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The County Presidents' Conference.

The convention of county presidents of the Farmers' Union of Texas adjourned on the evening of Dec. 22, after a two days' eventful session. It was the opinion of all those who attended the conference that it was the most successful meeting of the Farmers' Union ever held in the State, and there can be no question that if the plans adopted are faithfully executed, they will prove far-reaching in their results.

The conference was called for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the Farmers' Union throughout the State and determining, if possible, what might be done to strengthen the organization and assist the farmers in south, their products. It did not they as after the roll call of county Farmers' for it to be seen that the their agency to the progress of the goods was the failure to have a definite object, a well-matured plan, a settled system to work to. As the conference proceeded, opinions were expressed as to what such a plan should embody and by the time the committee on resolutions was ready with its report the delegates were practically ready for action and the result was a plan which though not perfect will afford a basis for work the year and result in great benefit to the farmers of the State.

On the first day of the convention Mr. Radetsky, general manager of the Houston & Texas Central railroad, appeared before the convention and explained the agreement between the railroads and President Neill relative to spur tracks, and also took occasion to assure the delegates that the railroads were ready and willing to co-operate with the farmers in every way possible to bring about prosperity, because the prosperity of the farmers means the prosperity of the railroads. He explained how some of the railroads had encouraged diversification of crops and assisted the farmers in finding markets, and stated that more could be done along this line by closer co-operation with each other.

On the second day Hon. E. R. Kono, commissioner of agriculture of Texas, delivered an address in which he urged farmers' institutes in every precinct in the State and strong county institutes

in the respective counties.

With the addresses noted above and in the last issue of the Co-Operator the roll call of counties was necessarily interrupted, and for the sake of convenience we give the reports of those whose names were called in rotation as follows:

Jake Quarles Angelina county: Members are satisfied with the work

members, which they seldom did without help from the county organizer or active members in other locals. What we need is the State organizer a few days in the county.

T. L. Rodgers, Anderson county: Failure to get 15 cents for cotton and the combating forces opposed to the Union have discouraged and disheartened our people. Besides their usual

of the State officials but the county raises only a small amount of cotton—from 700 to 2500 bales—and hence they are not much interested in the cotton situation. Besides this the lethargy prevailing is caused to some extent by organizers coming into the county during the administration of Brother Chapman and partly organizing locals and leaving them without a charter until they could secure additional tactics the cotton buyers in our county have discriminated against old cotton by $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ cent a pound, in order to make the farmers sick of holding their cotton. Cotton in our county is sold by receipts, grades and weights, as certified by the warehouse manager, and is not carried to the streets. Education and a system of marketing are what we need.

H. H. Engleking, Austin county: Short crops last year, overflows last spring and the fact that no State lecturer has ever visited our county, have caused our people to lose interest to some extent in the Union. One of our locals has built a warehouse, having cut the lumber out of their own timber, with their own sawmill and built it themselves.

J. W. S. Kennedy, Fannin county: We have a co-operative gin and are securing \$14 for our cotton seed. If some definite plan were adopted which offered permanent relief or benefit in marketing our cotton it would be no trouble to revive the Union all over Texas.

Julian Stapple, Guadalupe county: Brother Edmondson has been with us and helped to arouse interest. We have built a warehouse and many are holding their cotton and we are steadily pushing to the front. We hope that a good system of selling will be perfected.

F. I. Townsend, Scurry county: The lethargy prevailing among our members is not due to any man or set of men but rests with the membership. We can have success by a campaign of education. Our dues are not sufficient to maintain a great organization like this and gather information we need, and support lecturers and organizers in the field. If we could increase the dues and put organizers in the field, with some definite plan present to

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Spur Tracks to Warehouses

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 8, 1908.
To the Members of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of Texas:

Brethren—After several patient and careful conferences, I can now an-

nounce to you that we have secured a contract with the railroads of Texas for the construction of free spur tracks to all Farmers' Union warehouses in the state, and for your full informa-

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the people, we could greatly increase our membership in the next six months.

E. N. Oualline, Montgomery county: We did not get 15 cents for cotton any many of our people are discouraged. They need education and we would be glad to see the dues raised so that we could maintain a full force of organizers in the field.

Brother Simpson, Coryell county: Local trouble on account of our warehouse and opposition to the Galveston market has caused a want of interest. Brother Brooks has put the pledging of cotton in our county and it has caused some trouble. Something must be done to change the selling system.

Our Union is strong in Union county, but they shipped cotton to Galveston, and Brother Albritton was not there to take care of it and they were not satisfied with their returns. Many are disheartened at holding for higher prices and are even dumping their cotton. We have 1,100 paying members. Give the people something to do in active co-operative work, something definite to work to and they will be all right.

Tom Taylor, Coleman county: The speech of Brother Taylor was one of the features of the convention. He told how his county had secured \$15 per ton for cotton seed, and pointed to the fact that 5,000 bales of cotton in their local warehouses and cotton yard speak in eloquent terms of their loyalty to the Union. His county is thoroughly in harmony with the state officials and will join heartily in carrying out any plan which will give the Union a rallying point, and he believes that such a plan will bring about a revival throughout the state.

McLennan county: The Union is not very strong in this county, only eighteen to twenty locals. At McGregor, we shipped to Galveston, but were from four to six weeks getting our returns, and this discouraged some. Hope that something will be done at this meeting that we can report back to our members, and if so, we are ready for forward movement. We have had to sell our cotton seed at \$12 per ton.

Jesse Adams, Baylor county: County in good condition and the organization is growing. We believe that is to execute its orders and resolutions and establish discipline in the ranks. Brother Adams was called to the chair at different times during the convention and showed himself to be a capable presiding officer and a man of excellent ideas in regard to Union work.

George Smith, Nolan county: Reported that the Union in that county had employed him to go on the market and buy cotton from Union farmers, and in this way they had secured better prices and had caused the membership to grow from 45 to 175.

George Shannon, Johnson county: The main trouble among the farmers is that they have no business judgment, but allow others to think and plan and they depend upon their toil. His local at Burleson has organized and is operating a co-operative gin which has 200 stockholders. The plan they follow has been explained in The Co-Operator and Brother Shannon says that it has kept his local alive and growing because they can see its benefits. The State Union also needs some definite object.

Brother Hudson of Childress: The farmers have no backbone. They held cotton for 15 cents and the National Union lowered the price and they be-

gan to quit. With a good working plan many of them would take courage and come again. We got \$14.50 for the seed.

W. M. Olney, Archer county: Our people were disappointed in shipping their cotton to Galveston, but do not know what it will take to restore confidence. We secured from \$9 to \$12 for seed.

W. C. Rankin, Bastrop county: As a means of organizing all the farmers I suggest that the landlords organize into one body and that by co-operation among themselves they may be able to reduce cotton acreage and assist the tenants to hold their cotton and market slowly. We think that cotton certificates would help to relieve the situation with those who cannot hold without some kind of advances.

