
olutions on the acreage reduction that  
they did not read them all, thinking  
them all the same, and they threw  
mine aside with others.

We ought to know by past experi-  
ence that we can't get enough farm-  
ers to stand together until they have  
a perfect understanding. The rest of

(Continued on page 11.)

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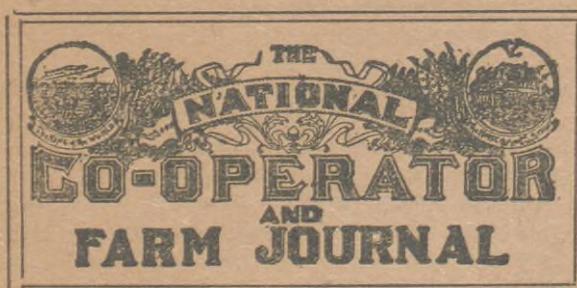
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#### THE PRESS AND THE COUNTRY LIFE COMMISSION

Texas Trade Review thinks that the press has treated President Roosevelt's Country Life Commission unjustly by printing "funny" paragraphs about the proposition.

We are afraid that our esteemed contemporary has not discriminated properly between criticism of the President and that of his commission. All appear to be agreed that the professed object of the commission is a worthy one and that the commission itself is doing valuable work in gathering information about agricultural conditions. But there is a wide variance of opinion as to the use which will be made of this information. It is contended by many that the President and his party, as well as the Democratic members of Congress, are already fully informed of the condition of the farming class and know what class legislation in favor of other interests has brought this about, but that they refuse to undo that legislation. Hence the "flings" at the Country Life Commission are not directed at the distinguished and honorable gentlemen composing that body, but at the hypocrisy behind the creation of it. It has the suspicion of being a brilliant campaign idea of the President, and the statement by congressmen of his own party in Congress last week that the appointment of the commission was without authority of law lends additional color to that suspicion.

Governor Campbell of Texas has the commissions of several county and district officers in Bexar, Gaudalupe, Galveston and other counties on the "waiting" list because said officers failed to prosecute violators of the what is known as the Basquin-McGregor law. This law was enacted with the sanction of the liquor interests at the last session of the legislature for the purpose of making the saloons respectable by enforcing Sunday closing and prohibiting gambling and certain other evils in connection with saloons. The law further provides severe penalties against officers who fail to do their duty in enforcing it. It is said that the law is notoriously violated in the above named counties, and others, and the governor thinks that no man should be commissioned to enforce the law who has already shown his contempt for it. In this position he will be sustained by the great majority of the people who love law and order.

Many are responding to our propositions looking to the increase in the fighting strength of the Farmers' Union by increasing our subscription list. We hope that within the next two or three weeks every subscriber will see to it that another subscriber is added and his own figures set one year ahead. Do not let this opportunity pass to increase your own power to price your products. Remember, our offer is extended only for a short time.

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#### TO SUPPRESS GAMBLING IN FUTURES.

Congressman Henry of the Waco district of Texas has presented a bill in Congress against gambling in futures on agricultural products in the exchanges over the country. It aims to remedy the evil by making it punishable by fine and imprisonment to deal in futures and by refusing the use of mail and interstate commerce facilities for carrying on this business, and also making it unlawful to transmit fictitious prices made on exchanges on agricultural products.

Congressman Burleson of Texas, and Congressman Livingston of Georgia have also presented similar bills, and each of them seems determined to press the proposition during the present session of congress.

Such a law as these bills propose would undoubtedly result in putting the cotton exchanges and bucket shops out of business and thereby prove beneficial, not only to the farmers, but to every other legitimate business interest of the country, and it is to be hoped that the press and people will unite in their support of these representatives in their effort to protect the people against those who take tribute from both the producer and the consumer without giving one cent of value in return.

