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### UNITED ACTION.

This the First Duty—We Must Keep Up Our Order by Paying Dues, Especially National.

To the Members of The Farmers' Union of Texas:

Brethren: Having the interest of our great organization at heart, and believing it to be my duty to offer a word of advice and encouragement, so that the good work of our great organization may move on in unity, peace and harmony, and that success may crown our efforts in the near future. I desire to say that, in my humble opinion, the first and most essential thing we need is a more united action in all that pertains to advance the interests of our Union. We must learn to pull together in greater unity. We should know that by united, intelligent action only may we expect to succeed.

We should give more attention to the educational feature of our Union; every member should subscribe for a good Farmers' Union paper, so as to keep well informed on all matters pertaining to our interests. We should give more heed to the advice of our officers and help them in every effort they put forth in the way of special or general co-operation, and this should be done all along the line—Local, County, State and National. We should enter more actively into the building of warehouses, store cotton in same and stand firm in holding for a minimum price. This is practical co-operation; this will enable us to sell cotton direct to the spinner and eliminate the cotton gamblers. So let the building of warehouses be our shibboleth to the extent that our Union in Texas will be prepared to hold its share of the 6,000,000 bales intended to be held by The Farmers' Union of the South the coming season; then will we be in position to care not what cotton gamblers may do in their efforts to manipulate prices. They may continue to skin one another in the selling of chalk marks if they choose (that is their business), but when it comes to selling cotton, the real article to make cloth, to use a slang phrase, "They won't be in it a little bit."

Now, touching another important matter, I am told that Texas is behind other States in the payment of National dues; that we have not done our duty in this respect. Brethren, this should not be so. We can not afford to be second to any State in this matter. So let us push Texas to the front; to lead and not to follow is our duty. Let it not be said that Texas, the birthplace of our Union, is second to any sister State or Territory in loyalty, patriotism or helpfulness. Let us clasp hands with our brethren

the Nation over, and ask them to follow us in making our Union one of the greatest and most helpful organizations that has come into existence since the Nazarene impressed the principles of His great character on the hearts and souls of men.

Brethren, I believe we can do this; I believe we will do this. I believe the members of our Union in Texas are big enough, generous enough and patriotic enough to bury forever the mistakes and misunderstandings of the past and lead in a helpful way in pushing our Union into every State and Territory until its influence is made manifest all over our Nation. Let us help our officers, State and National, in carrying the great load of responsibility that rests upon their shoulders, for, bear in mind, it is no child's play we are engaged in. We have undertaken an enormous task—the industrial freedom of the agricultural class, and it will require clear heads, strong hearts and willing hands to reach the goal of success. So let us be deeply in earnest, faithful in the performance of every duty, and the God of justice will crown our efforts with a glorious and lasting success. Fraternally yours,  
N. C. MURRAY.  
Kingston, Texas.

### YOUR ANCESTORS AND MINE.

By T. J. Brooks.

Civic power once ruled in the tribe by the big chief, who commanded his clan with pomp.

Later these chiefs formed a nation; then power ruled by the despot—king of the realm.

The ignorant masses worshiped at the shrine of royalty. Government was for the exalted few. Fragments of this kind of sovereignty are scattered over the earth till yet.

In the Middle Ages power was centered in the stone castle on the hill. There the feudal lord dwelt, reveled in the tribute of "his people," and planned his schemes for plunder and power.

The lands and the fullness thereof, including his fellow creatures, all belonged to him. They were as much his as the horse in his stall, or the ox that pulled the rough wooden plow, often with a man or woman pulling by its side.

Merchants traveled and traded as they went in those days, and at fairs. The roads belonged to the baron, too, and he collected toll from the traveling merchant, who was lucky if toll was all that was demanded. No one questioned the prerogatives of the baron in the castle. Below, the poor, half-fed, half-clothed, degraded creatures—your ancestors and mine—worked for the masters—the king, barons and gentry.

Plagues devoured them by thousands; other thousands died in battles between contending barons. Sometimes the wretched serfs ate the dead bodies of their fellow serfs. Eighty per cent of all produced was not an unusual tax for them to pay—your ancestors and mine. Wooden shoes for the women was a luxury. One rough garment was the only covering for men and women alike. The barons made treaties and bartered the people as if they had been their paternal inheritance. No education, no protection, no justice, no uplifting development, no progress.

The serf that ran away from his slavery was captured and branded with a red-hot iron. The baron often fastened collars of iron around the necks of his men, bearing his mark.

Thousands upon thousands of fine specimens of the Caucasian race—your ancestors and mine—slaved, starved, died and were buried with these collars on their necks.

And this lasted for ages.

But finally an awakening and a reckoning came.

The desire for self-mastery, for liberty, for justice, was hidden away in those crushed souls—that divine spark of manhood that tyranny can never annihilate. Little by little the spirit of protest began to do its work. Brain, courage and desperation fought tyranny in the old stone castle on the hill.

Finally, through struggle, strife, fire and blood, your ancestors and mine won their rights, changed the course of history, and the tyranny of the castle died.

Some of these castles stand yet, stern and quiet against the sky on the continents and isles of Europe.

No echoes of the chieftain's footfall sounds in the big halls that once resounded with merriment and acclaims when festivities crowded them with those in power. The grass grows between the stones. The bats fly at night where royalty once reveled and planned to tax and plunder. Warhorses are hitched to plows in the valleys below.

There has been a transfiguration. Gunpowder made armor useless. Power shifted. "The man with the hoe" found that he must choose his rulers and hold the reins of authority over those vested with authority, and limit his term.

Human nature did not change. Conditions changed, and so did methods. Sovereignty and rulership have been modified in point of brutality, but still exists.

Capitalistic feudalism has replaced military feudalism.

Business is doing what military force used to do.

Government has been moved from the baron's castle on the hill to the

counting room of the trust in the skyscrapers of the great cities.

The feudal baron, rough and fierce, is gone. The man in his place is smooth, quiet and genteel, but shrewd and of iron will. He has no armed guards about him, but he has men of keen intellect, as his lieutenants. He controls the means of transportation, just as the baron controlled the road below his tower on the hill. The new ruler collects toll from millions where the baron extorted from thousands. The captain of industry in his skyscraper, does not put iron collars, marked with his sign, on the necks of his subjects, but he lays tribute on the pocketbooks and necessities of millions.

Each generation has its problems to solve. In every age of the world it has been a question of matching conditions that has determined the course of history. Whatever people or class of people proved themselves capable of mastering circumstances made histories read as they directed.

Your ancestors and mine achieved freedom from task masters with power to inflict corporal punishment. It is our task to achieve economic freedom from unjust tribute to the cunning greedy and powerful. The basis of Wall street feudalism to-day, as it was the basis of military feudalism a thousand years ago, is unjust tribute levied by those who have seized on to the material of life.

A new transfiguration is to take place, and this generation is to make the new adjustment. What part are you to play in the grand world drama? We think that your ancestors and mine did a good work. The work that we are to do is just as important and far-reaching as that performed by our ancestors in ridding the world of feudalism, despotism, slavery and serfdom. Considering our weapons of defense, the task before us is not nearly so difficult as the one performed by your ancestors and mine. Every generation is put to the test and obtains what it, on the whole deserves. All power for equitable adjustment is inherent in the race. If it fails to secure it, there is a lack of competency to conceive or will to carry out into effect the rights of man.

Feudalism had stood for a thousand years. It had its origin and reached its highest fruition in France. A few months previous to the night of Aug. 4, 1879, it seemed to be as formidable as ever. Its battlements were as grim and strong, its dungeons as deep and dark. In its hands were both sword and purse. The State, the Church, law and custom supported and threw their charm around it.

But a Breton deputy, dressed in the plain clothes of a farmer, arose in the French assembly, in the midst of a

heated discussion, and said: "Had you burnt the title-deeds of feudalism your slaves, the peasants, would not now be burning parchment and castle together."

But the success of a revolution depends on the quality of the people. India has submitted for, lo, these centuries, and still submits. The African does not owe his freedom to his own efforts. The Indian neither submitted nor accepted; he passed on.

The Caucasian is the hope of mankind.

In confidential privacy the same reasons are given now for ignoring the rights of the poor and holding them in subjection that have been given in every age of the world—"It's all they are fit for." The rich and powerful dwell scornfully upon the ignorance, brutality and prejudice of the lower orders in every country. The "nobility" in all lands—selfish, clannish, bigoted, full of class pride and haughty prejudice, and unmindful of the thunder clap and lightning flash of retribution that awaits—always repudiates the rights of the under world.

Caste takes hold of every country, step for step, with the growth of political corruption, which in turn flourishes on ignorance and fanatical patriotism.

In the old days men established caste with the sword; now it is done with wealth. The ultimatum is the same—the golden palace on the one side and the reeking alley and hovel on the other, with a common end at last—revolution.

Your ancestors and mine shook feudalism to the earth and threw power into the hands of the people.

HOW SHALL WE USE IT?

### FLORIDA UNION.

Dear Co-Operator: We have a good Union at Bethel now. Some of the members have been somewhat slow, but they are waking up. They see our cause is winning; that the Union, under wise guidance, under the judicious counsel of Co-Operator and the fidelity of the great majority of the members to its principles and to their obligations is achieving all it set out to achieve, and is far advanced on the highway to an absolute and perfect success and they know by doing their duty fully there can be no failure.

We are taking in more members and growing faster than ever we did before. We have no State Union yet, but hope to have one before a great while. Our Union people are all working together here in Florida, for better farming methods, better homes, better prices for their products, better citizenship, more Christianity, better education, more equality.

G. R. PRICE,

Noma, Fla.

## CROP REPORTS.

Let the National Union Through the Locals Obtain Crop Reports and Give to Union.

Dear Co-Operator: Co-Operator is first with me of all papers, because I can always tell what the Union is doing by examining it, and always find a true and able exposition of Union principles in its columns, and The Farmers' Union is dearest to me of all human and material things.

We have no warehouse here in Miller County yet, but at our last County Union meeting we appointed a committee to make arrangements for the erection of one and there seems to be nothing in the way of our having one in time for this year's crop of cotton.

On the question of the government reports, or so-called reports of crops, that is acreage, conditions and yields, I gave vent to my opinions in the following resolution that were adopted at the last meeting of Boyd Local Union, to which I belong:

Resolved, That no member of this local Union shall make to the government any report of crops this year, but as we are in need of knowledge as to what the crop is, it is suggested that each Local make a report to their respective State secretaries, the State secretaries to report to the National Secretary, and the National Secretary tabulate and send them to the Local Unions from time to time, these reports to be kept strictly as Union property, to be kept within the Union.

If these is a better way than this, let it be made known, for out of the multitude of counsel wisdom is evolved and I only offer my views that others may do likewise, and we may thereby secure what we need and want. If we do not manage to obtain the truth the speculator will work up these reports to suit himself.

With best wishes to Co-Operator and thousands of readers, I am, fraternally,  
J. W. GOODSON.  
Texarkana, Ark.

## AN EARNEST PRESIDENT.

Dear Co-Operator: Our local Union is still growing. The most of our members are taking a lively interest in Unionism. The majority of them read Co-Operator and express themselves as being well pleased with the paper. In fact, it keeps alive in their hearts the fires of Unionism and makes them earnest, zealous workers. I would not do without the paper for anything, because it tells me things I could not learn otherwise. It is an educator and I think every Union man ought to have it in his home. Yet there are some who say they have not time to read a paper; that they do not care to be educated any higher. There are always some people, you know, who know it all.

I think every Union member ought to be a Union missionary and work for the cause, to spread its principles, to induce non-union men to join and to admonish and awaken the sluggards in the Union, and they ought to get all the subscribers they can for Co-Operator as it is better than lecturers in the field.

W. P. FULFUR, President.  
Kelly, Ok.

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## POOR, BUT TRUE BLUE.

Dear Co-Operator: I have seen so many good things in Co-Operator that I am in love with the paper. Our local Union is doing nicely indeed. We are all poor people and cannot do as much as we might otherwise be able to do, but we are trying our best and in every way we can think of, because we are staunch, true Union men. We have 34 members, seven of them being ladies. We are talking warehouse big and loud, and we do not intend that it shall all be talk, but that it shall materialize into a substantial reality by the time our crops are ready for it, and then if the speculator gets our cotton he will have to whistle our tune, and that tune will be the fixed minimum price. We have been robbed so much we have to lean against Co-Operator to gobble. I think every farmer in America ought to take Co-Operator, for if they did, we would have the woods full of Union men.

J. B. BEAVERT.

Brockton, Ark.

## GOOD WORK DONE.

Dear Co-Operator: As it is raining I will put in some of my time indoors in writing to the best Union and educational paper published. I have learned more of what the Union is and is doing, and about the successful methods of farming from Co-Operator than from any farmers' paper I have ever read. It certainly affords me much pleasure to read and ponder the good advice given by the sisters and brothers in their various letters.

Quite a number of the brothers are objecting to the Local Unions meeting twice a month. I want to disagree with them. Antioch Local, of which I am a member, meets every Friday this time of year, but when we get busy with our crops we meet only twice a month, and I find that things drag mightily when we do not have our Friday meetings. I believe every Local will have more enthusiasm and a better attendance when it meets once a week than with meetings twice a month, or further apart.