C. R. Higginson, Burleson county: The people seem to be disappointed because they did not realize the expected price for cotton last year. I hope that some remedy may be provided at this conference.

J. K. Drake, Belle county: This county has sixty-five locals, which are doing active and profitable work. There are seven warehouses in the county. With all this, the members are not doing what they could, and I attribute it to our failure to get 15 cents for cotton and to want of education among our people. I hope that something will be done at this meeting, some common sense plan for marketing cotton. We received \$20 per ton for seed.

Brother Cotton, Burnett county: Our county has lost about one-third in membership. We have four warehouses. We should render financial assistance to each other. We did this last year, and with \$80,000 of our money in the banks, and the lid on we took care of the cotton of those who were forced to have advances.

Jake A. Walker, Bowie county: We have a warehouse at New Boston and have only 400 bales to hold. Hope something will be done to give us definite working plans for the future.

J. S. Ghodson, Cass county: We need a speaker and definite plans to work to.

J. M. Houston, Callahan county: We need to get from under debt and out of the habit of giving mortgages. Then we can hold our cotton and market it intelligently.

W. H. Rogers, Coke county: This county was organized under misrepresentations which crippled the influence of the Union, but we can go forward if a remedy is offered for present marketing conditions.

J. A. Horner, Caldwell county: We are lagging because of the want of a system. We would do better with a bad system and working at it than to have no plan at all. Let us reduce our acreage 33 1-3 per cent below that of last year.

Lewis, Lampasas county: What shall we do? The Farmers' Union is bleeding at every pore for some rallying point. We need a slogan, a permanent issue, a minimum price for 1909, pledges to hold and to reduce acreage and open doors to our women. Let the slogan be some fixed price and the emancipation of our wives and daughters. Let us wage a vigorous campaign with these as the paramount issues and we will bring to our support business men and bankers who cannot afford to oppose this issue.

I. N. Robinson, Clay county: We have 27 locals, but are not doing as much as we should be doing. I want to go home with some definite plan, and believe that it should be some kind of a state selling agency.

C. A. Martin, Red River county: We

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need some practical plan, not theory. We have no grievance against any one but we want some system and think the warehouse system is the only salvation. Our county was hurt by an organizer who left several locals only partly organized. I think if we would make arrangements with merchants and bankers for our accounts to become due January 1 it would help us materially in securing better prices. This and the central selling agency ought to protect us.

Brother Reeves, Camp county—Those who joined the Union in our section wanted results too soon and were disappointed. We are looking to this convention to formulate some plan to help us. We have learned not to look to anyone else for relief but the farmer himself.

S. E. Roach, Cherokee county—Our county is loyal and is doing very good work.

Brother Young, Dallas county—We have no grievance, but are not doing much work.

Brother Harper, Delta county—Ours is the smallest county, but we think the most active in Union work. We are holding our cotton and securing the most satisfactory prices for seed in the history of the organization. We are selling seed at \$2 per ton more than is paid to non-union farmers.

President, Howard county—We have been running on too cheap a scale. We must pay enough to run our business as it should be run.

C. F. Steeves, Carnes county—We have a large ware house, 2,000 bales capacity and are fairly active. Our county meeting will be held January 4 and 5.

Resolutions Provide Plan

Briefly stated the important work of the convention was the adoption of the resolutions which provided a plan or system for marketing the remainder of this year's cotton crop and that of next season. We had hoped to be able to publish these resolutions in full in this issue, but Secretary Smith has been called home on account of the serious sickness of a relative and has not returned in time to furnish us the copy. We hope to give it in the next issue. The plan is an enlargement of the central selling agency idea combined with pledges by which the membership and non-union farmers will be called upon to agree to hold their cotton off the market for a specified price, and to reduce their acreage the coming year.

Those in Attendance

The following delegates and visitors registered on The Co-Operator's book: M. C. Fields, Lott; J. L. Quicksall, Waco; F. W. Davis, Woodbine; J. E. Montgomery, Skidmore; W. A. Morris, Sulligent, Ala.; W. L. Hicks, Pedigo; John S. Gholson, Atlanta; T. F. McCormick, Texarkana; M. D. L. Pitman, Palo Pinto county; T. B. Granstaff,

Parker county; J. J. Gray, Young county; W. M. Haytee, Archer county; J. B. Lee, Alba; J. R. Keeling, Gulon; W. A. Solomon, Hays county; W. W. Scott, Dodd City; W. C. Rankin, Elgin; Geo. Minear, Gonzales; J. M. Houston, Callahan county; W. A. Yates, Brenham; W. L. Boyd, Collin county; G. G. Hill, Llano county; T. L. Rogers, Palestine; J. D. Boone, Camp Springs; N. A. Shaw, Almont; S. I. Shaw, Midlothian; G. R. Higginson, Caldwell; H. H. Engleking, Sealy; A. J. Cotton, Bertram; R. H. Reed, Comanche county; E. N. Oalling, Keenan, Montgomery county; W. R. Buckner, Grapevine; O. N. Whiteside, Granger; S. E. Phillips, Leonard; J. C. Barnes, Eastland; I. Robinson, Shannon; E. McGintey, per; John Kloppenburg, Subling; B. Crouch, Brady; T. B. Gouldbusk; W. H. Rogers, B. H. Palmer, Willis Point; W. Bryan; J. C. Bolding, Floyd; Price, Delta county; J. E. C.

DORNBLASER IN ERATH COUNTY

Editor Co-Operator:

On Dec. 15 Mr. O. F. Dornblaser of Cleburne was with the Sylvan local in Erath county. He was greeted with a full house, consisting of men, women and children, Union and nonunion. Everybody was delighted with Mr. Dornblaser and listened to him through a two hours' speech which they cheered to a echo.

The speaker deals with the subject as we all see it, that is, does not abuse others for organizing but commends them for being shrewder than we, and shamed us for not getting together and taking care of ourselves.

No use to fall out with the banker nor merchant for many times they have had to come to our rescue to save us from ruin.

Mr. Dornblaser is lecturing this county and is doing a great work for the local.

Any county needing a lecturer would do well to call on him, as he will do them good. The Union has come to stay. Respectfully,

H. H. HATHAWAY.

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SPUR TRACKS TO WAREHOUSES.

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tion, I enclose a copy of the agreement which has been entered into between the railroads and the Farmers' Union of Texas, and I suggest that you have this read carefully, so that all can be posted in regard to its terms.

You will observe that the railroads will construct free spur tracks to all warehouses to a distance not to exceed 450 feet, and I advise that all warehouses which are to be erected hereafter be built with the view that they can be reached within this 450 feet.

Another important point is the warehouse should be beyond 82 feet of the main line of any railroad track, if it is nearer increased rate of insurance is charged.