## What the Press is Saying.

#### THAT COUNTRY LIFE COMMISSION.

The various sittings of the commission in many of the Southern cities has brought to light many reasons for the decadence of the country, comparatively, and the building up of the cities. The principal cause of the hegira of young men to the cities, as given to the commission, are the isolation of the farm, the lack of good roads and the lack of educational facilities afforded by the country schools. These are good reasons and true, but there is still a more potent reason behind all this, and it has come about largely from the attitude of the press and from those speakers and leaders of public movements who have followed the example of the papers. Any man who has ambition to do something and to be something in the world will not willingly accept a handicap at the beginning of the race. Under the whips and scourge of the press and the school room, where greatness is always coupled with the things of somebody else except the farmer, the country boy has grown into the idea that the farm is the place for the man who is willing to live "along the even tenor of his way," but without opportunity to do any of those great things of which the youth is wont to dream. When one understands that the whole course of human teaching is away from the farm, it is to be wondered at that the farm holds as many as it does. If those who would remedy the conditions of farm life would commence at the right place—at the bottom—they will commence destroying the idea that the farm is no place for a man to achieve the full rounded life; they will stop the press from its silly alleged funny business about "rubes," "hayseeds," and such chestnutty rot; they will instill into the schoolroom a healthy opinion of those elements of economic life which are absolutely necessary to existence; they will throttle the "patronizing" consideration which is given the "bone and sinew of the land" by the pulpit, the bar and the rostrum. This done, the matter will be considerably clarified for the further work along lines of good roads, telephonic connection and the more frequent assembling together of the people of the country in a social way.—Texas Trade Review.

#### PARCELS POST.

Postmaster General Meyer is again recommending the establishing of a parcels post. He has shown beyond the question of a doubt that the parcels post would not only pay for itself, but would reduce the deficit in that department. Eighty-five per cent of the nation's population are begging for a parcels post. Will Congress yield to the demands, or will they stand by the mail order houses and express companies, and by their failure to pass the parcels post bill, say to the world, we are not willing to have this government serve the many, but prefer to protect the few.

The farmers can get the parcels post bill, if they will wake up in every section, if they will not only request, but demand of their congressmen that the bill be passed.

The legislative committee of the Farmers' Union worked hard for the passage of this parcels post bill last year. They are



## NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The Abilene Mattress Manufacturing Company's new building is nearing completion.

The stranger who was run over by an electric car on Friday in Texarkana died without regaining consciousness.

Early Friday morning fire destroyed the saw mill belonging to S. G. Childs located about six miles south of Timpson.

The committee on work of the Masonic grand lodge is conducting its annual school, with 200 delegates present, in Waco.

The Attorney General has approved an issue of Reeves County common school district bonds totaling \$5,000. The bonds are for building purposes.

Turkish Government is negotiating for the purchase of \$1,875,000 worth of shrapnel and infantry ammunition with a German company at Duesseldorf.

Postal receipts at the Denison post office for November were \$2,159.30, an increase of \$61.39 over the same month last year and \$623.40 over November, 1903.

A campaign looking to the enactment of the Legislature making race track betting in Texas an offense, was inaugurated by the Dallas Pastors' Association Monday.

Charles Gollatt, a negro, was shot and almost instantly killed within a few feet of the county jail on the Texas side about 9 o'clock Tuesday night at Texarkana.

The postoffice at Bloomburg, Texas, on the Kansas City Southern, was burglarized and robbed Saturday night. The thieves secured about \$100 in cash and checks.

Notice of 584 desertions from the United States Army have been received since September in the office of the United States Marshall of the Northern District of Texas.

The Katy's new passenger station which has just been opened to the public in Waxahachie is one of the most conveniently arranged buildings of the kind on the road in Texas.

Work of tearing down the building occupied by the Superintendent of County Schools and the Tax Assessor and Collector was commenced Saturday in Tyler, preparatory to building the new court house.

The last of the twelve men who are to try Frank McCue in Fort Worth, on a change of venue from Dallas, were secured Tuesday, McCue being charged with the killing of Earl Mabry in Dallas one year ago.

Saloonkeepers who are members of the Knights of Pythias lodge and do not observe the Sunday closing law will be ousted from that society if Supreme Chancellor H. P. Brown of Cleburne, Texas, has his way.

Galveston continues to lead New Orleans this season by a large margin in grain exports. The report of clearances of grain from New Orleans during November last issued by the New Orleans Board of Trade shows that Galveston again went far ahead of the rival port in corn exports, but fell behind slightly in wheat.

Arrangements in San Antonio are progressing for the Midwinter Fair.

Marriages among persons in New York who are socially prominent are on the decline, according to statistics based on names appearing in the social register for 1909.

Under direction of the Texas Field and Sportsman petitions are being circulated asking the next Legislature for a change in the game laws of the State so as to afford better protection for the game birds and animals.

The crop bulletin issued Wednesday by the State Board of Agriculture estimates the Oklahoma cotton crop production, based upon returns made by the township assessors, as 492,272 bales, which is a falling off from last year of 142,619 bales, of 23.7 per cent.