It is now time we should begin to look forward to the marketing of our crops this coming fall. We must make preparations for the struggle we will have to make to head off the predatory horde of speculators and gamblers who are making their plans to take our products from us and take the proceeds of our labor unto themselves.

The first thing to do is to make up our minds to stand up to the fixed price and to keep this resolution. Then we must supply warehouses to hold our products so that we will be strengthened to do what we have determined to do. Let's keep out of debt and give no mortgages under any circumstances. Most of the Union men hereabouts have sold their cotton through our business agent, about 1600 bales, and he has saved them from \$5 to \$15 per bale, and consequently we are well pleased. And we shall do the same way this year only through warehouses.

We need a good lecturer up here in Northern Arkansas, for there are a great many of the details in our great work that we need to have explained to us, and we would be glad if one was sent to us. It would help the cause and increase the membership.

BOB NELMS.

Brookland, Ark.

## NEIL GIVES ADVICE.

Attention Called by Union Official to Importance of Questions Now Pending.

Dallas Morning News.

Dallas, Texas, March 1.—The propositions that now confront the Farmers' Union are momentous and deserve the serious consideration of our people. The abolition of the cotton exchanges

or bucket shops is one proposition that is now up for settlement. The enactment of the Jenkins-Mayfield bill means that the present system of future dealings, or gambling, will cease. It is absolutely necessary that our membership do all they can that this bill may become a law.

The future dealer or bucket shop system had almost destroyed our markets—taken out all competition and all actual speculation in our cotton markets, thus leaving spot cotton hanging upon the market as a dead weight. The fluctuations were often so great and violent that the business of farming was rendered uncertain and unprofitable. The market price of cotton was so unstable that it unsettled all classes of business, and oft times caused widespread bankruptcy that swept away thousands of dollars worth of property.

Our people understand that the daily cash sales enacted upon the floor of the New York exchange are, in fact, fictitious sales, fraudulent sales, deceptive sales, where no money or cotton passes, nor is it intended that any should pass. These sales are made expressly to put cotton up or put cotton down, as advantages are gained by so doing. The bids made by the men making these fictitious sales are written upon the boards of the different bucket shops or telegraphed all over the world as the market, and so far as the farmer and merchant are concerned, it was the market. This system has become so notoriously corrupt and destructive to the business of the country that almost all right thinking people are up in arms against it.

The Farmers' Union has evolved the warehouse plan that will become a success if our business men give us their co-operation, and the warehouse proposition means the stability of the price of cotton, which means the stability of the business of our country.

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Texas has now over 300 warehouses, a cotton company and a number of competent cotton graders. The manufacturers are ready to buy our warehouse receipts, backed by a minimum that means the stability of farming and the stability of the business of our country.

D. J. NEILL.

Organizer and Lecturer, Texas Farmers' Union.

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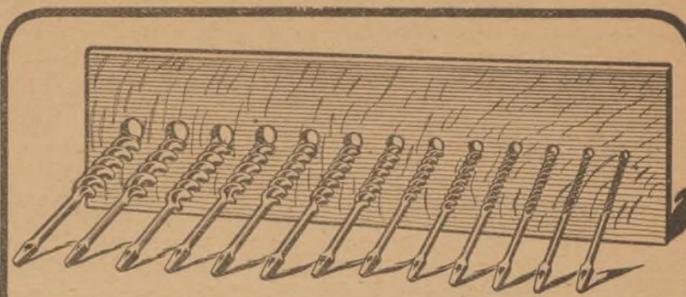
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### BREEZY LETTER.

#### What Unionism Is Accomplishing for Farmers and Other Business Interests Also.

Dear Co-Operator: This section of Texas has just been visited with a fine rain that was much needed. Farmers generally are bestirring themselves. Some are ready to plant corn, while very few have been willing to entrust seed corn to mother earth. The sky is beautifully clear and bright, after two days dark, dreary overhanging clouds, and many said our winter was now at hand. Many forest trees are almost in full leaf and flowers are to be seen, where heretofore at this season, all was brown from winter's icy hand.

I was made to feel a welcome visitor at Lone Pine Local, nine miles south of this place, at the last meeting, and I wish to say just here the membership at that place are up and doing, zealous, wide-awake, firmly alive to the interests of the Union, etc. They are an open, generous, kind-hearted people; good farmers, reliable and trust-worthy, and if I mistake not will in the near future build up a Local we will be proud to unite with, and a neighborhood that any farmer and his family will be glad to claim, that he is one of their number.

These people are united and fully understand that concert of action and unity give strength, and power, and they are laying the foundation to a grand and noble structure which I trust all the Locals in Texas will do, in fact, all over our land, and country, where the inspiration has not taken hold. Unionism in its true sense is the upbuilding in common of a general good, not for one class to the detriment of another, but a general good. It is strictly democratic, not from a political standpoint, but in its broadest sense. "For and by the people." Then if the boys in overalls and holding the bell cord, are in the majority, they may reap in proportion as they out number other classes. Just here business men, professional and all classes outside of agriculturists, it is a mistake some make, when they show ill feeling toward The Farmers' Union. They are not organized against you, or your interests. They want to and will in the future price the products of their farms, and their hard labor.

Every merchant tells me his business has been far better, since cotton jumped from 3 3/4, 4 and 5 cents to as high as 11 1/2 cents. Why, then, not put your shoulder to the wheel and lend your aid to an organization that is rapidly bringing this country out of poverty, debt, crime and making a better and more independent citizenship?

Independence elevates and cotton at less than 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 cents don't bring a very independent feeling to the man producing it. Farming on paper and wind and doing all the work one's self are not one and the same.

In conclusion, make arrangements from now until August 1, 1907, to store and hold your own cotton by keeping as much as possible out of debt, and by this means the warehouse companies can arrange to take care of all the cotton up to December 20, and you solve the question of cotton exchanges, future cotton markets and gambling on the farmers' labor. Much has already been accomplished by the Farmers' Union, and by firmness and closer observation to business for your own and all other interests your reward will grow richer and better as Unionism is observed and practiced.

I wish to urge that every member of the Texas Farmers' Union read President Calvin's address, and especially those who consider Texas larger, and broader than the whole of America. Any dissension or violation of a Union man's obligation is the cudgel that our opposition will be only too glad to lay hold of to break down the only safeguard the producer ever had or may hope to have. Stand by your obligation and let the world know you are in earnest and pay your dues from the bottom to the top.

J. R. HOWARD.

Crockett, Tex.

#### ENLARGE OUR MEMBERSHIP.

Dear Co-Operator: I am a charter member of Leeville Local Union. Our Local is growing slowly, but steadily. Our members are enthusiastic in the good work we have in hand. We work to increase our membership among the farming class taking in both ladies and gentlemen for we find our lady membership especially efficient, faithful and devoted. However, we do not want and will not take any one who is not in earnest to become a good Union man and whom we believe will prove true.

Now, brothers, and sisters, too, let's get busy and let's see how much stronger Mississippi will be by the time another twelve months rolls around. I think it will take a large army of us to win the fight we are making, therefore we must hustle up all the farmers in the land and get them into the Union.

I want to add my word of praise for J. L. Taylor. I indorse his ideas fully and I trust all the brothers will follow his suggestions and live along the lines of his doctrine. Hurrah for the 14-year-old boy. Follow suit, sons and daughters, and when old enough, join The Farmers' Union, for the more the merrier, and the better, especially when the more are the rosy cheeked daughters and bright-eyed boys of the farmer homes of this land.

I think the Co-Operator is a good teacher for us Union brothers, and not a Union home in all America ought to be without it. "We must educate, or we must perish" and Co-Operator is the educator. It is up to us now to do something or quit and if we quit this time we are lost beyond saving, for if with such principles as those of The Farmers' Union, founded on the Golden Rule, asking nothing but justice, doing nothing but what is honest and fair, we can not be true to it and true to our solemn vows, keeping all our dues paid and working for the cause, we ought to continue in slavery to the speculator and the gambler.

T. J. LEE.

Battlefield, Miss.

#### WANT UNCLE SAM.

Dear Co-Operator: Our Union continues to move along slowly in the

direction. We need, however, a talker, not only to arouse us to greater activity and interest, but to enlighten us more as to the details of Union principles, the aims, objects and methods of Unionism. Why does not Uncle Sam Hampton come out our way and round us up? He would make it interesting for us and we will agree to make it interesting for him. I read of his talks made just east of us and regretted he did not drift further west into our beautiful country, the prettiest and best in all Texas, so we could hear him and learn something from his stores of knowledge. Send him out this way. Tell him to bring his knitting and stop awhile with us. A good rest will do him good and his stay will do us good.

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R. M. HOGUE.

Mason, Tex.

#### NORTHWEST ARKANSAS.

Dear Co-Operator: We are Union people, heart, mind, soul and body in Izard County, Arkansas. Some few have dropped out on account of the dues required to support the National Union, but not many, and they will come back when they understand the thing. The National organization is just as necessary for our success as are rain and sunshine for the growing of a crop. We can compare our Farmers' Union to an army for we are fighting an organized, well equipped horde of speculators who have been preying upon us for more than forty years past. An army is formed of regiments (our Local Unions) organized into brigades (our County Unions), formed into divisions (our District Unions), organized into corps (our State Unions), formed into an army (our National Union). Now that army made up of these various component parts acts as a unit, as a whole, just one piece of machinery and thereby it is strong, terrible, able to cope with the enemy. But suppose the corps commanders should say among themselves:

"We do not need any army formation. We are stronger acting independently and we will wage this war separately, each corps acting for itself, fighting when, where and how it pleases."

What would be the result of such a warfare? The enemy by united strength would crush out one corps at a time and win out easily. That is just exactly the way our enemy, the speculators and futures gamblers, would wipe us out, if we were to make a fight against them, each State acting for itself and independently of the other.

No. Such a thought is folly. We must have a National Union and to have it we must each one of us contribute the few cents asked of us for its support, for its expenses.

Our Local Union will have a warehouse by fall for our cotton. The people in this part of Arkansas are out of debt and pretty well fixed financially. We raise our living, buying but little and manage to make our money crop nearly all net profit in so far as using any part of it for purchasing supplies. It is a broken country and not the most productive for cotton, but for many things the land is all right.

W. L. GIBSON.

Oxford, Ark.

#### WORTHLESS MEMBERSHIP.

Dear Co-Operator: Getting hold of a copy of Co-Operator, I read it through. I was so pleased with it, especially the letters that I determined to let the brotherhood know what we are doing hereabouts in Arkansas.

A man who joins the Union from mere curiosity is not liable to ever amount to anything, and such members are generally a dead weight. Every Union man especially and every farmer indeed ought to take Co-Operator. It is necessary to the prosperity of Unionism.

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Dear Co-Operator: I am certainly gratified to see and know that we are to have entire harmony in our ranks in Texas. The cause of all the trouble has been a misunderstanding from the beginning. There have been many publications in the newspapers which should never have been made. We have been in National organization from the beginning, and it is right that it should be so. We must have a supreme head to the organization or we will die.

The brave and able officers at the head of our National organization, as well as those at the head of our State organizations, make our success absolutely assured, if the balance of us will do our duty, for we are on the right line.

We are building a great structure for industrial co-operation, which is to set free the slaves of a system which has caused more misery than wars, pestilence and famine, and the day of our industrial salvation is near at hand. There is one thing I have to regret so far as the Texas situation is concerned, because of publications which should never have been made, because they were wholly false. Some of our Texas brethren have said they would not pay their National dues, which are required to keep up the work as it should be done.

Texas, grand old Texas! Let us not go into our next National convention with the forefinger of scorn pointed at us. Shall it be said of us that we are not as loyal to this great cause as are our brethren in the other States? God forbid! We must and will do our full duty. Fraternally,

L. L. RHODES.

Grand Saline, Texas.

**CROP ROTATIONS.**

Mr. J. C. Strubling, manager of the South Carolina Farmers' Union Bureau, says, in a recent bulletin issued by this Bureau, relative to rotation of crops on the same piece of land:

Aldrich system of growing corn and cotton together, viz.: two rows of cotton alternated with two rows of corn, in comparison with solid plots of each.

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Cotton was sold for 16 cents per pound and the seed at \$1 per bushel, brought the cotton products up to \$113.16 per acre. Money value.

Solid plots of each corn and cotton planted in solid crops as usually done, made in cotton 273 pounds in lint and 67 bushels of seed, which sold for \$185.33 per acre.

Corn averaged 55 bushels and 4100 pounds stover, making corn products \$72.10 per acre, and an average of \$128.71 per acre, counting both corn and cotton averaged up together.

This test showed a loss on the Aldrich plan of \$25.57 per acre when cotton was sold for 16 cents. But counting cotton at common prices, 10 cents, the loss to the Aldrich system is reduced to \$7.57 per acre. This is on account of solid field of cotton making more per acre and solid fields of corn making less than when mixed crops were planted on the Aldrich plan.

When cost of production is taken into count and cost of picking cotton as against the cost of harvesting the corn crop by machinery, there is a difference of only \$2.57 per acre against the Aldrich method per acre.

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**GET BUSY.**

Farmers' (S. C.) Union Bureau. Your Local Unions are just as strong and as good as their members make them, all of you together, and your County Unions are just as strong and useful as the Locals make them.

We have heard enough about that trying to place the blame on the other brethren about the inactivity, lazy, cowardly indifference of your drowsy Local Unions.