In consideration of the railroad companies constructing these spur tracks free of charge, they have requested that a clause be put in every insurance policy reading as follows:

"Notice is hereby accepted of the contract between the assured and the Railroad Company, and this company hereby agrees to waive subrogation against said railroad."

This clause is intended to protect the railroad companies in case a fire should occur, for which they are not responsible, and this clause will in no wise cause a loss to the farmers, as the insurance companies are fully responsible for all loss under their policies in case of fire.

Some insurance agents have tried to discourage our membership by stating that should any such clause be inserted in the policies that they would charge an increased rate of insurance.

With the view of protecting our membership against any advance in insurance rates, I took up this matter with general insurance agents, and have made arrangements with Messrs. Cravens & Cage, one of the largest general insurance agencies in the south, of Houston, Texas, by which they agreed to take all insurance on Farmers' Union warehouses, through their agents, on cotton and other goods stored therein without any increased rate with above clause inserted. Should your local agents refuse to give you such insurance without advanced rates, you can write direct to Messrs. Cravens & Cage, Houston, Texas, and they will see that you are protected.

You can also write Messrs. Collett & Selbold, who are local insurance agents in Fort Worth, as they will also take such insurance with no advancing rates, when above clause is placed in the policy. Messrs. Cravens & Cage recommend that in taking out policies of insurance on cotton in the warehouses, that the insurance on the cotton, whether in one bale or one thousand bales, be taken out in the name of the owner of the cotton only and that each policy read plainly in the name of the owner, but it can be stated on the face of the policy that such cotton is stored in a certain warehouse. This is very important, and should be observed to avoid confusion and possible delays in the payment of policies should a fire occur. If the insurance is taken out in the name of the warehouse company for all the cotton stored there, and a fire occurs, and the owner of one lot of cotton have any complications attached to his claim or policy, the insurance on all the cotton in that warehouse covered by this policy will be held up until that complication is adjusted, whereas if the policies read

in the name of each owner then each owner's claim will be settled separately and according to its merits.

To get the benefit of the lowest rate of insurance, barrels of water and buckets must be stationed all through the warehouse, and on platforms that are attached to the warehouse, and a still lower rate can be secured by having a watchman go around the premises all during the night, and if a watchman's clock is used in the warehouse a further reduction in the insurance rate is made, so it will be a saving to farmers when erecting warehouses to observe the above.

I also urge building of concrete warehouses as they are the best, and will be cheaper in the end.

In case where a spur track is desired to be built, either to warehouses now standing, or ones to be constructed, correspond direct with the general manager of the railroad upon the line said warehouse is located, or is to be built, and the general manager of said railroad will give the necessary instructions for the construction of the necessary spur track without cost to the Farmers' Union warehouse companies and have proper arrangements signed accordingly.

You can obtain the name and address of the general manager from the railroad agent.

I consider the completion of this contract with the railroad companies a great benefit to the farmers of Texas as it will enable us to handle cotton at a minimum expense, and eventually it will save to the farmers of Texas hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, in the expense of handling cotton.

I wish to call attention to the fact that this contract with the railroad officers of Texas is of the greatest advantage to the farmers of the state, and is really more to the interest of the farmers than it is to the railroads, as it will cost the railroad companies an immense sum of money to complete these spur tracks and when completed it will give the farmers of Texas who patronize warehouses virtually a monopoly of handling cotton on a commercial basis, as these free spur tracks will be a large factor in reducing the cost of handling cotton to a minimum, and the farmers will save from six cents to fifty cents per bale on every bale of cotton handled through the warehouses, and the man who handles cotton independent of these warehouses will have to pay that difference. A saving of ten cents per bale would mean a saving of about four hundred thousand dollars annually on an average Texas crop alone, but we save expenses in other ways by having side tracks to our warehouses, and the railroad companies did not even ask that we share the expenses or burden with them of building these tracks.

It is also of great advantage to the railroad companies, as it will save them from having cotton congested on their platforms and stations, and by the farmers storing cotton first in warehouses it will enable them to ship it gradually on railroad lines, instead of rushing it all on the railroads in a few weeks' time, as is done at present owing to lack of warehouse facilities.

It is a pleasure to me to state that I found the general managers of the railroads with whom this contract was negotiated, very courteous to us, and they afforded us a free and full discussion of the subject, and they seemed as anxious and willing as we were to agree on lines of co-operation, which will result in protecting both

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the farmers and railroads, and they freely invited that I at any time call upon them with a committee from the Farmers' Union to discuss and negotiate any subject or matter, in which the interests of the farmers and railroads were concerned.

See that this information is read at you local and county unions and at the directors' meetings of warehouse companies.

I feel much gratified over the successful negotiation of this contract in behalf of our membership.

I trust that our membership will now take fresh zeal in the building of warehouses, as through warehouses only can cotton and other farm products be properly marketed so as to enable the farmers to receive a more reasonable profit on their labor, as only through the system of warehouses can farm products be held back and marketed slowly so as to enable the farmers to look up purchasers who will pay them more than they are perhaps receiving at home from local

Lurers. The District Farmers' Union of the counties of Bowie, Red River, Delta, Fannin and Lamar, of which Brother J. E. Pearson, Route 1, Dodd City, Fannin county, is president, handled cotton seed upon this basis last season with the result that the members of the Farmers' Union in that section receive much higher prices for cotton seed than the prices that were paid to non-union members, and their organization for this work was not as complete as they expect to have it during the coming season, and you can correspond fully with Brother Pearson for particulars.

I am pleased to report a general improvement of the condition of the Farmers' Union, and feel more encouraged than ever over our bright prospects for better prices for our products.

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Cotton and the Cotton Market

THE WEEK'S REVIEW

Despite the holidays and the want of interest among some interests in the cotton trade the markets have advanced steadily the past week. The demand for cotton on both sides continued strong and the market was slightly smaller in volume with a mad rush of selling in the last few weeks.

During the week the farmers had an object lesson of the effect that a shortage in spot cotton has upon the markets when the market advanced promptly on receipt of news of the sinking of a steamship with 21,000 bales of cotton. The pledging plan should take two million bales off the market at once and give the farmers the whip hand in controlling prices.

HESTER'S STATISTICS.