Representative E. C. Gaines of Comanche county has prepared and intends introducing in the Thirty-First Legislature a bill providing for an agricultural mechanical school in each congressional district in the state.

Voss Brummal, a young man of Amarillo, was injured by an explosion of an automobile Wednesday morning near Claude, Texas, the force of the explosion striking him in the face and eyes, and physicians report that he is blind in both eyes as a result.

Within a few minutes after the arrival of the freight train on which he was a brakeman, P. B. Curtis, in the employ of the Texas and Pacific railway was shot and killed in Marshall Friday. The shooting occurred in the railroad yards.

At the War Department Friday the first details regarding the withdrawal from Cuba of the American army of pacification which has been on duty there since the fall of 1906 were made known. The movement of the troops will begin on January 1 and will be completed by April 1.

Robert Brode, an old and respected citizen of Honey Grove, fell dead Wednesday morning.

Because frosty rails caused the wheels to slide when the airbrakes were applied to a fast southbound Santa Fe train upon passing the switch at Haney, a siding eleven miles south of Amarillo, a collision occurred with the northbound train at the meeting point, in which two were killed, two seriously hurt and a number of others more or less seriously injured.

It is reported here that Iowa capitalists have purchased a site near Seminary, Miss., for the erection of a paper mill, the pulp to be obtained from pine trees. The plant is to cost \$100,000.

A number of persons narrowly escaped from a burning building in Fort Worth Saturday morning at 3 o'clock upon being awakened by six shots fired by a patrolman who discovered the blaze, which started in the attic and had gained considerable headway.

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## To The Farmers' Union—

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SPECULATOR—I'll give you 9 1/4c—that's 1/4c over the market—see here, telegram just received from New York.

FARMER—(Reaching down in hip pocket)—Yes, and you see my TELEGRAM, just received from Fort Worth. It says: "800 bales sold in Galveston yesterday at 9%—good demand—price advancing." And you can bet on what that paper says. I'm holding my cotton.

SPECULATOR (aside)—Confound that TELEGRAM; it beats me every time and nearly every farmer reads it, too; but I must buy cotton.

To Farmer: "Well, what do you want for your cotton, anyway?"

FARMER—9 1/4c cash, right now, on ground there.

SPECULATOR—Well, it's my cotton; here's your check for it. Our factory must buy cotton before prices go soaring. THAT FORT WORTH TELEGRAM is ruining us by telling you farmers about supply and demand, and every little advance in cotton, so you can hold us up on prices, and just rob us of our money.

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(Continued from page 7.)

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We must cut out competition and establish co-operation. This is the understanding that John D. Rockefeller brought about between himself and other oil men about thirty years ago. He was then a man with just ordinary means. They were all competing with one another and got so much oil on hands that they couldn't dispose of it, and they then got together and had an understanding, and if they had just stopped at this no one could blame them. This is what John D. swore to on the stand—that competition was ruining them and they had to do this.

And, my friend farmers, competition is ruining us and we will have to cut it out. So let co-operation be our watchword.

I hope our Union officials will give some thought to this plan and help perfect it and put it in force. I would especially like to hear from D. J. Neil and Uncle Sam Hamton on this. I have a feeling away down in my heart for these old soldiers.

I will say in conclusion that we are not discouraged in these parts and are taking in members in our local all the time. We have got forty-four years to win this fight. The Union was chartered for fifty years, and old Hickory Grove Union went into this fight to stay. W. P. DETHESON.

Batesville, Ark.

**TEXAS COTTON OIL AND PRODUCT MARKET**

The market for the past week closing 3 p. m. Dec. 14, has been another quiet week, with some sales in small lots.

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Signs Many Commissions.

Austin: Secretary of State W. R. Davie and his office force are at work issuing and signing commissions to the newly elected county officers of the State. There are 237 organized counties in the State, and they will average about ten officers each. This will mean the signing of approximately 2,370 commissions.

Texas Educator Honored.

Hillsboro: It is learned from a letter received here that Prof. M. S. Gardner, former superintendent of the Hubbard City public schools, has been appointed head professor of philosophy in the University of Oklahoma.

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## COTTON COMMITTEE LETTER.

To the Membership of the Farmers' Union Throughout the South—As secretary of the National Cotton Committee which has established headquarters at New Orleans, I am pleased to say that the outlook is far beyond our expectation. The treatment that we have received at the hands of the commercial interests show that they have come to realize that if we prosper they in like manner also prosper.