Get together, pay up your dues, and if you can't get up a good speaker to touch you up a little on the live wire order, try an oyster supper or a "yaller dog" fight, or anything that will bring the boys together.

When you all get together, please never breathe a word about your faults; all of you try your best to see if you can't find something good—even the smallest spark—in your neighbor, and each of you mention these to each other, and the last one of you will go home, no doubt, feeling very glad that you are an important part of your Union, and that you are doing your duty to yourself, your neighbors and your God. Get busy, boys; push forward. Don't drag along behind like the heavy, muddly tail of a rundown fox.

**WANTS LADY MEMBERS.**

Dear Co-Operator: Spring Hill Local Union, of which I am a member, is progressing nicely, all things considered. We had a good time at our last meeting and five members joined and one new application came in.

The Locals are getting up stock to build a warehouse in our county (Pontotoc). We all approve the warehouse method, as we think it is our sole protection. Our representative,

Brother Bill Stegall, is going to give us a lecture on March 17. He is a Union man, both warp and filling. We would get along much better if we had more men to talk to the Locals. I think every man and boy ought to have something good to say for the Local every time we meet. In fact, I don't think it would be amiss to give out subjects at one meeting for the next, to talk on, especially for those who do not like to speak publicly. By this means we will all become familiar with each other. Say, don't you all, where there are ladies in your Locals, think they are a great help? We don't have ladies in our Local, but it is not because we don't want them. I am sure they are a lot of help in those Locals that have them, and I would be glad if they would join our Local. D. A. TUNNELL. Mud Creek, Miss.

**WANTS COTTON MILLS.**

Dear Co-Operator: Our little Local is known as Live Oak Union, in Concho County, and has 22 members. We have a County Union, embracing six Unions, but some of them have the slow fever. I would be glad to get a good doctor. I have been trying to get doses of Co-Operator down them, but they seem to have the lockjaw.

What is the reason the cotton farmers cannot have cotton factories? If co-operative woolen mills pay, it seems to me Union co-operative cotton mills right at the cotton fields would pay, too, and we could thus manufacture ourselves all the cotton the buyers would not give the fixed price for. Such a plan I think would knock the speculator off the limb and settle his hash for good.

Eden, Texas. W. E. COCKRAN.

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**LOVE FEAST MEETING.**

Dear Co-Operator: Craddock Local Union is on a boom. During the last two months we have taken in fourteen additional members, and others yet to come. Our last meeting was the best one I ever attended. Brother J. K. Polk, of Georgia, was with us and gave us an interesting, inspiring talk. Several members of our neighbor Local also made short talks, and the meeting became a regular love feast before it was over.

Please announce that Brothers J. K. Polk and J. H. Hopper will speak at Chicota Thursday night, March 14.

J. H. HOPPER.

Sumner, Texas.

**J. L. ARMSTRONG'S DATES.**

Brother J. L. Armstrong, a deputy State Lecturer and Organizer for the Farmers' Union, will speak at the following places on these dates. We extend a cordial invitation to everybody to come out and hear the principles and working of organization discussed by one of our leading lecturers:

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Dear Co-Operator: We desire to let your readers know that there is some unionism in this part of the moral vinyard. Salado Local Union is getting along as nicely as can be. We have a membership of 78 and they are all an enthusiastic lot of men and women, and believe in co-operation.

But we are surrounded by unfavorable conditions. Here in North Arkansas the speculator has his halter on us and he leads us around, too. We hope, however, to see a better day. "Stay out of debt." is our motto now, and we propose to raise our living and our living for our livestock also, and thus put ourselves where we can give the merchant the go by and let him live off somebody else's toil for a while, even if it is his own. Read the Co-Operator and learn the many lessons in its columns and then pass it over to some non-union friend that he may have a chance to learn the truth also and see what the paper is. J. A. BAKER, President.

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"The profits of a dairy depend largely upon the good qualities of the cows and the way they are kept. Breeding is an important factor and often determines the profit or loss in the business. According to the statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture, the average cow produces approximately 131 pounds of butter fat per year. If we base our calculations on the average market price of feed that a cow consumes, and the care she requires, we find that it would take at least 175 pounds of butter fat to pay for the feed of a cow for one year. According to these statistics there are a great many cows in the United States that do not produce enough butter fat to pay for their feed and care. The problem confronting us is how to secure animals that will pay for their feed. The only practical method is to determine the value of each individual animal by weighing the milk and testing the same for three consecutive days each month throughout the period of lactation. Then estimate the cost of feed that a cow has consumed, and the difference between the value of the food consumed and the value of the milk produced determines the profit or loss. It is safe in this case to take feed as the basis of cost, against butter fat as the basis of production, for in most cases such expenses as labor, interest on investment, deterioration by age, and general expenses may be offset by the value of skim-milk, butter-milk, manure and the value of the calf.

As yet, we have no absolute proof that a cow, tested for a year and making a high record, will continue to do so throughout the prime of her life. After a cow has once proven to be profitable, the future of that cow, if she has not passed the prime of her life, depends entirely upon the care and handling she receives. Many a good cow has been ruined at the hands of an unsuccessful dairyman, who has either neglected her by not milking her properly, or by not feeding her properly, and otherwise abusing her.

"I should be glad to see the time come, and that soon, when dairymen will unite their efforts and establish test associations, and in connection a breeding association, which will control the breeding cows and the selecting of bulls from records and performances. This can be very easily established in communities where there are a great number of individuals of one breed, this association to employ a competent man to test the cows and keep a record of their breeding, and this man also to be in charge of the male animals purchased or bred by the association from a good milking strain and possessing dominant characteristics which will be perpetuated on his offspring. There is undoubtedly no better and safer method to increase the milk production of individual cows and to perpetuate the strain."

Butter tests always bring out, very emphatically, the fact that the ordinary process of separating and churning recovers the fat in the cream or milk in a very varying degree. In a general way the butter obtained from a given quantity of milk should be the same—or approximately the same—as the percentage of fat found by analysis. For instance, if milk shows 4 per cent of fat on analysis, then the amount of butter obtained from same should be four and one-half pounds to every one hundred pounds of milk, because the small quantity of fat left in the milk or butter milk is made up by the water taken up by the butter in making. Nowadays, since the separator has displaced the milk-setting pan, the whole of the fat can be taken out of the milk down to a very small fraction, irrespective of the source of the milk or any characteristic peculiarities of the same, but when we come to churn the cream we find that differences begin to develop. The food, the temperature of the animal, the state of the weather, the breed of the cow, and a host of other influences begin to have effect on what is called the "churnability" of the cream, and the consequence is that the amount of butter that is recovered from the milk or cream may bear no relation at all to the amount of fat originally in the milk. Bad manipulation of the churn, or the ripening of the cream, will also make a lot of difference in the results, and when these are placed alongside the exact figures of analysis there are discrepancies. It is difficult to see how this can be avoided, and in tests, of course, everything is done to equalize the chances of competitors; but it is instructive to put the analyst's figures and the amount of butter got by the dairymaid side by side.

"The faithful old cow." A writer pays the following tribute to the cow: "You draw your dividend on your cow every night and morning. The wheat crop may rot in the field, your hog may die from cholera, the beef trust may squeeze the profit out of the steers, but the old cow quietly plods along, always doing her share to make the farm profitable."

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## DAIRYING

**EVOLUTION OF PROCESS BUTTER.**

One of the best known authorities on butter and other dairy products is Levi Wells, Inspector, Dairy Division, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture. On the surplus of country butter, and of the manner in which it is treated to make it salable, he says:

Great quantities of butter are made annually on the farm. The quality of this farm made butter is as varied as the number of individuals who make it. The greater part of it finds its way to the consumer within a short time after it is made. Usually the better grades are in demand and bring a fair price as dairy butter, but there is a considerable quantity that is unsalable because it is not good butter.

Owing to increased production in the summer months, most of the surplus accumulates during that season. Formerly this surplus of country butter was a drug on the market, and it was of such indifferent quality that to store it was a doubtful expedient. After it came out of the storage houses it had developed, in addition to its other defects, the storage flavors, and was unsalable as butter.

The only method formerly known of profitably handling the surplus was to rework it, adding coloring matter and salt. This reworking brought the butter to a uniform shade of color and a uniform degree of saltiness. If it was salted heavily, this helped to conceal some of the undesirable flavors.

Along in the early 80's several persons began to experiment with the surplus country butter to determine, if possible, whether there was not some way to bring it to uniform color and saltiness and at the same time free it from bad or disagreeable flavors. The first thought of the manipulator was to devise some way to rid the butter of the curd and coarse salt it often contained.

Melting was the only practicable method. Melting butter and separating the fat from the other ingredients, then canning the fat and shipping it to tropical countries to be used as a substitute for butter was practiced in some sections of Europe many years ago, but restoring the ingredients extracted and again converting the substance into butter is an American invention.

It was not until the early 90's that renovated butter began to appear in any considerable quantities on the markets of this country. It was generally quoted and sold as creamery seconds, its quality preventing its securing any higher rating. Its source and mode of preparation were unknown to the general public, though in some localities it had a distinctive name.

In Philadelphia it was called "boiled" butter, in Boston "sterilized" butter; then "process" was substituted as its prefix by those interested in its manufacture and sale. The consuming public, however, knew little or nothing of its origin or make-up, supposing that it was an inferior quality of ordinary butter.

Its keeping qualities were very poor; and while attractive in appearance and to the casual observer of fairly good quality when it left the manufacturer's hands, yet when it reached the consumer it was in most cases vile, and in its last estate worse than its first."

**BRINGING UP COWS.**

Cows, like men, are good or bad, oftentimes because of their environment, bringing up and education. We look for and expect men to be good if brought up in good and religious families and communities. I have often heard it said, "Give me the first six years of a child's life, and I will tell you with a great deal of certainty what the future of that child's life will be." So I believe that the condi-

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**DALLAS FORT WORTH**

## A TRUST RIDDEN LAND.

The March of Commercialism Has About Subjugated American Individualism.

(By "Uncle Sam.")

Dear Co-Operator: This is a trust-ridden land. Everywhere and in every domain of commercial and industrial life, incorporated power has usurped the functions of the individual, and even the government itself has become a mere pigmy when it comes to performing public functions.

The entire business of the country has been turned over to incorporated and the means of production and distribution have been seized by incorporated monopoly.

We pay a thousand times as much taxes to incorporated monopoly as we do to all the State and National governments.

These taxes are a tribute paid to robbers—law-made robbers at that. The situation is alarming.

The people are asleep; that makes it worse.

The Farmers' Union is trying to wake up the sluggards. That's the only hope. Papers like The Co-Operator are educating the awakened ones and uniting them.

I wish right here to copy freely from Attorney General Davidson's able indictment of the trusts, and if you are not too stupid to read, follow this article and wake up.

Attorney General R. V. Davidson of Texas, in response to a resolution of the Legislature, sent the following information to the House. Read it carefully and ponder well the following excerpts from the Attorney General's statement:

I unhesitatingly state to you that the commercial status of this country is one to strike alarm in the breasts of all patriotic and liberty-loving people. The spirit of commercialism is destroying the patriotism of our people, and irresponsible corporate power is subjugating individualism so rapidly that civil liberty, the right to pursue one's avocation independently, or to manage one's business without dictation, is almost a thing of the past. The prime cause is traceable to the fact that artificial persons in the form of corporations, are created and turned loose with practically no surveillance and regulation.

Natural persons die and their accumulations are distributed among their heirs, thereby maintaining a constant redistribution of accumulated wealth, while corporations are immortal and never die, but by a simple legal process continue on forever, gradually acquiring the sources of supply of raw material, of manufacture and lines of distribution, until ultimately the corporation will own all sources of wealth and the people will be reduced to industrial, if not political, servitude.

If any manufacturer anywhere in the United States sells to a consumer or to persons not authorized to buy in the territory of a retail association member, he is disciplined, and if he does not desist or make satisfactory settlement with the retailer in whose territory the sales were made, he is promptly blacklisted and his name sent throughout the United States and his business is cut off by association members.

On the other hand, if an association retailer persists in patronizing a manufacturer who does not belong to a manufacturers' association, although he might be able to buy at less prices, the retailer is likewise blacklisted and his name is sent by said bureau to all manufacturers and wholesalers and he is cut off from buying from association manufacturers.

Suffice it to say that this mischievous combination dominates one of the greatest resources of this country and is plundering thousands of millions annually.

Our great industries, the cattle business, for instance, is completely within the grasp of an avaricious trust, known as the "beef trust."