Weekly Cotton Statement.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 29.—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement, issued before the close of business today, shows an increase in the movement into sight, compared with the seven days ending this date last year, in round numbers of 46,000 bales, an increase over the same time in 1905 of 184,000. For the twenty-five days of December the totals show an increase over last year of 322,000 bales, an increase over the same period year before last of 49,000 and an increase over the same time in 1905 of 661,000. For the 116 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the 116 days of last year 2,038,000 bales, ahead of the same days year before last 667,000 bales, and ahead of 1905 by 1,495,000. The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 503,970 bales, against 458,198 for the seven days this date last year, 471,753 year before last, and 820,211 same time in 1905; and for the twenty-five days of December it has been 2,003,551, against 1,681,058 last year, 1,954,400 year before last and 1,342,711 same time in 1905. The movement since September 1 shows receipts at all the United States ports 6,057,460 bales, as against 4,488,350 last year, 5,631,436 year before last and 4,896,991 same time in 1905. Overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada, 642,513 bales, against 263,373 last year, 536,458 year before last and 425,521 same time in 1905; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 746,161, against 426,160 last year, 561,493 year before last and 607,011 same time in 1905; Southern mill takings, 893,000, against 923,002 last year, 924,674 year before last, and 914,602 same time in 1905. These make the total movement for the 116 days of the season from September 1 to date 8,339,134, against 6,300,885 last year, 7,672,061 year before last, and 6,844,125 same time in 1905. Foreign exports for the week have been 367,275, against 347,391 last year, making the total thus far for the season 4,279,536, against 3,521,144 last year, an increase of 858,392. Northern mill takings and Canada during the last seven days show an increase of 32,854 as compared with the corresponding period last year, and their total takings since September 1 have increased 688,976. The total takings of American

mills, North, South and Canada, thus far for the season have been 2,286,608 against 1,632,714 last year. These include 1,385,616 by Northern spinners, against 696,640. Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading southern interior centers have decreased during the week 8,960 bales, against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 1,212, and are now 459,304 larger than at this date in 1907. Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far from the new crop, the supply to date is 8,620,481, against 6,648,891 for the same period last year.

GOVERNMENT STANDARDIZATION OF COTTON GRADES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Definite steps toward the establishment of a standard for the different grades of cotton shortly will be undertaken in this city by a committee of the leading cotton men of this country and Europe in co-operation with the experts of the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture. The meeting probably will be in January. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is now engaged in selecting the committee of cotton experts.

The proposed standardization of the various grades of cotton has been undertaken in connection with a provision of the last agricultural appropriation act.

At the present time there is a great diversity in the method of practice of grading cotton, as no definite standard exists. Each particular market modifies the standard to meet its own ideas.

In order to secure the most reliable information as to the present accepted grades in different markets the secretary of agriculture has secured from authoritative sources sets of grades under seal.

"It is proposed to base the new official standards on the old, more or less heterogeneous standards of the cotton exchanges, departing from any one of these standards only in so far as will be necessary to secure uniformity," said Professor Galloway, chief of the bureau of the plant industry. "It is not too much to say that we can now see clearly the possibility, by technical examination of the cotton fiber of this country, of so improving the classification that all interested in the cotton industry will be materially benefited."

SPOT COTON MARKETS.

Galveston Spots.

Class—	Today.	Last yr.
Low ordinary	3 9-16	6 15-16
Ordinary	4 7-16	8 13-16
Good ordinary	6 1/2	9 1/2
Low middling	7 1/2	10 11-16
Middling	8 13-16	11 1/2
Good middling	9 3-16	11 1/2
Middling fair	9 11-16	12 1/2

Houston Spots.

Class—	Today.	Last yr.
Ordinary	1 7-16	7 1/2
Ordinary	4 7-16	7 1/2
Good ordinary	6 3-16	9 1/2
Low middling	7 1/2	9 1/2
Middling	8 1/2	11 1/2
Good middling	9 3-16	11 1/2
Middling fair	9 11-16	12 1/2

New Orleans Spots.

Ordinary, 5 1/2.
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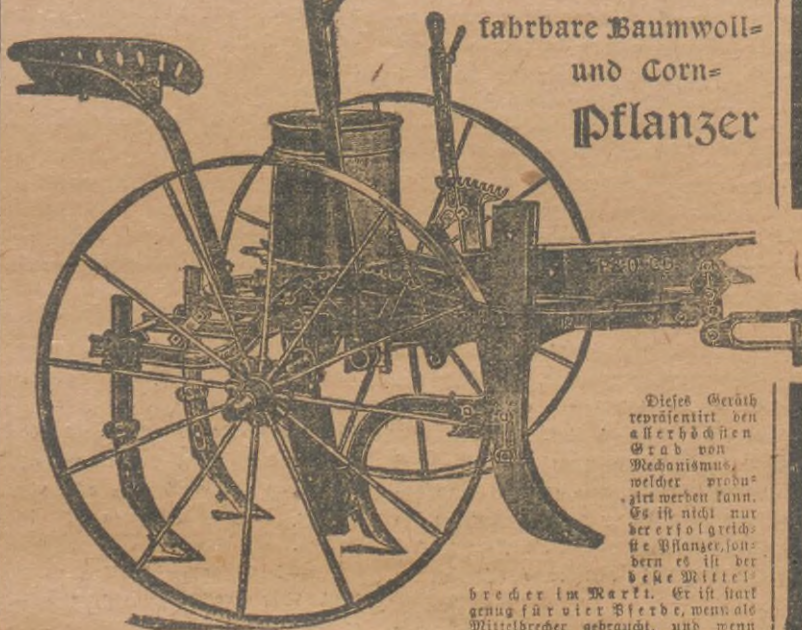
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REPORTS OF STATE ORGANIZERS AND MEMBERS

FROM LEE CREEK, ARK.

Editor Co-Operator: I cannot refrain from writing again. I have a warm place in my heart for all Texas, where I first saw the light of day. I was born in Grayson county, sixteen miles northwest of the city of Sherman. I belong to White Water Local Union 1230 and there are but two of us that take and read the Co-Operator. Is it not strange that farmers will heed the advice of their enemies and let them hoodwink them out of everything they make after all the brave and loyal efforts of our leaders? There is a regular stampede in the cotton business. If cotton is so over productive, why are dry goods so high? One bale of 500 pounds will make over 650 shirts. What is your bale worth at the present price of shirts? All you who think ladies should not belong to the Union please keep your wives and children out of the cotton field, also what is to become of the widows and orphan children that own little farms. The writer is one and I owe no one anything but love and live up to the golden rule. Stop and think. Are you living and abiding by your obligation? If you are not, stop and think what you have done. I shall enclose you one dollar for Co-Operator. I cannot do without reading such a good paper. So therefore I cast in the widow's mite and may it go on a mission of enlightenment to a blind and hoodwinked race. Awake and put on a shield of faith and determination. Have faith in yourselves and faith in your neighbor and stand to your posts willingly and God will reward your efforts. Let us never surrender.

Had I the wisdom of King Solomon and could write a psalm of praise I would engrave it upon a marble slab and place it at Newt, Gresham's grave. I am, as ever, a loyal unionist.
MRS. MATILDA F. BIRD.

White Water Local Union 1230, Lee Creek, Ark.