In proof of how the commercial interests feel toward us, I will quote the following from Mr. Warlein, president of the Progressive Union of New Orleans. He compliments the numerous enterprises brought to New Orleans, as well as big conventions by the Progressive Union. He said the biggest and most significant of all these was the Farmers' Union.

Our office is receiving thousands of pledges each week of cotton that is being held off of the market from every cotton growing state in the Union. This shows that our people realize the importance of this move.

The press has been very liberal to us, using everything we have asked them to.

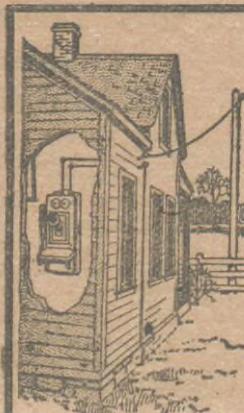
Now, brethren, with all these agencies to help us, if we fall short of success, it is our fault. This committee will win the fight for you if you will stand by us, but we must have your support, and the only thing for you to do now is to absolutely take your cotton off of the market. Stop selling until the price reaches a level where there is profit to the producer. As long as you continue to sell for what the gambler gives you need not expect to better the price. They are in to buy your cotton as cheaply as possible, and it is to their interest to do so, and you would do the same thing if you were in the speculative business.

Now that all the local interests are with us you are safe to hold; for with the amount of cotton in the hands of the merchants and local bankers, together with that of the farmers we can reasonably expect better prices in the near future. Yours to serve,

J. W. BOYETT Jr.,  
Secretary Farmers' Union National  
Cotton Committee, New Orleans, La.

## WOULD TABOO POLITICS.

All human experience has demonstrated that politics, either personal or impersonal, and business, will not mix. No fraternal order for whatever purpose it may be organized, can long survive the incorporation of political controversy. When one of the number attempts to use the fraternity to further his political ambitions he at once lays the precedent for others to do the same thing. In the very nature of things he can not expect to have it all his own way. Others will contest his right to claim the support of the members for the position to which he sees fit to aspire, and trouble at once necessarily ensues, or suppose that a proposition relating to the administration of our State or national affairs should be introduced into its proceedings, or suppose that some envious and disappointed political office hunter has a grudge against a high State or national character to give him a rebuke for his alleged shortcomings. Trouble is certain to result and no possible benefit will inure to the legitimate purposes of the organization. The thing the presiding officer has to do in such cases is to declare all matters or that



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kind out of order and to force the ruling at all hazards.

The reason why it is apparently impossible to keep politics and politicians out of an association of farmers while it is so easy for others to do it, is that the tillers of the soil constitute an overwhelming majority of the voting population and every old broken-down political hack in the land works himself into it for the well concealed purpose of subordinating its influence to the promotion of his personal ambition the promulgation of his political ideas or the gratification of his long-cherished prejudices and hatred of those who have surpassed him in the attainment of popular favors. It requires much nerve and unshakable determination on the part of the faithful to resist the insinuating methods of such characters, but no agricultural and industrial fraternity can live long and keep their doors wide open to that sort of cattle.

I would like very much to see the Farmers' Union the farmers' congress, as well as all other organized efforts to better the conditions of the industrial classes succeed in the accomplishment of their legitimate objects and sincerely hope that if Cheap John politicians and consummate grafters are attempting to ride them into office or to use them for other unholy purposes that they will be summarily cast out of the synagogue.

V. W. GRUBBS.

Greenville, Texas.

The Department of Agriculture will send experts to Grayson county to make a soil survey the latter part of this month.

State Treasurer Sam Sparks is finding it necessary frequently to return bills sent to his office by county officials of the state. Some of these bills are so mutilated and worn as to be almost unrecognizable.

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## WANT PENSIONS INCREASED.

Confederates Adopt Resolutions at Regular Meeting.

Hillsboro: At the regular monthly meeting of Hill County Camp No. 168, U. G. V. a resolution was adopted memorializing the Thirty-first Legislature for an increase in the appropriation for pensions for Confederate veterans entitled thereto to an amount sufficient to pay the full limit of \$8 per month and to have eliminated from the conditions upon which the pensions are granted the pauper's oath now required to be taken by applications for pensions; also that an amendment to the constitution be submitted to provide for allowing pensions to all Confederate soldiers not now receiving them, who made honorable records and who are in indigent circumstances.

night, died Tuesday morning as a result of her injuries. She was lighting a gas stove when the flames flared out and caught her clothes on fire. She ran through the house, followed by members of the family, and in attempting to extinguish the flames Mrs. Troy, the girl's mother, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Stiles, were painfully burned.