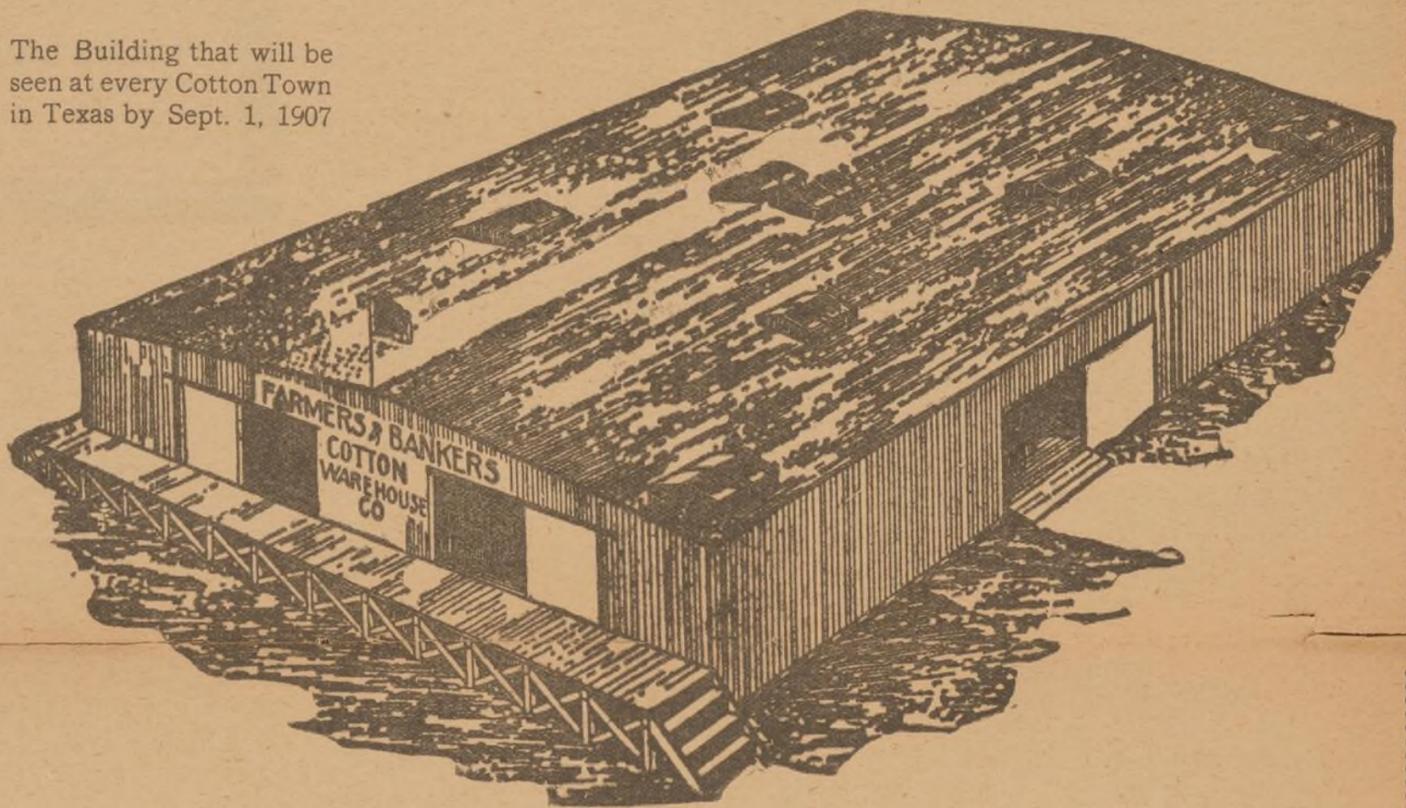
A small number of gigantic corporations are in control of the packing

# Farmers; Defend Yourselves!

With your cotton in your own warehouse you can Defy the Speculator! Your Warehouse Is your fortress; behind it's protecting walls you can wage a War that Will Win. The fight for a Fair Price is on. If you are alert you can win; sleep on your rights and you lose.

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industry of the United States and have extended their monopoly to foreign countries. This monopoly owns the two principal packeries in Texas. They also own stock yards and private car lines which enable them to secure a tremendous advantage over small competitors. They also own banks in connection with their institutions through which they loan money to cattle raisers, and have, by a thorough system of mortgages, been able to control a sufficient quantity of cattle

to absolutely manipulate the market at will.

They have practically no competition in purchase of livestock or in the sale of manufactured products, and seemingly not satisfied in their desire to completely control the production, manufacturing and distribution of dressed meats and by-products, in wholesale quantities, they are buying up the retail houses in the large cities and forcing others entirely out of business.

The extent and ramification of these gigantic monopolies is enough to stagger even the imagination, yet aided by the secretiveness of corporate organization, and by the lack of supervisory laws to control the exercise of corporate powers, and the lack of adequate authority to inquire into their operations, these monster combinations have grown up almost unnoticed, or at least, little understood by the casual observer. We will illustrate what we have said by considering first what is usually called the "lumber trust,"

which is in fact a number of trusts and combinations bound together in one huge combination or dominant central organization.

1. The principal manufacturers of yellow pine in the producing States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Southeastern Missouri have an organization with powers to curtail or fix the price at which the product is obligated not to sell the consumers except hereinafter explained:

Four men substantially fix the price of all yellow pine lumber sold by the association mills of the mentioned States.

2. The white pine manufacturers have a similar organization in the Northern States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Dakotas and other States.

3. The hemlock manufacturers are similarly organized in Washington, Oregon, California and Pacific Slope country.

4. The cypress manufacturers are organized in Louisiana, Mississippi and other Southern States.

5. The oak and other hard wood manufacturers have an association in all Southern, Northern and Eastern States.

6. The retail dealers in all classes of lumber have an organization in all of the States. Wholesale dealers and manufacturers of their respective territory are admitted as honorary members of the retail association. The wholesale dealers and manufacturers are obligated not to sell to contractors and consumers in any territory covered by a yard of a retail dealer who is a member of the association; but they are permitted to sell in competition with retailers at all points where no association members are doing business.

7. Practically all of the different manufacturing associations above described are joined together in a central organization, which is styled, "The National Lumber Manufacturers' Association," some of the members of which are as follows:

Georgia Interstate Sawmill Association, North Carolina Pine Association, Southern Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of the United States, Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Wisconsin Valley Lumbermen's Association, Northwestern Hemlock Manufacturers' Association, Southern Cypress Lumber Association, Southwestern Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Wisconsin Hardwood Lumbermen's Association, Western Pine Shippers' Association, South Carolina Lumber Association.

As stated, these associations, with others, comprise the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, with headquarters at St. Louis, which practically dominates the entire lumber business of the Nation.

Said Association, through a corporation organized for the purpose, issues a credit rating book in which the credit of practically every lumber dealer of the United States is figured, and by their methods can so impair as to almost destroy the ability of any person not a member of some association to do business.

8. The secretaries of practically all the retail and other associations are bound together in a separate association styled "The Lumber Secretaries' Bureau of Information," with headquarters at Minneapolis, Minn.

Among the associations affiliated with said bureau are the following:

Retail Lumber Dealers' Association of Alabama and Tennessee; Lumbermen's Association of Arizona and New Mexico; Colorado and Wyoming Association of Lumber Dealers; Cook County Retail Dealers' Association.

The Oil Trust.—The State has filed a suit in the District Court of Travis County against one of the branches of the Standard Oil trust, the Waters-Pierce. That company is the retail distributing branch of the Standard Oil company for the Southwest and the Republic of Mexico. The Standard Oil company is doing business in Texas under that name. We believe it owns other companies in Texas, such as refining companies.

Standard Oil controls the turpentine, linseed and castor oil output; in fact, practically the bulk of oils, vegetable and mineral, produced and sold over the entire globe. They are absorbing the entire wealth given by Nature to Texas, which should go to enrich the State and furnish a means of livelihood to her own people; yet, through corporate laws insufficient to regulate this control of

them, they are in common with other monopolies in this country, surely, certainly and irresistibly absorbing the wealth of the Nation.

I have illustrated how the principal resources of this State, oil, lumber, livestock and the products of farm, are being absolutely controlled and manipulated at will by huge combinations in the hands of a few corporations owning and controlling innumerable smaller ones.

Can any farmer read the bold indictment of our Attorney General, and then say, There is no necessity of farmers organizing and staying organized? Every word he has said is true and even more. The half has not been told.

The markets of the farmers are actually in the control of the trusts. Incorporated despots have set themselves up as guardians of the farmers, and they parcel out the territory to their pistol headed Jaspers just as systematically as a Legislature defines the boundaries of the judicial districts.

Then the Bullies & Co. say to the farmers, You must patronize our market or you cannot sell.

Heretofore the farmers have proceeded to drive into town in great gangs and these trustified guardians would proceed to skin them one at a time.

You will find your boss in every market, so that no farmer can escape.

The Farmers' Union has come to drive these Bullies & Co. out of the business of robbing the farmers.

The call is, to dethrone the gamblers and destroy the so-called bucket shops.

The plan is, to build warehouses and let the spinners buy direct from the farmers.

Pass out no cotton to speculators on sold to wholesalers and retailers, are the streets. Make the world come to your door and pay your price.

Be encouraged, Bro. Farmers; build your Local Union. Never miss a meeting. Have something interesting to say or to read. Pass your Co-Operator around, and better still, get every member to take it. Now is the time to educate. Now is the day of your salvation.

#### UNIONISM IS SUCCESS.

In Division We Can Hope for Nothing  
But Dismal Failure and Final  
Destruction.

Dear Co-Operator: Roberts Gap Local may be small, but it is loud. Times with us are good. We have not yet got all the good people under the Golden Rule banner. We must, however, have Union in all our efforts or fail. Those who are for us are strictly for Unionism; not alone the Local, County, District and State, but the National Union too. Those who do not want a perfect Union ought to quit preaching justice to all men and preach special privileges for the rich, oppression for the poor. In our great struggle there must be unity among us. We must stand by our Local Unions, by our County Unions, by our State Unions and firmly, unflinchingly by our National Union, for it is only through the National Union we can win. Suppose, for instance, that instead of the United States government, made up of the different States, one of many as our National motto, E. Pluribus Unum, has it, each State was an independent, sovereign government standing alone and acting alone for itself. What would the consequence be? What would these little States ever accomplish for themselves in the mighty struggle between the Nations of the earth for the survival of the fittest? Simply nothing and when they were not quarreling or scrapping among themselves they would be cringing and bowing to some big power every time it looked across the ocean for fear of being gobbled up. United, however, as they are in one strong government and directing head, the United States is the greatest of world powers, having things just as it wants them.

That is just the way The Farmers'



## TO GET THE MOST AT HARVEST TIME WITH THE LEAST EFFORT

That's what you want—the best harvest results at the least expense of time and labor.

When your grain and grass ripen, you are too busy to waste any time on needless work or on delays and breakdowns.

Every minute counts.

That's the reason you buy harvesting machines—to save time and labor.

And the better the machine, the surer you can be that it will save time and labor—that it will go right through the harvest without a stop or hitch or delay, from start to finish.

You want to be sure now, that you are ready for harvest.

Be sure that you have a machine that will cause no trouble at your busiest time.

Be sure that your machine will get all the grain you have grown, with the least possible waste.

Be sure that it will be easy on your team, that it will give you long service, that you can get repairs for it easily and quickly when repair parts are needed—in short that you can depend upon it at all times.

You cannot tell a great deal about a machine by looking at it.

But its record—its performance in the field—what it has done for the men who have bought it and used it through a number of years—that tells a story which means everything to you.

Of the many types and styles of harvesting machines put on the market in the past thirty to forty years, there are a half-dozen that have always stood head and shoulders above the others.

Why? Why have the

**Champion, McCormick, Osborne,  
Deering, Milwaukee, Plano—  
HARVESTING MACHINES**

always been such great leaders? Why have farmers purchased them in such great numbers? Why are they used the world over, wherever grain and grass are grown? Why do they hold the supreme position they do?

You know the reason.

There can be but one reason, and that is this: They have always done good work—they have satisfied their users—they have proved by a generation's use that they can be depended upon.

Their popularity and their reputation have not come by chance.

They have earned their reputation by their work in the field.

They have won their popularity by deserving it. And it is impossible to get a higher endorsement than that.

Today, these six lines of harvesting machines, the International line, are more popular than ever before, because they are better than ever before.

**INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY OF AMERICA, CHICAGO, ILL.**

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Union will be so long as we remain united and each individual member is true to his Local, to his State and to his National Union, supporting each one not alone with his dues, but with his confidence, his influence and his work for the cause. If we do not do this, we will be like the South and Central American States, puny, helpless, ridiculous little things that long ago would have been gobbled up by European powers but for Uncle Sam and his Monroe doctrine of "hands off."

S. L. ESTEP.

Red Star, Ark.

#### ENTHUSIASTIC BROTHER.

Dear Co-Operator: I am a member of the Farmers' Union and a reader of Co-Operator. I dearly love both. The first one is the only salvation for the farmer from continued penury, caused by the speculations of the specu-

lators. The latter teaches us the true principles of the Union, keeps our courage up, entices us and makes us better men in every way. I wish every farmer in our entire country read Co-Operator, for then our Union would embrace within its beneficent folds every one of them and our strength would secure our rights.

J. D. KEATING.

Cotton Plant, Mo.

#### STICK TO THE PRICE.

Dear Co-Operator: Brother farmers, we know what it costs to raise a bale of cotton, a bushel of corn, oats, wheat, potatoes—in fact, all our produce, whatever it may be. Since supply and demand have nothing to do with the cost of production, we should set a price upon the output of our toil, a reasonable and just figure above the

By working together the several manufacturers have been able to improve the principles of construction, to improve the quality of materials used, to improve workmanship, and to employ every means that will increase the machines' efficiency, durability and satisfaction.

The underlying principles of these machines are what thirty years' time, thirty years' experiments, thirty years' practical tests at the hands of grain and grass growers, have proved to be the best, and by working together, the manufacturers are able to maintain experimental shops, and to conduct field experiments which would be impossible for any one of them working alone.