LADIES MAKE MEETINGS INTERESTING

Editor Co-Operator: I am a citizen of Yell county, Ark., also a member of Dawson school house local Union and have been a subscriber to the Co-Operator near two years and I like I can't well do without it. I love to read the many interesting letters and feel like it helps me to be a better Union woman than I would be if I did not read its columns. Our local seems to be a little dull at present but as I have secured four new subscribers for the Co-Operator here I hope they will wake up, as I think the Co-Operator a great educator. The ladies of this local give box suppers and have pledged one quilt and sold to highest bidder. Just sold the single top for \$3. The proceeds are placed in our treasury, so we feel we can be of some help to our local if we are not dues paying members.

We also have a literary program which makes it quite interesting for the youngsters of our local. I am sending four new subscribers, also renewing my subscription.

MRS. S. A. ANDERSON,
Jennings Falls, Yell County, Ark.

FROM INDIANA

Editor Co-Operator: The fourth quarterly session of the Davis County Union has just passed and was enjoyed by all who were there. The County Union met at Montgomery under the management of the Barr Township Unions on Dec. 16 and 17, 1908. There were thirty-two Unions represented by 108 delegates representing a membership of \$28 members. An excellent dinner was served by the ladies, which was greatly appreciated by all. A great deal of business was attended to. This being the time to elect officers, election resulted as follows: President, T. F. Ageton; vice president, C. L. Suckey; secretary-treasurer, Thos. C. Singleton; chaplain, Geo. B. Weeks; doorkeeper, T. D. Zinkaw; conductor, Theodor Gaither; lecturer, W. W. Summers; business agent, Ed Robertson; executive committee, Mathew McGehee, Adam Knogle, Stanton Barber.

Miss Hella McPherson of Buckley local rendered a very fine recitation entitled "The Farmer Is the Real Hero."

Washington was selected as the permanent meeting place of the County Union after this. Next meeting to be held March 31, 1909. This has been the most profitable meeting of the Union, much business being attended to and harmony and good will prevailed throughout the session.

JOHN K. WEINMEISTER,
State Organizer Indiana.
Washington, Dec. 21, 1908.

NOTES

Bro. J. J. Yarphy of Vienna, Ia., thinks that the only solution of the cotton pricing problem is for the ginners to enter an agreement to operate their gins only one week in the month. Bro. Yarphy forgets that you cannot dry the spring by damming up the creek below it.

J. M. Skidmore of Lowell, N. C., would have the United States government issue certificates on cotton

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and provide for their deposit in the national banks to be paid out for cotton. He would have these to bear the loss, which would be paid to the government.

Sulphur Springs local at Jethro, Ark., is reported by John Kirkendall as being on a boom. There ought to be a revival on all along the line.

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PRESIDENT NEILL ASKS FOR ACTION

To the Brotherhood of Texas

There will be a desperate effort made at the present session of the legislature to repeal the anti-bucketshop law. We want to ask every county Union to pass resolutions denouncing the bucketshops and pass resolutions against the repeal of the anti-bucketshop law. Each county Union should pass the proposition down to the locals, and have the local Unions to the State pass resolutions against the repeal of the bucketshops. It is the duty of every Union man throughout the State to stand to the anti-bucketshop law and to carry the proposition to where gambling in cotton futures may be prohibited throughout the United States. D. J. NEILL, President.

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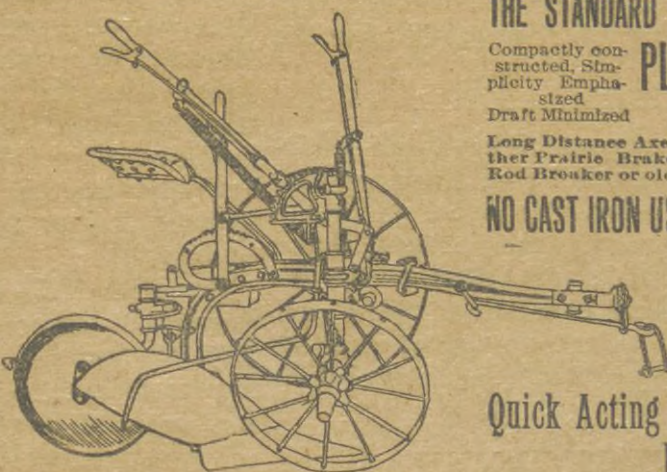
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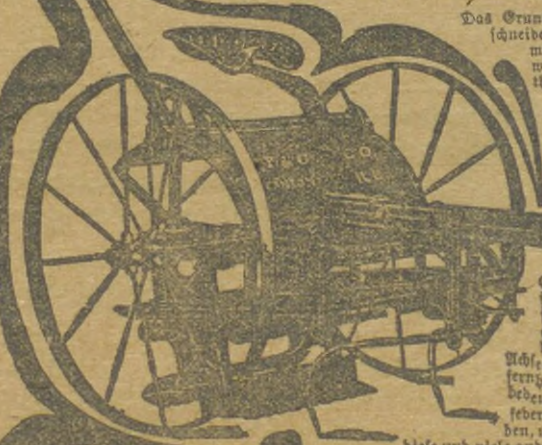
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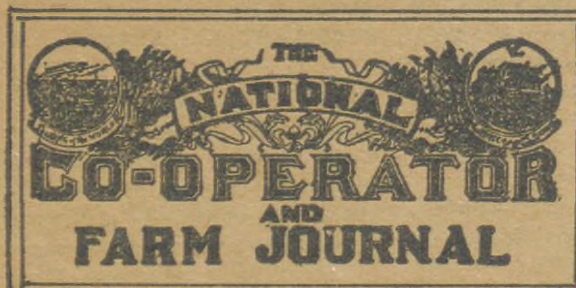
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It was an eloquent tribute to the untiring work of "Uncle" Sam Hampton that the pledging idea was embodied in the plan to be followed by the Farmers' Union of Texas in marketing cotton in the future. This is an excellent feature, and "Uncle" Sam deserves a great deal of credit for helping to keep the issue before the people.

Keep the bucket shops out. President Neill has a call to arms in this issue against the effort which will be made to reinstate the bucket shops. Don't overlook it. Pass resolutions at your county meetings and furnish copies to your representatives and senator. Send copies to the Co-Operator. Then take it up in the locals and have them send petitions to the legislature. Cotton gambling must not be tolerated in Texas.

SPUR TRACKS A NECESSITY TO ORGANIZED FARMERS.

On the front page of this week's issue of the Co-Operator will be found President Neill's letter to the membership on the contract which has been made between the officials of the Farmers' Union and the officials of the Texas railroads, under the terms of which the railroad companies of the state are to construct free of cost, spur tracks 450 feet long to all Farmers' Union warehouses in Texas.