## Interurban Kills Man.

Dallas: According to a report which reached Dallas Thursday morning at 2 o'clock an eastbound interurban car ran over and killed a man at Idelwild stop, which is a short distance west of this city. People living in that vicinity identified the remains as those of O. C. Tate, a farmer who lived about three-quarters of a mile south of there.

## Negro Killed in Machinery.

Sherman: Emanuel Carter, colored, aged 31, leaving a wife and three children, met instant death in an elevator of the Chapman Mills, where he was employed. His clothing caught on a set screw in the shafting and he was violently hurled to death. His neck was broken and his body generally bruised.

## To Pipe Gas to Marshall.

Shreveport: A party of citizens of Marshall, Texas, including Judge Robinson, Edmond Keys and Paul Whaley, was in Shreveport Thursday with a view of organizing a home company for the purpose of drilling in a gas well in the Caddo field and laying a pipe line and piping the product to Marshall.

## Girl's Burns Prove Fatal.

Houston: Helen Troy, the girl who was so severely burned Wednesday

## UNION ORGANIZERS

The following is a list of the duly appointed organizers of the Farmers' Union of Texas to date:

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## County Presidents' Meeting

Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 1, 1908.  
 To the County Presidents of

Texas.

Dear Brethren:

By the authority vested in me as State President of the Farmers Union of Texas, I deem it my duty to call you in conference with me during the holidays. There are some very important questions involving the policy of the Farmers Union together with the plans of co-operation.

Conditions are such I think it very important that we consult together and form definite plans for co-operation for the coming

year. Your counties must bear your expenses and come for a two days' session. The railroads will sell low rates on 18 and 19 of December and you are hereby called to meet December 21 and 22, 1908.

You must each immediately call your county meetings to meet January 7th and 8th to inform your counties as to what was done.

Yours truly,  
 D. J. Neill,  
 President.

Attest:  
 C. Smith, Sec'y-Treas.

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#### Q. F. DORNBLASER'S APPOINTMENTS

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## Fruit, Truck and Canning Dept.

By B. M. ANDERSON, PALESTINE, TEXAS.

Readers of The Co-Operator who are interested in the fruit, truck or home canning industry are invited to write short letters of general interest for publication or ask for any information pertaining to this department. Direct all letters to the above address.

### Fruit and Truck.

To the Texas Home Consumers Association:

While the past season has been one of unusual activity with most all canning concerns, yet the results have been unsatisfactory and unprofitable to many of them, and especially has it been so to the home canners' association. A combination of unfavorable conditions, circumstances and influences unfriendly to the home canning industry is responsible for these results.

The Home Canners' Association, being young and just passing through its crucial period of existence was not in a condition to successfully cope with this powerful combination that has opposed the success of this young home industry.

But notwithstanding the discouragement and disappointments that have been met, there has been some substantial progress made, some strong points of advantage gained which are essential to the permanent success of this important home industry.

New and unforeseen conditions have arisen since the organization of this association which must be met if this industry is established on a permanent basis. The last two years some wholesale grocery houses were quite willing to buy the home canned product but this year they refused to buy any of them at any price. Unfair and unjust discriminations have been made against this home industry this year in Texas.

It is not our purpose, however, to criticise or find fault, but simply state facts and conditions as we seem them,

### ADVICE FOR DIVERSIFICATION

Help the Farmer Find a Market and He Will Readily Diversify

Editor The Co-Operator:

The owners of the United States, who live in New York, or who at least dictate mostly what we all shall do in the way of earning a living, have at last declared that the panic is over and ask us through John D. Rockefeller to be thankful that we are such a happy and prosperous people. No doubt we are, but I for one would be obliged if the aforesaid owners would not try the experiment any more, at least during my lifetime.