In this way they are able to discover and devise better methods of operation, better principles of construction and so to make the machines more efficient, more easily operated—better for you and better for your pocketbook.

The enormous demand for these six leading makes of harvesting machines gives their manufacturers the first choice of both materials and skilled labor.

They are able to own and operate their own coal and iron mines, their own smelters and steel mills, their own lumber camps and saw mills.

At the same time, the choicest materials in all these lines are offered first to these manufacturers because they are such large purchasers.

In this way they are independent of fluctuating markets, and are able at all times, to select for every machine they make, only material of the first quality and the highest grade.

The same condition exists in regard to skilled labor. Experts in every line naturally turn to these manufacturers so that they are able to maintain an organization which they could not possibly maintain were they working separately.

These are some of the reasons why so many farmers cannot be persuaded to buy other than the International line of harvesting machines.

They are made right on the right principle, from the right materials, and as a natural result they do the work they are designed to do in a most satisfactory manner.

In all conditions of grain, light, heavy, standing, down or tangled, they can be depended upon with absolute certainty. With one of them you can be sure that you will get all your crop at the least expense of time and labor, with no delay, no trouble, no annoyance. Isn't that the kind of harvesting machine you want? Don't delay, then; don't wait until harvest is upon you.

See the International Dealer and get a catalogue of whichever machine you want.

If you don't know an International dealer, write us and we will give you the name of the one nearest you. Don't forget this other advantage. If your team runs away or an accident occurs, you can always get repairs for an International machine, near at hand, and they always fit. Repair stocks with local agents everywhere.

cost of production and stick to that price under any and all circumstances. The futures gamblers, with the bankers, exchanges, bucket shops, and speculators generally, meet, fix prices, work together and manipulate things to rob the farmer and have been doing this for forty years past. Our National Union ascertains the cost of production and fixes the price to be asked for our produce, a reasonable, just, honest remuneration for our labor and no more. Let us stick to these prices and let us build warehouses, elevators, cold storages, etc., in which to store our produce that we may hold for the honest price, not the predatory price of the speculator.

W. D. MEREDITH.

Cedar Glades, Ark.



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**FARM PRODUCTS PRICES.**

Established for 1906 and 1907 by the  
National Farmers' Union.

This schedule of prices was agreed  
upon at the National Convention of  
the Farmers' Union held at Texarkana,  
September 5, 1906, and all members  
are expected to maintain them during  
the year 1906-7. The key to success  
in this organization is Controlled Mar-  
keting. Don't dump your crop on the  
market the month you harvest it. Hold  
back, you who are able, and let those  
in debt sell first. Help to make these  
prices standard by refusing to sell for  
less. Organize and stay organized:

Cotton, middling, per lb.	11
Wheat, no. 1, red, per bu.	1.00
Corn, No. 2, per bu.	.50
Oats, No. 2, per bu.	.35
Potatoes, sweet or Irish.	.75
Hay, No. 1, per ton.	10.00
Hay, No. 1, alfalfa, per ton.	15.00
Broom corn, per ton, \$85 to.	100.00
Cotton seed, per ton.	15.00
Hogs, per cwt. alive, \$5.50 to.	6.00
Cattle, per cwt., alive, \$5 to.	6.00

Don't sell for less.

Unity is power, division is weakness.

Let us learn to use our own credit.

Let us level up and never level  
down. Build up the country.

Builders are needed all the time. All  
others are drones in the hive.

Co-Operator stands for the home, for  
beautiful homes, and for the purity of  
the home.

How to make a living in this life  
with the least labor or capital is the  
real problem of natural life.

The living of the people is taxed to  
create real estate rents in cities and  
high prices on farm loans around  
cities.

Let's pay all our dues, both State  
and National. Let us never quibble  
over a nickel when millions are at  
stake.

Co-Operator's list is going upward by  
leaps and bounds. Each subscriber  
can do much good for our great cause  
by placing Co-Operator into the hands  
of our people.

We make a serious mistake in blam-  
ing the other fellow. We are not  
weak. We are strong and invincible  
when we understand our real strength,  
when we fully understand ourselves.

Really, we do not know what kind  
of a Union man he could be who,  
while acknowledging that the Union  
has saved him many dollars, yet kicks  
about paying a five-cents dues.

A perfect understanding will keep  
us from selling our products in com-  
petition with each other. Competition  
kills us. Let us make it a just and  
equitable price.

True co-operation is simply associa-  
tion of many persons to employ united  
means, the most productive and effec-  
tive appliances in the production and  
distribution of life, sustenance and  
wealth.

The producers will learn not to de-  
pend upon the money of the other  
fellow. They will learn to use their  
own credit. The time is near at hand,  
and the day of our deliverance is al-  
most here.

What is the meaning of the "broth-  
erhood of man?" If every one liveth  
to himself, and takes no thought of his  
neighbor there is no brotherhood, nor  
fraternity there. A little sunshine  
along the way, a helping hand in time  
of need—this is fraternity, brotherhood  
and true Christianity. Are you acting  
your part?

The end of the quarter, March 31, is  
nearly here, but that makes no differ-  
ence if you are not behind with your  
dues. How is with you, anyhow? Are  
you square with your Local, with your  
State and with the National Union on  
dues? Remember that you are solemnly  
obligated to pay your dues to  
each one, and remember, too, that  
these dues, very small in amount from  
each member, make up the sum neces-  
sary for actual expenses and impera-  
tive demands.

**IT BRINGS THEM IN.**

The Forest Hill Local Union  
in Wood County, Texas, has adopted  
a plan to revive the work and to get  
new members. This Local divided it-  
self into two sides as we used to do  
in the old-time spelling matches of  
long ago. The prize is an oyster sup-  
per to be given by the side which gets  
the fewest number to join in a certain  
time. As a result of the contest,  
twenty-three members were induced  
to join this Local the very first meet-  
ing.

Before this contest closes, all qual-  
ified for membership will have joined.  
If all the Locals in existence would  
do this there would be a great awak-  
ening. Hundreds of thousands of men  
and women would be induced to join.

When a member joins he should be  
induced to subscribe for The Co-Oper-  
ator, which will keep him fully posted  
and point out to him the great work  
to be done. If such a campaign could  
be made, and The Co-Operator placed  
into the hands of all the new mem-  
bers, it would greatly aid in bringing  
about the glad day for the producer.  
Suppose we try it in all the Locals.

**WRITE US THE RECORD.**

The Co-Operator very much desires  
to publish the record made by all of  
the cotton warehouses. So far as we  
have been able to learn, no cotton has  
been sold during this season from a  
Farmers' Union warehouse for less  
than 11 cents. What a great record  
this is! It proves, beyond any doubt,  
that we have at last found the proper  
way to market our cotton. The Co-  
Operator has also learned that the cot-  
ton market is better in any town  
where a warehouse is located, even  
when sold in the old way on the  
streets, where the bales are cut in  
many places and sold to the highest  
bidder. These are the things we wish  
to learn from the managers of ware-  
houses. We will gladly give space  
for all reports. In these reports we  
would like, also, for you to give your  
opinion as to the amount of money  
The Farmers' Union has saved to your  
county. Let us get down to facts and  
figures, and see where we stand.

**COTTON INVESTIGATION.**

A special dispatch from Washington  
in the Dallas (Tex.) Morning News,  
under date of March 5, says: "Knox  
Smith, who succeeds Mr. Garfield as  
Chief of the Bureau of Corporations,

told Mr. Bureson this morning that  
there is no intention to investigate  
The Farmers' Union by virtue of the  
resolution calling for a report on the  
causes of the wide fluctuations in cot-  
ton."

Mr. Bureson, the dispatch further  
says, informed Mr. Smith that The  
Farmers' Union would not oppose an  
investigation of its workings. This  
is true. The Farmers' Union courts  
investigation because it advocates  
nothing, does nothing and does not  
desire to do anything contrary to any  
law on either National statutes or of  
any State or Territory, contrary to  
to simple justice, contrary to right,  
or that is in anywise or in any  
sense not proper for it to do as an  
organization or its members as indi-  
viduals. The members of this Union  
are farmers, and they only claim the  
right to plant what they please, in  
such quantities as each individual may  
desire, and to fix the price of their  
own property. This they intend to do.

There was a little bluff made by  
one or two Congressmen to the effect  
that The Farmers' Union must be in-  
vestigated also, but it was only bluff,  
inspired, it was presumed, by the cot-  
ton exchanges, especially the New  
York exchange, they supposing such  
a threat would cause the friends of the  
resolution to investigate these gam-  
bling houses to stop and let the mat-  
ter drop. They discovered, however,  
that bluff would not win, so they  
changed their tactics and pretend to  
challenge investigation. It remains to  
be seen how deep the probing into the  
filth and iniquity of these cotton ex-  
changes will go. They will try to make  
a farce of it, especially the New York  
cess-pool, called a cotton exchange,  
but decency and honesty may prevail,  
and a good part of the truth, at least,  
be brought to light.

It was intimated in Congress that  
a good many Southern people were  
connected with the New York cotton  
exchange. What of that? One grafter  
is as despicable as another, and all  
look and act alike, and should be pun-  
ished alike.

**WHAT DID FARMERS GET?**

The Agricultural Department of the  
United States Government announces  
that the cotton crop raised in 1906 was  
worth \$750,000,000. The important  
question, with all fair-minded, justice-  
loving, honest people, is, as to what  
part of this vast sum of money did the  
farmers, whose toil produced the cot-  
ton, get?

The Bureau of Commerce and Labor  
at Washington puts the 1906 crop of  
cotton at 12,400,000 bales. Divide this  
into \$750,000,000 and it gives us \$60.40  
per bale, a splendid average, a price  
the farmers of the South would be de-  
lighted to get. Co-Operator believes  
the Agricultural Department gives the  
correct figures, \$750,000,000, as the  
price of the 1906 cotton crop, and Co-  
Operator believes just as fully that  
of this large amount of money, about  
two-thirds accrues to the farmers  
who planted and raised it, who labored  
the long, hot days of summer, many,  
very many of them having their wives  
and children in the fields with them,  
that they might secure a little from  
the grasping greed of the spoliator,  
who never made a bale of this cotton,  
who never worked even an hour in  
the production of a bale of this cotton,  
who never did a single day of honest,  
honorable labor during the entire year  
of 1906. Where did that other one-  
third of the price of this cotton crop,  
the \$250,000,000, go? There is but  
one answer. Into the hands of the  
speculator, into the pockets of the  
bucketshop and cotton exchange graft-  
ers.

Why should any human being under  
the sun have one single copper's worth  
of the cotton crop of the South, or the  
grain crop, or any other crop grown  
in the fields or orchards of this land,  
except the men whose brawn and  
brain produce it? Why should the  
nefarious and iniquitous system of  
speculation in the products of the  
earth for the clothing of humanity and  
the sustenance of all living things,  
permitted and protected by the laws

of the country, National, and in most  
instances, State, also, longer be al-  
lowed to exist? Our National and  
State governments owe it to the en-  
tire people of this country, without re-  
gard to their vocations or standing in  
life, to protect them from the predat-  
ory machinations of unscrupulous  
men who make barter of the needs  
and wants and sufferings of men, wom-  
en and children, if not of their very  
lives.

This cotton crop belonged to the  
men who raised it in the sweat of  
their faces and the weariness and  
strain of muscles and limbs. It was  
their rightful property and it is a  
shame and disgrace that the laws of  
the country they support and maintain  
will not protect them in the possession  
of their property, but on the contrary  
countenances and authorizes specula-  
tors and gamblers, the very drones in  
the hives of this Nation's industry, to  
prey upon them and despoil them.

**PAY ALL DUES.**

Again, the Co-Operator wishes to  
insist that the membership should pay  
all the dues according to the Consti-  
tution. These dues are the smallest  
of any great organization. The wonder  
has been how it has been possible  
for the organization to grow and thrive  
as it has on the payment of so small  
an amount of dues. This is a business  
organization and, as such, it needs  
much money, not only for the States,  
but for the National body as well.  
The old idea that this organization  
needs barely enough money to pay its  
officials is wrong. The temporary suc-  
cess we have gained in the past few  
years by agitation we must now make  
permanent by business methods, and  
we must be ready at all times to do  
whatever is necessary to be done. In  
order to be able to do this, our States  
and the National treasury must be  
strong. It takes such a little amount  
from each of the members that it is  
almost beyond comprehension how any  
one could hesitate for a moment. Some  
men will tell about the great amount  
of money the Union has saved them,  
and, indeed, they tell the truth, and  
then declare they will not pay the  
small amount of dues which the Con-  
stitution requires. It, of course, is not  
alone because that they are too stingy  
to part with a few cents. Many have  
been taught by false publications to  
believe that the officials of the Farm-  
ers Union are grafters, and, of course,  
if a man believes this he does not  
wish to pay. What a crime it is for  
any demagogue to thus play upon the  
prejudices of our people, and what  
a criminal any man is who will do it!  
The Co-Operator has much more re-  
spect for the man who steps out of  
the organization and fights from with-  
out, than for the man who remains a  
member and tries to kill the organiza-  
tion by fighting its officials. The Co-  
Operator wishes to appeal to the Texas  
membership to pay their National  
dues. We can not afford to do other-  
wise, for many reasons. In the first  
place, it is a Constitutional provision.  
The sixty-two delegates to the National  
convention all voted for the ratifica-  
tion of the Constitution. Not a single  
vote was polled against it on the final  
passage. It was ratified by an over-  
whelming majority of the Union farm-  
ers of the Nation, of those actually  
voting. The money is badly needed  
to properly carry on the work. This,  
of itself, should be all a true Union  
man should want to know.