This is one of the most valuable and important events that has ever been accomplished by the officials of the Farmers' Union, and President Neill deserves the thanks of every farmer in Texas for that

having brought about such an agreement with farmers' organizations, show what with the railroads, and which will prove benefits could be derived from one line of to be of the greatest value in enabling the farmer to get his product at a minimum cost, and President Neill's letter should be carefully read and re-read by every member of the Union, and very farmer in Texas. A visit to any warehouse in the cities and all factories and all wholesale grocery houses will reveal to the visitor spur tracks in and around all of them, and the saving in expense of handling of goods by use of these spur tracks is something enormous in the aggregate, and this is what it means to the farmers of Texas when selling their products through warehouses, without which, farmers can never market their products to an advantage.

Had it not been for having warehouses, the farmers of Tennessee and Kentucky could never have floated their recent successful tobacco deal, details of which was given in last week's Co-Operator. Tobacco is perishable even in a warehouse, but cotton is not and we must have a warehouse system for cotton.

It has been estimated that it will cost over one million dollars to build these spur tracks and this burden will be borne by the railroad companies without costing the farmers one dollar. That is co-operation of the right sort, and the railroad officials deserve thanks for this spirit of substantially aiding the farmers.

The editor of the Co-Operator has repeatedly maintained that producers (who are the farmers) and carriers (who are the railroads) each are dependent upon the other and ought to work upon lines of co-operation and harmony, and this spur track agreement is about the first instance in Texas where above two great forces have got together in the right sort of fashion. Let us hope that this spirit will continue.

President Neill has shown where the farmers of Texas can save upwards of \$400,000 annually by use of spur tracks to warehouses, so now let us hurry and erect more of them, and get the benefit of this great annual saving. Another important feature is to patronize your warehouses after building them. Not a bale of cotton should ever be sold from a wagon or in a yard. Merchants and commission men compel you to go to their store-rooms. Now what is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose. Compel the cotton purchasers to go to your store-rooms. It will be easy—so try it and then never give up the custom, and then it will show President Neill and the railroads that we are capable of appreciating a business advantage, and will take every advantage of it, for the farmer who fails to use the warehouse will not get the net results, as the farmer who does use the warehouse.

FARMERS' UNIONS AND TRADES UNIONS.

An Affiliation of at Least Hand in Hand Working Would Prove of Immense Benefit to Both Organizations.

Brother C. Grandpierre of Columbus, Mo., writes on the subject:

The following extract from a clipping out of "Coleman's Rural World," a paper that has made no secret of its sympathies

with farmers' organizations, show what benefits could be derived from one line of work, which has been too long neglected by the Farmers' Unions:

"St. Louis trade unionists, and, for that matter, others who may desire, may hereafter have union labels on their farm products, and have them delivered at their doors. This conditions is to be brought about through the service of the St. Louis branch of the National Equity Exchange, a farmers' organization, which has a storage warehouse at 202 North Main street. This was announced at the meeting of the central body. It is proposed to engage unemployed union men as solicitors, and start them on a house to house canvass after lists containing the names and addresses of union men."

Farmers' Unions and Trades Unions have both the great end in view to secure living wages for everybody. There is absolutely nothing in the constitution or purposes of either which would prevent their affiliation, or at least working hand in hand. On the contrary, their common purpose, to raise the standard of living and thereby the standard of education of the entire class of laboring people should bring them close together.

We will here readily admit that if both are still seemingly antagonistic, the fault lies with the farmer more than with the employed laborer.

The large land owner is in an infinite minority among the farmer class. All but few farmers see little hard cash. Most of the produce is "traded." The scarcity of money among the farmer class of the Middle West and Northern states has given rise to the belief among city men that the farmer is naturally stingy. But this stinginess is not natural to the farmer. It is a necessity to which he has been compelled by out of date unfortunate customs of marketing produce, which dates from a time when we had no rapid means of communication.

The farmer, being more or less a slave of the country merchant, is generally not at liberty to buy the best. He has to be contented with the low priced goods, which usually are the most expensive. They are not Union Made.

For these reasons, and not for want of sympathy, the Farmers' Unions have heretofore been of little practical help to the Trades Unions. From long personal intercourse, the writer of this can say with authority that there is from the side of the Trade Unions a very strong inclination to meet us more than half way.

What the Equity People are doing in St. Louis is only one way to solve the problem in a practical way. In most cases a practical working method, convenient to local circumstances, will be obtained by direct negotiations with local Trade Union authorities. The latter will surely willingly order their members to patronize, for instance, merchants paying a fair cash price for produce. In return, the farmer obtaining more cash, will be able to patronize more liberally Union shops, and to buy better class goods, the cheapest in the long run, which usually are Union Made.

Small beginnings, in the lines suggested above, may lead to similar state and national movements which ultimately would prove of immense benefit to both farmer and employed laborer.

Bee Culture in West Texas

Sometime since I wrote an article on bee culture, for the publishing of which I thank you very much, and I now write again and will more fully discuss bee culture, especially in the latitude and climate of West Texas. Much of west Texas is well adapted to bee culture with proper management and attention, otherwise it is like any other business, it soon goes to destruction and the news goes abroad that it is worthless as a honey country and invites honey counterfeiters to glut our markets with imitation honey or rather a stuff that resembles extracted honey very much, but it sells very readily at a fancy price, though starving bees will not eat it. And at this time a pound of cotton will not pay for a pound of imitation honey, notwithstanding there are many thousands of farmers now renting land upon which there is annually a vast amount of honey flow carried away by the wind or washed away by the rains and not a bee do they possess. I presume that they prefer to drag a cotton sack and eat imitation honey rather than to receive a few bee stings or be forced to incur the expense of bee gloves, veil and a smoker and loss of time in taking off honey. I am not a farmer but I keep bees that gather for me from the land of others sweet nectar, nature's richest production, for which I treat them kindly, handle them with care, feed them if it is with water convenient, without which bees cannot thrive in any climate nor country, and in hot weather a strong colony will consume a gallon daily, hence it must be near them or their young brood will die and create disease in the hive unless the old bees can remove them, and in such cases they endeavor to remove them before they die.

It appears quite strange to me that land renters as well as land owners living in a good bee range will not keep bees, but as I have above stated, it is useless to undertake bee culture without giving them the necessary care and attention. The greatest trouble in bee culture in west Texas is robber bees. Our honey flows are very heavy during the blooming of the mesquite and cat-claw timber, and the bees are well satisfied but when it rains and washes it out, the bees be-

come wild and ravenous and put in their time in robbing and killing each other, doing great damage, until the next honey flow comes. Much depends upon the hive in successful bee culture and manufacturers of bee hives have learned that a pretty model and fine finish with brilliant bright shining paint captivates the purchasers regardless of convenience or merit, and there is much need of reformation in hives. The lower frames should be of less length and of greater depth than those of the now standard frames so as to enable bees to increase more rapidly, and require a less number of bees to remain in the hives to keep up the necessary temperature of heat in the hives to raise the young brood, and at the same time have a greater number of bees in the field during a honey flow. Bees gather honey in proportion to their number in the field. There should be from forty to sixty thousand workers in a hive. A strong hive of bees in a good honey flow will gather from five to eight pounds in a day. I make my hives and I have no trouble with robber bees from the fact bees in my hives occupy a position that enables them to successfully defend themselves from robber bees. And I give them no attention when robbers attack them. It is owing to the form and shape of the entrance in my hives that enables the bees to take care of themselves. Now I am not writing this for the purpose of thrusting myself upon your readers as a first-class mechanic, and an up-to-date inventor, for I am not. I claim no superiority for my hive except its proper portions for raising bees, and the entrance that protects them from destruction by robber bees. The entrance is quite simple, but as nothing is perfect when first discovered, of course it is susceptible of improvement. I make four-pound sections and make them strong so that bees lose no time in gathering what we term bee glue, with which to strengthen and brace them to sustain the weight of the honey when filled. I will not undertake to discuss the different strains of bees, but I prefer the three banded Italian.