Free advice is still being furnished the farmers of Texas by the newspapers and other town farmers; how they should diversify their crops and reduce the acreage of cotton if they wish to get a better price. Now to me it seems that these wise men from town should go a step further and tell the farmer how he can best get a market for this diversified stuff that he knows so well how to advise about. Diversification is, in my opinion, a good thing, and would probably aid in settling the matter of better prices, but to accomplish this after the diversifying has been accomplished and the various crops harvested and ready for a market, a market should be there to

buy the stuff at once, for most of the stuff that these accomplished farmers who live in the towns and cities advise should be raised will not wait until the farmer takes a sample of his crop, as he does with his cotton, and runs around town trying to find some man who will pay him not what the farmer thinks the stuff is worth but what the other fellow will allow him for it. Some things he can hold but not many of the diversified order of stuff. Now I am not a farmer, neither of the town variety or the actual one, never claimed to be, and never intend to be, but I have always lived among the farmers, both in town and in the country, and I am fully aware of the difference between what a real farmer wants and what is necessary for him to have, and what the town or city farmer knows about it and what he is really ready and willing to help the real article get.

There is hardly an issue of a morning and evening paper these days, in the South at least, that has not in its columns something about what a farmer should do in the way of improving his condition by raising other crops which probably the real farmer reads and profits by, or at least after studying the eloquent words of the town farmer he at first thinks he will follow his advice, but when he casts his mind back over the past and remembers how this advice has been going on all

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different way, but knowing this and what the effect is, they will almost unanimously agree to help the foreign speculator force the farmer to take less than he is entitled to for his stuff. That is so, ain't it? Deny it if you can.

I am going to quit now, for this time, hoping that what I have said may soak into the gray matter of any town farmer who may read it, make a convert of him to my way of thinking, and set him to work trying to get a market for his brother with the hoe.

You will hear from me, Mr. Co-Operator, now that the panic which our owners say is such a good thing, has ended, and I am free to write some things that are in my mind without encouraging a run on the banks. Your uncle,

MARSH BUNCK.

### LOCAL SENDS BIG LIST

Secretary S. C. Cook of Voss Local at Voss, Texas, sends in a list of twelve subscribers. This is a live local and it goes without saying that its members are loyal Union men.

# Another Month in which to Work

A large number of Locals have entered our Library Contest, but want more time in which to canvass. Therefore we have decided to postpone the closing of the contest one month.

## MONDAY, FEB. 1, AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON THE CONTEST CLOSES

Positively, no further postponement will be made and all who want to try for this excellent library should now go to work in earnest. **Another Premium.** Besides the gold filled watch to the winning agent or secretary, we will give free to every agent who sends ten annual subscribers a beautiful \$1.50 fountain pen. The books named below are not all from which selections may be made. We will send a complete list to the winners before they make their selection. There are a large number of books for boys and girls not on the list herein published. Get to work now and help strengthen the Union by circulating Union literature.

### Our Proposition

We will present free to the three local unions sending the highest number of annual subscriptions, or equivalent, in proportion to paid up membership by 12 o'clock noon, February 1, 1909, three handsome libraries, as follows:

To the local sending the largest number, fifty volumes.

To the local sending the second largest number, twenty-five volumes.

To the local sending the third largest number, ten annual subscriptions to the Co-Operator.

Each annual subscription shall count one, each three months' subscription, one-fourth and each six months subscription, one-half of an annual, so that all will count.

Any local which desires to contest for the premiums must notify us at once. A record will then be opened and every name sent in by or from that local will be recorded, with the amount paid and date. However, every subscription sent under the contest **MUST BE SO STATED WHEN SENT**, in order that we may give credit.

At the end of the contest this record will be submitted to the state president and secretary and they will be asked to declare the result under the conditions herein named.

The awards shall be made to those locals which shall have sent in the first, second and third largest number of annual subscriptions or fractional equivalents, in proportion to paid up membership on the first day of October, 1908. This will put all the locals on an equal footing, regardless of numbers. For instance, a local having twenty members will have to send in one more than twice as many subscriptions as a local having only ten members.

In event of a tie between three locals or less, the premiums will be combined and then divided equally between them. If more than three tie, the premiums will be awarded according to some plan to be agreed upon by the successful ones.

Locals which have sent in lists since the first of September may have them credited on this contract by writing us a special request at once.

### An Agents Premium

In addition to the above premiums to the banner local, we will give a twenty-year gold filled case watch, standard make, lady or gentleman's size, to the local secretary or local agent who sends us the largest list of subscribers before 12 o'clock February 1, 1909. Following are the terms:

No general or county organizer will be allowed to contest for this prize.

First—Where a local secretary has been acting as agent, he will be recognized as the contesting agent of such local. Where local secretary does not act and no one is elected agent, the first member who writes will be appointed.