Our National officials are as fine a  
set of officers as it was possible to  
elect. Indeed, it would be hard to  
improve upon them. They are doing  
all they can to push the cause, but  
have been hampered because of a  
lack of means. They are able and  
courageous men who will do and work  
for us and cause this great organiza-  
tion to grow and become all it should  
be, if we will only do our duty.

When you meet in your local again  
pay all your dues if you have not al-  
ready done so. Let us never have it  
said that Texas will lag behind on any  
proposition looking to the best inter-  
ests of this great cause. We can not  
afford it. We are the father of this

mighty young giant, and shall we be  
the ones to stab it to its very vitals?  
No, a thousand times no! Let the  
demagogues gang to themselves, and  
let the true, loyal Union men go for-  
ward performing every duty which is  
theirs to perform. If we are to be  
saved from this terrible, awful indus-  
trial slavery we must show ourselves  
worthy to be saved.

**IN BAYLOR COUNTY.**

It was the good pleasure of Co-Op-  
erator editor to spend four days in  
Baylor County, arriving there last Fri-  
day in company with President Calvin,  
who was on his way to Knox County.  
It was our pleasure to address the citi-  
zens of Baylor County at three differ-  
ent points—first, at the court house  
in Seymour, and at two places in the  
country, at all of which places large  
crowds greeted us. Baylor County is  
wide-awake, and the fires of Unionism  
are burning brightly. Our old-time  
friends, Henry E. and J. C. Webb and  
J. A. Thomason are now citizens of  
Baylor County, having moved from  
Lamar County last fall. They are tak-  
ing much interest in Union work there  
just as they did in Lamar County.  
We attended the County Union on  
Saturday, and found a goodly number  
of delegates, who attended to business  
in a business way, with President W.  
I. Scudder presiding and Secretary  
C. W. Siddens at his post. Baylor  
County is thinly populated, but nearly  
all the farmers, so far as we were  
able to learn, belong to the Union.  
They have a warehouse at Seymour  
just completed, and they all declare  
they will sell their cotton from it next  
season, and in no other way. They  
are preparing to build co-operative  
gins in the county wherever one is  
needed. Later on they intend to build  
a co-operative oil mill. The fact is,  
Baylor County Union men are afire  
with the spirit of co-operation, and  
have decided to use their credit for  
their own benefit, rather than to build  
up other people and associations by  
loaning to them their credit. In other  
words, they have decided to co-op-  
eratively own the machines, and pay  
for them by the use of their credit.  
The farmers of Baylor County are in  
most excellent financial condition. The  
crops for the past three years have  
been good, and the good price they  
have brought, because of this great  
organization, has given to most all  
the farmers there a comfortable bank  
account. In fact, the farmers of Bay-  
lor County have more than a half mil-  
lion of dollars deposited in the banks  
of the little town of Seymour alone.  
The farmers in Baylor County are in  
fine shape to take care of the dis-  
tressed cotton, and they declare that  
not a bale of distressed cotton shall  
be forced on to the market. They  
are also taking steps to learn to grade  
their cotton, and will send several of  
their number to the cotton school this  
year. They will have competent men  
ready to take care of their warehouses.  
Nearly all the Union men of Baylor  
County read the Co-Operator, and they  
declare that they attribute much of  
their success to this fact. They have  
perfect peace and harmony, and will  
not permit any evil influences among  
them which would tend to disruption.

On Monday afternoon President  
Calvin came into Seymour and made a  
most interesting address to a large  
audience at the court house. His  
knowledge of the workings of the Uni-  
on in general, and his knowledge of  
the cotton and the warehouse condi-  
tions in particular, connected with the  
further fact that he is an able, force-  
ful and experienced speaker, make his  
addresses both interesting and instruc-  
tive, and this address was no excep-  
tion to the rule. President Calvin is  
doing a great work for the farmers  
of Texas.

We wish we were able to mention  
all the friends we met in Baylor Coun-  
ty, but it is not possible; but we  
wish to say that we enjoyed every  
moment of our stay among these good  
people, are under many and lasting  
obligations for their many kindnesses,  
and hope that we will be able to meet  
with them again in the near future.



**ALIEN LAND OWNERS.**

President Murray of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention Discusses Them.

Hon. William H. Murray, a former Texan, President of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention, in a recent address delivered on alien land ownership in this country, said:

This provision to prevent the acquisition of lands by aliens in this country is one of the greatest importance to our State for the reason that after aliens once acquire these lands it is difficult to compel them to turn them loose, and since there are practically no aliens owning land here, we can now write the provision in the constitution and prevent it for all time to come.

A record of alien ownership of land in the various States, especially in the South and West, discloses an appalling condition. The fact that the cotton spinners of Europe have announced their intention of engaging in the cotton business in the South in order to compete and defeat the maximum price of cotton as fixed by the Farmers' Union, adds new interest to this provision and not only Oklahoma but every State in the South will have to take hold of this question vigorously for the protection of the cotton interests.

The decrease of home owners is continually growing each decade, as shown by the federal statistics. The total number of home owners in 1890 was 12,690,152; of this number there was but 4,767,179 farm homes and 7,000,000 other homes. The per cent of the total number of families in 1890 was 37.6-10 per cent, while in 1900, with an increased population, there was but 35.1-10 per cent. The figures also show that 14 per cent are incumbered by mortgage or otherwise, and that 53 per cent of the total homes of the country are rented homes. A large per cent of these are tenants upon lands owned by aliens and corporations, which evil the two provisions submitted in this report, a member of the committee submitting the same I have the honor to be, it is professed to annul. We have gone over this question carefully and the two propositions submitted in the early part of the session by myself are here recommended to the convention, with certain modifications, which all have agreed to be wise and necessary. Without burdening the committee of the whole with argument on this question, I have here a compiled list of the alien ownership of land in the various States of the Union, which aggregate a total of some 48,000,000 acres, or 75,000 square miles, a greater area than the entire State of Oklahoma.

The following is the list:

Viscount Scully, of England, owns 3,000,000 acres of land in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. Three million acres in Texas belongs to a syndicate in London composed of Baroness Burdette-Coutts, Earl Cadogan, H. C. Fitzroy Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, William Alexander Lochiel Stephen Douglas-Hamilton, Duke of Beaudon, the Duke of Rutland, and Ethel Cado-

agn, maid in waiting to the queen. This is known in London as the Texas Land Syndicate No. 3, and owns whole counties in the State of Texas. There are two other English land syndicates owning land in Texas.

The following aliens also have holdings here:

Sir Edward Reid—2,000,000 acres. This is a syndicate which owns lands in Florida only. It includes the present Duchesses of Marlborough, Lady Randolph Churchill and Lady Lister-Kaye.

Viscount Scully—3,000,000 acres. His lordship maintains an elaborate system of bailiffs.

Syndicate No. 4—1,800,000 acres. This syndicate has all its holdings in Mississippi. It includes the Marquis of Dalhousie, George Henry Howard Cholmondeley (Viscount Cholmondeley), Georgiana Viscountess Cross; the Hon. Lady Hamilton Gordon and the Hon. Lady Biddulph.

Marquis of Tweedsdale—1,750,000 acres. The Marquis is William Montagu Hay, famed all over Scotland as the rackrent landlord.

Phillips, Marshall & Co., London—1,300,000 acres. This firm has the whole peerage for its clients.

The Anglo-American Syndicate, London—750,000 acres. The funds of widowed peeresses are largely invested here. The lands are in the South and West.

Bryan H. Evans—700,000 acres. Mr. Evans resides in London. His lands are in Mississippi.

The Duke of Sutherland—125,000 acres. This is the rack-rent nobleman of police court fame.

The British Land Company—320,000 acres. This land is all in Kansas.

William Whalley—320,000 acres. Mr. Whalley is the squire of Peterboro, England.

The Missouri Land Company—300,000 acres. This operates a Missouri domain and has headquarters at Edinburgh.

Robert Tennant—230,000 acres. This is all farming land. Mr. Tennant lives in London.

Dundee Land Company—247,000 acres.

Lord Dunmore—120,000 acres. Benjamin Newgas, Liverpool—100,000 acres.

Lord Houghton (in Florida)—60,000 acres.

Lord Dunraven (in Colorado)—60,000 acres.

English Land Company (in California)—50,000 acres.

English Land Company (in Arkansas)—50,000 acres.

Alexander Grant, London—35,000 acres in Kansas.

Syndicate No. 6—110,000 acres. This syndicate includes the Earl of Vemlam and the Earl of Lankeville. The land is in Wisconsin.

M. Eifenhauser, of Halifax—600,000 acres. The land is in West Virginia.

Syndicate No. 7—50,000 acres. This is a Scotch concern and its land is in Florida.

It is claimed that fully 21,000,000 acres of American lands are thus owned by great land owners in England and Scotland. This does not include the Holland syndicate, which owns 5,000,000 acres of grazing land in the

Western States, nor the German syndicate owning 2,000,000 acres in various States, aggregating 28,000,000 acres.

There are miner bodies held by aliens of less note to the amount of 20,000,000 acres, which, added to the Lords' lands, aggregate 48,000,000 acres, or 75,000 square miles, an amount greater than either of the six New England State or West Virginia, Indiana, Maryland, Tennessee and North or South Carolina.

**EARNEST UNIONIST.**

Dear Co-Operator: As I have just finished reading the last issue, which was read with much pleasure. I think it the life of the Union I wish every member of our grand organization would read Co-Operator, the fight would soon be over and victory won.

We have about 35 members in our Local and only 5 or 6 read Co-Operator, but I believe we are all good Union people. Old Clay County, Arkansas is going to get right. We have been hammered down by the spectator long enough, especially in 1906, and I think this year will be harder and we are fixing for them.

One of our little merchants says that if we buy a lot in Rector for gin or warehouse, it will cost us something. Our members are working mighty hard to crush the credit and mortgage system and I think it will be reduced at least one-third this year. We have several bales of cotton yet in the field. It has been raining so much we could not pick it and it is raining at this moment, but we keep looking for bright days that will come by and by.

And bright days are coming fast to those that read Co-Operator, especially. It teaches me who a farmer is. He is the only man in the world that feeds himself and by him the rest are fed, and still he has not the right to price one thing he has to sell. Brother, think about these things and the Union. Attend your Local and when a man moves in your settlement who is not a Union man send him your paper when you have read it and he will join you. We had one new member at our last meeting and have two applications for next meeting.

Our County Union will meet at Pig-gott April 6 and a full delegation will be expected, for there will be lots of business before the Union. Success to Co-Operator and to Union brothers.

WILLIE CURTIS,  
Secretary Union Grove Local,  
Rector, Ark.

**LOYAL SOUTH CAROLINA.**

Dear Co-Operator: Ruhamah Local of which I am a member, is progressing nicely in Unionism. It is composed of 45 members, five minors, one lady, and the remainder good, substantial, paid up, zealous men. We sometimes order coffee, sugar, flour, cabbage plants, or anything we wish, and obtain at cheaper rates than we could get them otherwise. We sometimes co-operate with other Locals and order in carload lots. We order cabbage plants, potato slips, etc., through our local trade agents by the thousand, thereby securing them more cheaply.



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We have no warehouse, but held our cotton for 11 cents and received it.

Our County Union has not been doing so well as we would like to have it to, but we have hopes to do better. Pickens County has ten or twelve Locals. I think the greatest drawback to our success is lack of business qualifications among our members. We have a Farmers' Union bureau, conducted by J. C. Stribling at Pendleton and the cost to each county is \$2. The way we manage laggard or delinquent members is thus: At the beginning of the new year we revise or draw up a list of names of members. The men on the old roll come up and pay their dues or their names are never called again. Our old roll consisted of 50 members. Our new, or Honor Roll, we call it, has 45 members, all good Union men. You see this decides a man's fate at once. He has to come up promptly or he is out. We are not bothered with delinquents.

Ruhamah Local is situated about two and one-half miles from Liberty, S. C. We had an interesting time at our last meeting. Six members joined us and others are to join next meeting. Some of us take the Co-Operator. I will learn how many and try to secure more. We think it idle to say we like Co-Operator and profess to be union men. Actions speak louder than words.

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**ROUSING MEETING.**

**Grimes County Union Indorses Bill Prohibiting Futures Gambling in Products.**

Dear Co-Operator: Grimes County Union met in regular session February 22-23, and held one of the most interesting and profitable meetings in the history of the county organization. The Locals throughout the county were well represented besides quite a number of visitors were present. Among the prominent visitors were Bro. Paul Wipprecht of Timpson, Tex., and Bro. Sloan, County Lecturer of Madison County. The following resolutions were passed and ordered published:

Whereas, A bill is now pending before the State Legislature, the purpose of which is to prohibit gambling in futures of any kind, and

Whereas, We believe that bucket shop gambling in farm products of any kind is injurious to the best interests of the farmer, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Grimes County Union now in session, that we urge our representatives in both houses at Austin to use their efforts to pass a bill prohibiting futures gambling in farm products.