J. W. THOMAS.

Abilene, Texas.

The Publishers' Corner

Last week we made some slight improvements in the appearance of the Co-Operator and in some of its departmental features. Scarcely had the paper reached all its readers before we began to receive letters commending these improvements. And what is better, some of the letters contained money orders, and other evidences of appreciation which will pay printers and paper bills and enable us to carry forward the good work we have in mind. This is too happy a season of the year to mar with anything like the suspicion of a "dun," and we do not want this to be understood as such, but we desire to say right here that if every subscriber on our books whose time is now out, would renew at once, we could make 100 per cent improvement in the value of this paper within two weeks' time.

We did not start out to say this. It just bubbled out without the asking. What we started in to do was to thank our friends for their many expres-

sions of confidence and appreciation. Let us hope that during the coming year we shall be able to continue to merit this confidence, and now, let us all start out to make 1909 famous because of the complete emancipation of the farmers of this country.

But, along with the many nice things said about the Co-Operator and its publishers comes one ugly, dirty little rumor which we understand was circulated on the evening of the last day of the county presidents' conference to the effect that we had sold, or were about to sell, the Co-Operator to a certain party for political uses. Now, we want to say once for all that we hope that we shall never be forced by want of patronage or support to part with the Co-Operator, and we shall not do it unless forced out, but if such a thing should ever happen, every reader may rest perfectly assured that no sale or transfer will ever be made by the present publishers to any person or firm who has not the endorsement of the state officials or executive committee. If a transfer should ever be made, and the paper should fall into designing hands

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Announcements

ERATH COUNTY CALLED

Editor Co-Operator: Erath County Union will convene with the Oak Dale local the first Wednesday in January, 1909. Please give notice in your valuable paper. We hope to have a full delegation, and I would suggest that we have as many of the delegates as we can of last meeting. We try to work in too many who are not acquainted with our business and at every meeting so many new things come up that it is impossible to succeed at any one thing. This is a business order and not a political, for change of office. The banks keep their officers when once acquainted with the business as long as they can. The merchant wants to hold bookkeepers and business men, the railroads keep well informed men; in fact, all avenues of business keep their well informed men. But we must, as Union, change every quarter and year. Yours fraternally,

H. M. COURTNEY,
County Secretary.

CALLED

TARRANT COUNTY UNION

Editor Co-Operator: Please publish the following notice:

Tarrant County Farmers' Union will meet in regular quarterly session at Labor Temple in the city of Fort Worth Friday, Jan. 8, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. Every local Union in the county should have a full delegation at this meeting as there will be business of vast importance to the membership.

Our state president has called a meeting of all the county presidents for Dec. 21 and 22 on account of matters of special importance at this time. So come prepared to do business. Yours fraternally,

W. R. BUCKNER,
President.

VICTORIA COUNTY

Victoria County Union will meet with Lone Tree local on Saturday, Jan. 2, at 10 p. m. All locals are hereby notified to elect their delegates and send them to this meeting. We would be glad if some of the state lecturers could be with us at this meeting. We need some help. R. H. TUCKER,
President.

EASTLAND COUNTY

Editor Co-Operator: The Eastland County F. U. and C. U. of A. will meet at Bear Springs Jan. 7 and 8, 1909. One delegate for each twenty or majority fraction in good standing for 4th quarter 1908 and one delegate at large. Business of importance to attend to.

H. A. COLLINS,
County Secretary.

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 enjoy a good time.

L. E. CULVER,
Vice-President.

JOHNSON COUNTY

The Johnson County Farmer Union will meet in Cleburne, Tex., Jan. 1, 1909.

J. E. BEENE,
President.

Callahan County.

Callahan county meets January 6 and 7th at Putnam, Texas. All delegates requested to be present.

J. M. HOUSTON,
President.

McLennan County.

McLennan County will meet January 8 and 9 at Waco at the court house. All locals are requested to have full corps of delegates.

R. A. HORNE,
County President.

Angelina County

Angelina county will meet in executive session December 29 and 30 with Ozias local. All locals are urged to meet me with full representation, as I will be prepared to give the proceedings of the state convention.

J. QUARLES,
County Secretary.

Gonzales County

The Gonzales County Farmers' Union will meet in regular session at the court house in Gonzales on Friday Saturday, January 8 and 9, 1909, at 10 a. m. A full representation is requested as business of importance will be transacted at this meeting.

GEORGE MINEAR,
President Gonzales Co. Union.

Montague County.

Montague County Union will be held at Packer school house on the north side of the county on July 8 and 9. Open door meeting Thursday night, January 7.

All locals please send full delegates. Business of importance.

J. A. RUSSELL,
President.

H. A. TAGE,
Secretary.

COLEMAN COUNTY

The Coleman County Union will meet the first Friday and Saturday, the 8th and 9th of January, in the city of Coleman. Every local is requested to send full delegations, also every member of the Farmers' Union of Coleman county is invited to be at the meeting, as there is business of importance to be attended to. Everybody come.

T. B. TAYLOR,
President.

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.

Bastrop County

The Bastrop County Farmers' Union will meet at Bastrop on Jan. 7, 1909. The officers of all defunct locals are invited to attend this meeting. Brethren, please elect delegates who will attend the county Union.

W. C. RANKIN, President.

KAUFMAN COUNTY

The Kaufman County Farmers' Union will meet at Jiba the 5th and 6th of January, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. We would like for every local in the county to have full number of delegates present for there will be some very important business to attend to and there will be some good speakers with us also. Come and bring your wife along with you.

LEWIS T. DALRYMPLE, President.

WILSON COUNTY

Wilson County Union will meet with Alum local at Alum Baptist church, six miles north of Stockdale, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1909. Delegates from a distance will be met at the church by committee on arrangements the day previous and will see that all are properly cared for. A big time and a good dinner for all.