Second—To enter this contest, such secretary or agent must write at once, asking to be entered and giving his name, office, union if an officer, name of local and postoffice address.

Fourth—In event of a tie the value of the premium may be divided among those sending the largest lists or awarded in such manner as may be agreed upon by them.

### Two Premiums for One List.

Under the above propositions two credits will be given for every subscription when requested. First, the local will get credit; second, the agent who sends it in. To secure these credits, however, it must be requested when subscriptions are sent in.

### What the Members Get

The members of the union, the individual subscribers of the Co-Operator will be the chief beneficiaries of this campaign for subscriptions in proportion to the amount they invest. If the Co-Operator's subscription list were doubled, there would be twice as much cotton held off the market as there is now. That would mean from \$5 to \$10 on every bale of cotton yet unsold. Therefore every man who helps increase its circulation helps to advance the price of cotton, and if one-fourth our readers will secure one new subscriber each, they will make back more than the cost of their paper on every bale of cotton they sell.

### Special Offer

We are going to make the subscription price cheaper, however, by sending the paper from now until February 1, 1910, to every person who pays up back subscription, and \$1 in advance.

To those who owe no back subscription and to new subscribers the paper will be sent until February 1, 1910, for \$1 in advance.

### The Library

The books to be given away under this offer are printed on good paper and neatly bound in cloth. They embrace books of travel, history, romance, fiction, poetry, philosophy, and are just the thing for a circulating library for the pleasure, instruction and profit for both old and young. The locals which win them may rest assured that they will not lack for interest the coming year. Besides, the premiums of fifty and twenty-five volumes herein offered, which are purchased by us, we will secure from five to ten extra volumes of government records which are needed for reference in every local union.

The local secretary should be made librarian and each member allowed to keep a book a reasonable length of time and return it. By this means each member has the opportunity of reading every book in the library. The value of such a library is an educational factor cannot be estimated.

### Books Comprising the Library

The winners of the premiums may select their books from the following list, or we will select for them, if they prefer. Note the wide range of subjects covered:

Arnold, Edwin.

Browning, Mrs.

Byron.

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Child Harold's Pilgrimage.

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Familiar Quotations.

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Hemans, Mrs.

Lady of the Lake.

Language and Poetry of Flowers.

Longfellow.

Lucile.

Moore.

Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Rules.

Webster's Every Man's Own Law.

yer.

Brownies and the Farmer.

Bible Stories and Pictures.

Anderson's Fairy Tales.

Children's Life of Jesus.

Oliver Optic's New Story Book.

Our Country, Illustrated.

Life of Benjamin Franklin.

Life of Daniel Boone.

Life of Patrick Henry.

Washington and His Generals.

Deerslayer, J. Fennimore Cooper.

Pathfinder, J. Fennimore Cooper.

Red Rover, J. Fennimore Cooper.

Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll.

Helen's Babies, John Habberton.

Lamplighter, The, Cummins.

Little Lame Prince, Miss Mulock.

Prince of the House of David, Ingraham.

Wide, Wide World, Susan Warner.

Black Rock, Ralph Connor.

Bondman The, Hall Caine.

Count of Monte Cristo, Dumas.

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Guy Mannering, Sir Walter Scott.

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Lena Rivers, Mary J. Holmes.

Quo Vadie, Henryd Sienkiewicz.

Romance of Two Worlds.

Talisman, The, Sir Walter Scott.

Thelma, Marie Corelli.

Descent of Man, Darwin.

Koran of Mohammed.

Last Days of Pompeii, Bulwer.

Napoleon and His Marshals, Headley.

Bill Nye's Sparks.

Bitter Sweet J. G. Holland.

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Natural Law in the Spiritual World, Drummond.

Origin of the Species, Darwin.

Our Planet, Its Life History Gunning.

Three Men in a Boat, Jerome.

Wandering Jew, Eugene Sue.

Red Headed Boy, Peck's.

Holy Living, Jeremy Taylor.

Imitations of Christ, A'Kempis.

In His Steps, Rev. Charles M. Sheldon.

Stepping Heavenward, Mrs. Elizabeth Prentiss.

Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow, Jerome K. Jerome.

Burns' Poems.

Hiawatha, Longfellow.

Prince of the House of David, Rev. Professor J. H. Ingraham.

Get busy and receive one of these valuable Premiums. Write at once and have your local and yourself recorded as contestants. Remember you and your local may both win.

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