C. A. BELLGARD.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

Cherokee County Union will meet with Cold Springs local the 12th and 13th of January, 1909, that being the date set by the state executive committee. All locals are urged to send a full delegation, as we expect some important developments from the meeting of county presidents held at Fort Worth recently. Delegates and visitors will be met at Alto, on the Cotton Belt railroad. J. M. MONTELLO, Secretary Cherokee County Union No. 75.

JONES COUNTY

Jones County Union will meet in Anson in regular session on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 8 and 9, 1909. Locals will see that they are represented. Business of vast importance to transact and report of our county president from the Fort Worth meeting and plan of future to be mapped out. Local secretaries see that your dues are on hand and entitle you to representation and get pass word. Let's turn out, brethren, and make this a good meeting. Let all the boys come, and besides delegates, let all of the organizers be on hand. Yours for less cotton and more hogs and feed stuff.

S. W. THOMPSON,
Corresponding Secretary of Jones County Union, Anson, Texas, Route 4, Box 93.

UNCLE SAM HAMPTON'S APPOINTMENTS

Below will be found a list of dates, in Rusk county, for Sam J. Hampton, the famous Union scout. Everybody invited to hear him.

Henderson, Saturday, Jan. 16, 1:30;
Crims Chapel, Saturday, Jan. 16, 7:30;
Pirtle, Monday, Jan. 18, 2:30; Motley, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2:30; Chalk Hill, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2:30; Chapman, Thursday, Jan. 21, 2:30; Pine Hill, Friday, Jan. 22, 2:30; Brachfield, Saturday, Jan. 23, 2:30; Minden, Monday, Jan. 25, 2:30; Concord Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2:30; Mount Enterprise, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2:30; Glenfawn, Thursday, Jan. 28, 2:30; Laneville, Friday, Jan. 29, 2:30; Compton, Saturday, Jan. 30, 2:30; Carlisle, Monday, Feb. 12, 2:30; London, Tuesday, Feb. 2 2:30.

CUBA ALEXANDER CO., Secretary.

O. F. DORNBLAGER'S APPOINTMENTS

Editor Co-Operator: We wish you to publish the following explanation and dates of O. F. Dornblaser in Erath county.

Mr. Dornblaser will commence a campaign in Erath county on Monday, Dec. 7, and speak at the following places until the Xmas holidays, after which he will take up his work again here and complete the county, leaving no one slighted. He will be at the county Union at Oak Dale, and there arrangements will be made for all other locals.

Dates as follows:

Monday, Jan. 4, New Hope, 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Jan. 5, Lingleville, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, Oak Dale, 10:30 a. m.

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a number of counties requesting him station, and on this account he can not be with them or provide speakers until next quarter. If your county is to set date of meeting, failed to give place of meeting and nearest railroad not published in Co-Operator of this week it will be necessary for you to make your own arrangements for this week.

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.
Waller 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.
McCluskey 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.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED—I want to correspond with someone in a good locality west of Fort Worth to get employment on the farm. There are 3 or 4 work hands in the family. C. C. Hutchinson, Norphlet, Ark. 12-17 P.

WANTED—Active solicitors and local organizers in every locality adapted to fruit and truck growing. For terms write B. M. Anderson, state organizer Texas Home Cannery Association, Palestine, Texas. tf

BUTTONS—At the national meeting, the F. E. and C. U. of A. passed a resolution to adopt as their official emblem a button with Newt Gresham's portrait in the center. This button is sold exclusively by the daughter of Newt. Gresham, at 25c each. Miss Bly Gresham, Point, Texas. 10-29-tf

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PEOPLE'S LAWS ASSAILED

Oklahoma Commercial Clubs Working for Special Interests

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 9.—So Mr. Clark Hudson has spoken again! In fact he has spoken quite often through the daily press and the circular letter routes in behalf of the State Federation of Commercial Clubs which bears every indication of being owned and operated in the interest and by the railroads and coal operators. And as in previous letters, Mr. Hudson continues an undeserved and unjust attack against the fair name of the grandest and most glorious state in the universe—Oklahoma.

Mr. Hudson of the Federation of Commercial Clubs, indicated as being the interests aforesaid, is not satisfied with his "dope" against the interests of Oklahoma, but he is now tackling Texas, too. Here is what he says: "Like Oklahoma, Texas has been suffering from some experimental legislation foisted upon the state by a class of politicians who are no doubt well-meaning, but lacking in practicability."

What is Mr. Hudson's complaint? He has not told us! But like all of his previous letters, he goes on attacking and insulting the fair name of Oklahoma and is doing untold injury to the state and her wonderful resources.

Here is some of the effects of Mr. Hudson's "dope." It is taken from the Wall Street Journal of a recent date, listen what it says: "The bureau of the State Federation of Commercial Clubs of Oklahoma presents some interesting facts and figures on the paralysis of railroad development in the new state."

Mr. Reader, do you think such notices as the above is doing Oklahoma any good? And the Federation of Commercial Clubs, alias the rail-

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roads and coal operators, are responsible for it.

The Federation of Commercial Clubs is not what its name might imply. It has very few merchants connected with it. It is simply a combination working in the interests of foreign chartered corporations who want to do business in Oklahoma but not be amenable to her laws.

As another evidence of the injury being done to Oklahoma let us quote the latest handed out by Mr. Hudson through this Federation of Commercial Clubs. It is from President Dustin of the Fort Smith and Western railroad. He says: "I know of no inducement sufficiently attractive to get the Fort Smith and Western railroad to put one dollar into Oklahoma railroad property."

Let us see! Neither Mr. Hudson nor Mr. Dustin told us that the Fort Smith

and Western railroad is spending no money in railroad extension or betterments in any state. But such is a fact. They simply left the impression that bad legislation in Oklahoma was the cause, while such is palpably untrue and the grossest misrepresentation.

And that is the kind of "educational campaign" being carried on by the railroads and coal operators through the Federation of Commercial Clubs. And it's all for the purpose of injuring the fair name of Oklahoma and to intimidate, if possible, the present state administration and law-makers, to cause them to retrace the steps of advancement in making Oklahoma laws stand for and mean: "We want capital; but it must come without conditions, other than promise to obey the mandate of the people; otherwise—stay out." Can they do it?

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Any invention that in so short a time develops from a luxury for the few to a necessity for the many must possess tremendous advantages. Let us consider a few of these advantages which the telephone possesses for the farmer and rural districts where its use is now so rapidly increasing.

As a money maker. The telephone keeps the farmer in daily touch with the markets so that he is enabled to sell his products when prices are highest and buy his supplies when prices are low. The profits thus made in a year usually amount to many times the actual cost to the farmer of installing and maintaining a telephone system.

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In a social way. The company and companionship afforded by the telephone is appreciated by the women and young folks as much as by the farmer himself. Friendly chats may be held and visits arranged. The old time isolation of rural life—one of the greatest disadvantages of living in the country—is therefore overcome by the telephone.

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