Resolved, That we condemn the position taken before the Senate Committee by Senator Meachum in stating that the farmers in his district were satisfied with present conditions as they now exist with the cotton exchange. Therefore, we recommend that Senator Meachum and Representative J. G. McDonald each be furnished with a copy of these resolutions; also the Grimes County papers and Co-Operator, with request to publish.

We your committee on Good of the Order recommend the following for the consideration of the membership of Grimes County Union:

First. We recommend that the head of each family who is a member of the Union to take some good Union paper, such as Co-Operator.

Second. We recommend that the County Union take some steps in regard to sending out speakers to visit each Local Union in our county.

Bro. Sloan, County Lecturer, of Madison County, will address the public at the following named places and dates:

- Cross, March 13, 8 p. m.
- Iola, March 14, 8 p. m.
- Lakegrove, March 15, 8 p. m.
- Keith, March 16, 2 p. m.
- Dry Creek, March 16, 8 p. m.
- Fuqua Prairie, March 18, 8 p. m.
- Union Hill, March 19, 8 p. m.

Our next meeting will be held with Independence Local May 24, 25, 1907.

A. E. TUCK, Secretary.

**LAND OF FLOWERS.**

**Florida Brother Writes of Progress "Where the Orange Blossoms Blow," of Unionism.**

Dear Co-Operator: I guess you have forgotten that I ever took the agency of your noble paper, the Co-Operator, but I will tell you how I have done. Instead of taking one subscriber I gave your terms of clubs of ten to each Local in my county, so they might have all there was in it. And by the way, when I gave them your proposition I found out that some of your agents had been trying to get clubs of ten at full price and failed, so when I gave them your club rates they subscribed at once. Now I make mention of this so that it may cause some of us to think. What an injustice it is to our brother farmer to put all the burden on him we can. Besides that it is against one of the best features of our Union, education, for there is nothing that we can do to-day that will educate the farmer any faster than putting in their hands and homes the Co-Operator.

I attended the grand meeting at Atlanta, Ga., and mingled with our leaders and the representative men from the various States and I want to say to the people of Florida that I never met a more intelligent, earnest set of gentlemen in my life than are the officers of the National Union and of the different State Unions who were assembled there. They are farmers, knowing the needs of the farmers of their entire country, knowing how they have been denied their just right and have been preyed upon by the predatory hosts of greed and graft all these long years past; they are upright, Christian gentlemen whose hearts are in the cause for which they are striving, the cause of the plain, common people of this country, and they are worthy of the confidence and the profoundest respect of every farmer in all this land. If all the rank and file were just such men as the National and State officers, nothing could prevent the success of The Farmers' Union.

So let us not worry about the National feature of our Union, but look after our Locals and by keeping them straight in line, the membership all active and earnest, living up to Union principles and their obligations, and

we will be all right for the State Unions and the National Union will then be able to lead us to victory, and no man is true to his obligations who is behind with his dues to the Local, State or National Union.

We are co-operating a little bit here as yet, but we are going to commence right, for we are getting things in shape to do it.

W. G. WADFORD.

Esto, Fla.

**AN EARNEST UNION.**

**Round Rock Local in Leon County is Doing all Right, Imbued With a Good Spirit.**

Dear Co-Operator: You will find enclosed a club of 10 subscribers got up from Round Rock Union by your efficient agent, Bro. W. A. Boykin. We, the Union people of Round Rock Union, in Leon County, led by our efficient president, Bro. J. A. Boykin, are getting along nicely, adding to our ranks good members at almost every meeting—and I think when we get the Co-Operator, our most valuable journal, in full circulation among our members, we will grow still faster. We need to educate ourselves along the lines of the principles of our Order, and the Co-Operator, according to my opinion, is a most efficient teacher along those lines.

Now I suggest to every Union brother and sister that we all work for the growth and prosperity of The Farmers' Union, and cause this, the year 1907, to be the emancipation year of the toiling thousands of farmers who are not receiving the just remuneration for their toil that they should.

Our County Union for Leon County meets the Friday before the second Sunday in April, 1907, and we hope at that time to perfect some plan whereby we may be enabled to build a warehouse in time to warehouse this year's crop.

May prosperity and success crown the efforts of the Union people during this year, and may we become an independent, happy and prosperous people at last, is my prayer.

W. M. COLLINS,

Secretary Round Rock Local Union, Russell, Tex.

**WAREHOUSE INDORSEMENT.**

Dear Co-Operator: We, Mil. Springs Union, heartily indorse the management of the Union warehouse at Alba, Tex. We feel that the managers have done their full duty, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for their efforts in our behalf.

C. J. BLACKMAN,

W. S. BAKER,

J. C. PARK,

Mineola, Tex. Committee.

**TRUCE DECLARED.**

**A Kind Brother Admonishes Belligerents and Harmony Prevails. Sound Advice.**

Dear Co-Operator: It is amusing to see two men of strong minds and bright intellect, as you and Bro. C. R. Hightower, of Oxford, Miss., devoting so much time, thought, space, and effort in discussing a technical variance of words. Bro. Hightower has not mentioned anything that Co-Operator does not teach and has been teaching all the time. While at the time Bro. Hightower took issue with Co-Operator there was a few words in his article that to consider them only would have made a (possible) wrong impression; but to read all of the article and consider what Co-Operator has taught all the time, it was all right. Co-Operator is O. K. and so is Bro. Hightower. Both are teaching, identically the same thing, and we want both of you to drop your discussions of technical terms used and get on the main track. Devote your talents to leading us of less intellect through the bedimmed future. Some of us are not clear-sighted enough to see our way, and when our "brainy" leaders get to discussing technicalities we

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lose our way, for want of a guide.

I do not wish to bring the wrath of either of you down upon me, or cause either of you to give me a "currying," but merely wish to remind both of you that there is a nobler work for each of you.

Bro. Pyle, you will please close your ears, and not hear what I am going to say to the brotherhood about you, not that it would give you the "big-head," but that you might regard it as insincere.

Brethren, O. P. Pyle is to The Farmers' Union what President Mitchell is to the Miners' Union. That is a great big "say," but nevertheless it is true.

The beloved Newt Gresham was the founder and R. F. Duckworth and C. S. Barrett have been our National Presidents, but Bro. Pyle has carried a sweeping influence and has caused the membership to be as big a pile as it is to-day. I tell you if Pyle's work could possibly be removed from our ranks all at one time, we would see a great "big pile" roll off, and our "pile" would not be such a power. The beloved Newt Gresham repeatedly declared Bro. Pyle to be a "broad-gauged man," and sought his counsel on many occasions.

I refer to this to show what an efficient tutor we have through the Co-Operator. Now, brethren, let's get on the main track and stay there. What we need to do is to arrange all of our debts to come due in March, April, and May, and do not buy things we do not need. "What we do not need is dear at any price," so let's be careful and not buy things we do not need. Build warehouses and elevators and establish cotton schools. This is directly on the "main track." We must have cotton schools so that our boys can grade our cotton intelligently, that it may stand the test the world over. You can readily see our reputation would be ruined if our grading of cotton was not correct.

We had a good attendance at our County Union on the 4th and 5th of January. State President J. M. Bass and State Lecturer H. W. Bradshaw were present. Both delivered instructive addresses and much good was done. We also had a splendid attendance at our County rally meeting January 15th.

At the last meeting we appointed a warehouse committee to locate the most suitable place to erect a warehouse and at our next meeting I hope we will consider a cotton school.

Please let us hear more of the cotton schools in Texas. With best wishes for all, I am fraternally yours,

ALFONSO RUSSELL,

County Lecturer Lawrence Co. Monticello, Miss.

Experiments made by Father Joseph Murgas of Wilkesbarre, Pa., indicate that wireless telegraphy can be carried on through the ground as well as through the air, if deep shafts or wells are sunk for the sending or receiving apparatus.

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How many thimbles and spools has she missed?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many burns on each fat little fist?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many bumps to be cuddled and kissed?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many cares does a mother's heart know?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many joys from her mother love flow?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many prayers by each little white bed?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many tears for her babes has she shed?  
Nobody knows but mother.

How many kisses for each curly head?  
Nobody knows but mother.

### THE MODERN WOMAN.

Mrs. Mina Godat, writing on this subject, says:

"Why do we hear so much lately about the incompetent wife, poor cooks and others that cannot cook at all? Has the successful business woman taken the place of the old-fashioned woman who prided themselves on their good cooking and housekeeping abilities? Or would the women of the present time rather belong to some charitable organization for the protection of neglected children than to stay at home and take care of their own?"

"If every woman in the land who has a home and family would think more of their comfort and not quite so much of her own pleasure there would be less doing in the divorce courts and not so many extensions and additions needed on our penal institutions and the homes for neglected children would not be so crowded. We sometimes hear an old

lady tell how many children she has raised and how many years she was scarcely out of her own door yard. Something like from twenty to thirty years of her life has been given strictly to her home and children.

"Let me say further. Look around and hunt up that family. You will seldom if ever find one of them in any state prison or school of correction or other disgraceful positions, and it is surely worth the time spent. I am convinced that the most of our social difficulties as we see them every day exposed in the newspapers are due principally to an inherent lack of tact and self-denial in the administration of our home affairs. Chesterfield said that to breed a gentleman we would have to begin with his grandmother and the thought is as true as holy writ. The mothers of the land are to blame for the downward trend which our modern civilization is taking upon itself."

### SOCIAL LIFE OF FARMERS.

There is a considerable amount of whole-hearted free-masonry amongst farmers. Their lives are spent for the most part in quiet places, and there is a spirit of neighborliness amongst them that one does not find in other walks of life. From time immemorial it has been customary for farmers to pursue a spirit of borrowing and lending, to help one another, and take a mutual share in the troubles and pleasures of each other. This spirit displays itself in the direction of mutual hospitality, and about Christmas time it is customary for farmer Giles and his family to spend a social evening with farmer Brown, and the former, in due course, returns the compliment. This kind of thing is doubtless a relic of the customs which existed when farming flourished, but when rural districts were made more isolated than they are now, and when country people had to make their own amusements or go without them. Nevertheless, the custom is a commendable one, for it is not good to have one's nose always on the grindstone, and people who are obliged to live in towns miss that neighborly spirit which is still a living thing among farmers.

### WHAT ONE GIRL DID.

Breaking in upon the procession of blundering railroad employes whose carelessness, neglect or simple stupidity have cost many lives during the past twelve months, is the remarkably intelligent action of Miss Nora Breckenridge, night Rock Island operator at a small station in Kansas. In sharp contrast to the fatal mistake of a man operator at Volland, on the same road and on the same night, Miss Breckenridge prevented a serious wreck by her presence of mind and resourcefulness.

Details of the girl operator's commendable action were given in the news dispatches, but further reference should be made to her fidelity to duty. By some blunder a freight train was ordered to clear from the little station of Arlington just as another freight train, headed toward the first, was leaving a point two stations away. When the mistake was discovered it was too late for either

operator to stop the trains in the usual way, and at the intermediate station there was no night operator. Miss Breckenridge, on a chance, called the middle station on the wire, but received no response. Then she began to exercise a rare quality of good sense. Had she been an ordinary operator she would have sat stupidly while the trains dashed toward each other, relying on the fact that she did not issue the orders and could not be held responsible for the inevitable wreck. But not being an ordinary operator, she went to the telephone and called up the intermediate station where her father lived. She could not awaken him, but she directed the telephone operator at the other end of the line to call a farmer who lived near the track. When she had aroused the farmer she told him to proceed with all haste to get a lantern, wrap a red cloth about it and flag the oncoming trains. This was done and the trains stopped near each other in safety.

In all likelihood the officials of the railroad will do something in recognition of this action of Miss Breckenridge. She may even become a heroine with the inevitable flood of matrimonial offers that spring forth whenever a girl gains a measure of publicity. But the real value of her action in saving a wreck is in the fine example it offers to other railroad employes who have not yet awakened to full appreciation of those qualities implied in safeguarding a trust. This is only an obscure incident, and will be forgotten soon beyond the narrow confines of the community in which it occurred, but its effect should be lasting in inspiring others with the spirit of resource and energetic activity in the face of emergencies.

### A WOMAN'S DUTY.

Maude Kannon, who is always interesting, writing on a woman's duty, says:

"I have no time to read." How often do we hear this said by our

neighbors and friends. Is it true? I rather think they have no time not to read. 'Read and learn,' is an old advice which holds good to-day. We women can learn much which helps us in our work in the home if we will read the letters, and experiences of others, as given in the various woman's papers. I never read one of the papers through without learning something of use, and, although a housekeeper for twenty-five years, I know there is much for me to learn. New ways of doing old things makes work seem easier and relieves the monotony of the housekeeper's life. Reading gives us something to think of outside the four walls which bound the daily lives of so many women. Of course, the more varied and extensive our reading, the better for us as wives and mothers. Women should, I think, consider it their duty to keep informed, or they will after a while become little else but housekeeper and nurse. An hour or two a day spent in reading will change a woman's whole outlook on life, and I doubt not, she will accomplish more for the change of thought and the rest. Often, if I find myself getting nervous or over-tired, I deliberately leave the kitchen, take up a paper, and lose myself for a few moments in the thoughts of others. I then return to my work refreshed in mind and body."

### HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

Heat the milk to be used in custards, pies or puddings, and they may be baked much quicker. Add a little cream to icing for cake to prevent its cracking when cut. Clean wringer rollers with kerosene and keep the wringer well oiled. Clean mica in heating stoves by washing with hot vinegar and salt. Wash woollens in strong suds, not too hot, rubbing on as little soap as possible, rinse always in warm water, dry where they will not freeze, and they will not shrink. Pull them into shape and fold neatly—do not iron. Hang up woolen blankets lengthwise, so that if the colors in the striped ends are inclined to run they will run down the stripe and not discolor the rest of the blanket. An appetizing soup may be made by cooking together for an hour or two all left-overs of meat and vegetables, to thoroughly incorporate them, strain, season nicely and serve with croutons—stale bread toasted, buttered and cut into small squares.

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weeds, made rails, or any old thing that would get us through the winter. Then we took up the same old grind.

But, brothers, we see you are waking up—you are beginning to learn that the farmer can do things if he will only try; you are beginning to see that a man does not have to wear fine clothes and smoke a cigar to be able to set a price on what he produces—you have shown us of the North how to do business in a business way, and we are going to go in and help you, and when sunny Kansas gets organized, her ranks will march with yours to victory. Brothers, we need your cotton; we need it made up into prints, shirting and muslins; we need it in rope, twine and bagging; we need your rice, sugar and citrus fruits. We have corn, flax and meat, hay, apples and oil—now let us cooperate and build a cotton mill. Our leading men say we are over a million strong. If it takes a million dollars to put up a cotton factory, let's each one of us put in a dollar and we have got the money to build with, or if it takes five million, let each one put in a dollar a month till it is raised—then we will have a Union factory, pure and simple.

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Brothers, if we will all pay up our dues as we should, we will soon have the means to do things with. Look at the money that the trusts and combines put up to keep up their organizations—\$10, \$20 and as high as \$100 each for just one meeting; and we are paying it in an indirect way. Brothers, let's have confidence in those that are at the helm, until we know them to be unworthy. Then we have a very easy way to get rid of them. Brothers, let us stand shoulder to shoulder, with closed ranks, our faces to the foe; stick to the minimum price set by our business boards; sell when the price reaches our mark, and stop when it goes below. And in five years more we will all be out of debt, our wives happy, and our children in school and well clothed. Brothers, I am full of Union; it is the grandest thing that ever struck the farmers of this or any other country. Rouse yourselves, farmers; throw off the shackles of serfdom and slavery. Are we men, and have to cower and cringe as it were, every time we take a load to market and ask what they will give us for it? Are our merchants our masters? Let forty million farmers answer "No!" and by the help of God and the Farmers' Union, they will not be. Brothers, keep things rolling; keep up your meetings; talk, preach and pray; have social picnics; have any old thing that will keep up an interest. Yours for Union and cooperation.

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"Co-Operation" Unites many in a common cause and promotes the feeling of brotherhood and neighborliness.

Co-Operative Manufacturing, as planned and practiced by the Rio Grande Woolen Mills at Albuquerque, N. M., takes in the Producer, the Wage-Worker and Consumer at their option, so it voluntary does not sell to the trade, does not make goods unless ordered by its members (does not make goods to sell), but makes them for use. So there is no incentive to adulterate and defraud, uses initiative and referendum, one man, one vote. You can vote by letter, nothing voted upon unless having been referred to the members. The benefit of patronage made a scientific basis for credit, giving a person of small means the opportunity of becoming equal owners, consuming member and his company the cash capital to successfully take up other lines that may be desired, and to successfully carry them out, for instance such as life insurance. The complaint made against Mutual or Fraternal Insurance is getting in new blood, and of all insurance or people's inability to keep up premiums, all showing how little they have left from their labor (to be wage-workers or farmers), after buying their necessities in food, shelter, and clothing. The only ones able to carry a large policy are the direct or indirect owners of machines.

Therefore if we Co-Operatively own the machines that make our clothing, a thing we must have every day and night in the year, their operation will supply a sum that is part of which we can vote to put aside for a death benefit or loss to our members. Giving the safest insurance yet proposed. We want every woman and man that believes in the above to join (and every man and woman that is being exploited will do it when they know they can).

Read the testimony of Mr. Harriman and guess you will see that we are all exploited, who do not own railroads; yet it's nothing compared to the toll we pay by not Co-Operatively owning the Woolen Mills, the Cotton Mills and the Shoe Factory.

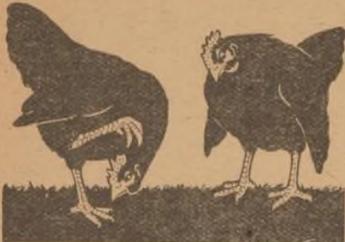
There are not to exceed eighty million of dollars invested in Woolen Machinery of all kinds in the United States that is continuously in operation. One dollar per capita to our population is evident that one million of us can own the part we require, by investing just one dollar, and the earnings in one year will buy the Cotton Machinery, that part that we each need; the same applies to Shoes. But you may say the Woolen Mill is to far away! Are you any closer to them now? But you say you do not know how to operate one! I say to you, the corporations have shown you how they hire the brains and muscle at so much per. We can get the best they have got because we give them an interest in the machine with us. Eighty per cent of the Woolen Mills of the United States are now in the hands of just TWO companies. Why? You answer this, please. We claim to have organized a Company that is big enough to take in the President of the United States, and we did make and give him a hunting suit.

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Is there anything left out that you can think of? Then join the Company and have it put in the people's Company in which the man and not the money talks.

Say, brother, don't plead poverty now, for every day you wait will be that much harder; you may not see it, they don't want you to see it, but the chains of Combine, of Trusts, of Corporate Wealth is silently binding you tighter. Why wait until you really cannot get that dollar, it may be a sacrifice now; if it is, it's well worth it, and nothing to what's coming if we do not exercise our own rights while we can, and that by owning the machines upon which we are dependent. Is there any Politics in that? No, just horse sense. Is there any religion in that? Well, there is a whole lot of Brotherly Love, and you don't need to change your religion to do it.

**Yours for Co-Operation,**  
**Uncle Johney.**



# Poultry Department

## THE BULLETIN BOARD.

By Daisy Wright Field.  
Well, Neighbor Brown, you want to know  
Why 'tis my hens will lay  
Their very best when city folks  
The highest prices pay.

Well, 'tis a fact, you may have learned,  
Of all contrary critters  
Hens are the very beatin'est—  
The layers and the sitters.

If prices are advantageous  
They'd die before they'd lay,  
But if they're down to bottom rock,  
It's curious, the way

Them crazy hens will shell out eggs—  
The nests won't even hold 'em,  
They overflow in mow and bin—  
But 'tain't worth while to scold 'em.

I've got a plan that you shall learn,  
It beats egg-powders holler—  
For every dime I used to make  
It brings me in a dollar.

A bulletin-board I've nailed upon  
The pen in which Jane feeds 'em,  
And as I write fresh notices  
Each feathered female reads 'em.

When eggs ain't worth the marketing  
I write, "Eggs, half a dollar,"  
The hens, they read it languidly  
And yawn, and if you'd foller

The whole darned gang fer half a day,  
You couldn't scare up one;  
But when I write, "Eggs, seven cents,"  
Why then begins the fun .

For hens don't take the noos-papers,  
And cannot understand  
That I've deceived 'em cruelly,  
But lay to beat the hand!

So, when your hens refuse to lay  
And egg-foods will not tech 'em,  
Don't git the blues, but try my plan—  
The bulletin-board will fetch 'em!

## TURKEY RAISING.

Dr. Cooper Curtice, in charge of poultry experiments at Rhode Island Agricultural College and Experiment Station, says that he hasn't heard of a single large raiser of turkeys. All large flocks are the result of purchase. Very few raisers have more than a dozen to twenty breeders, and more less than that. They expect an average of about eight poult to a hen after all casualties are reckoned, so that the output of a few farms would exceed 100, provided blackhead did not decimate the flocks, in which case it might be many less.

"The Rhode Island station has been doing yeoman service in its investigations of the diseases of turkeys, for many years, and is preparing a bulletin on the subject which should be extremely valuable. Another Rhode Island correspondent says that no turkeys of any account are raised in that locality, but most of them come from Vermont, and are finished in Rhode Island for the last few weeks of their lives. Blackhead causes the trouble in his locality, and birds die at almost all ages. The situation in Vermont does not seem to be so discouraging as in other States noted.

"In spite of the gloomy outlook there are successful growers here and there. A glance at the methods of a few may be helpful. It is noted that the most successful growers raise comparatively small numbers. One of the most successful turkey raisers who came under my observation was J. F. Crangle, for several years superintendent of poultry on Fisher's island. In his time, the turkeys raised there gained a worldwide reputation as breeders, being of large size, vigorous, and healthy. His methods were a close following of nature. Mr. Crangle said that inbreeding is more detrimental to turkeys than to any other class of fowls. Mammoth Bronze was

the breed with a strain of wild blood. The toms weighed from 30 to 40 pounds each, the hens 18 to 20 pounds. The breeding stock had wide range over wild land covered with rocks and bushes, but few trees. The hens made their nests in the bushes, according to their own sweet wills. When one had begun to lay a stake was set up to mark the spot, and the eggs were gathered each day. When a hen became broody she was given a clutch of eggs. After hatching, the young were penned and cared for until three or four weeks old, after which all were turned out into the large pastures, almost wild land, and comprising hundreds of acres. Here they ran almost wild till fall, being fed a little grain three or four times a week, but living largely on berries, grasshoppers and other insects. This method didn't give turkeys that were tame enough for pets, but their vigor and hardiness were beyond question. They were raised under practically the same conditions that surround the turkey in his wild state.

## A METHOD OF FEEDING.

A farmer who adds about \$200 a year to his income by taking good care of his poultry, describes his method of feeding in the following paragraph:

"I always feed mash in the morning and grain in the evening. The composition of the mash is as follows: First, the household scraps are put into a boiler which will hold five gallons; there is seldom enough scraps to half fill the boiler, which is filled up with cull vegetables and water, and the whole boiled until tender. It is then emptied into another vessel which will hold eight gallons and mixed with pollard and bran, in the

proportion of three of the former to two of the latter by measure, until it is as stiff as a stick will stir it. I also add four pounds of preserved green bone or beef scraps. When mixed the vessel contains about seven gallons, which is sufficient for the morning meal for two days for nearly 200 head of fowls. I find I use on an average five bushels of bran and eight bushels of grain in a month.

"The grain I use is principally wheat and oats. I sometimes substitute barley or maize meal for pollard when they don't cost too much. For green food I use pumpkins cut in half and thrown into the pens and they are seldom without it. I have a couple of cows, and at times there is more milk than we can use; so the hens get it when it is thick, as an extra course about 9:30 in the morning. The mash is fed shortly after daylight and the grain about 4:30 daily. Grit, composed of shells and crockery were run through a mill, is always before them. I never feed more than they will eat up clean without walking away and I always try to satisfy them."

## POULTRY DISEASES.

Bronchitis. — Fowls affected with this complaint give a short dry cough, generally noticeable at night, when on the perch. If unaccompanied with any other symptoms, such as swollen eyes, discharge from the nostrils or growths in the mouth, it is simply a form of cold, which is generally cured in two or three days by keeping the fowl in a warm coop, fed on soft food only and adding a few drops of aceto to the drinking water. This complaint must not be confounded with roup.

Bumble Foot.—This starts with a corn on the sole of the foot, caused by hard or stony fowl runs, or by birds having to jump from high perches on to a hard floor. If noticed when only the thickness of the skin it can be cured by paring away and removing bird to a soft or sandy run. But if neglected for some time the corn increases, eventually going right through

the foot, causing great pain and impediment in moving about, besides being very unsightly. When it has reached this stage it is very difficult to cure, but it is cruel to allow a fowl to go hobbling about with this distressing complaint. Great relief may be given by penning the bird up in a coop thickly covered with straw and poulticing the foot until the parts become quite soft, when the yellow, cheesy matter can be squeezed out. But this is tedious work; it is much better to take the small blade of a sharp penknife, insert it right through the bad part, and cut outwards, completely severing the web in two. It will bleed freely, but if the operation is done under a running water tap, blood will soon cease to flow. All the yellow secretions can then be removed, and when all are taken away thoroughly wash out with strong phenyle and water; apply crude phenyle to the wounds and carefully bind up the foot with linen bands, tying each on separately so that the fowl can not pick them off. The bird should then only be allowed to run on sand or straw until the wound is healed.

Chicken Pox.—This complaint is sometimes very common. Chickens and young birds under 12 months old are very subject to it, old ones being seldom afflicted. It comes in the form of warts on the comb, face and wattles. Fortunately, this nasty complaint is very easily cured. An unfailing remedy is to paint the warts with crude phenyle, one or two applications being sufficient.

## HOW TO START POULTRYING.

Now as to the way to make a living from poultry. Start small and keep a good grip on a good job until you find out whether you have the grit necessary to stay and overcome some of the difficulties which every one finds. Have stock strong in utility qualities, for that is what counts when you get right down to hard pan. Have birds just as good as you can get from a fancier's standpoint, while improving the utility side. Don't plunge, but develop slowly. The successful poultry man is one who knows why he does a thing and why he gets results. It is no use for a 100-hen man to try and run a 500-hen plant; he could make more money with less work with 100. The capacity of any plant is the capacity of the man.

Self-reliance is just as necessary in this as in any. Make a study of the work, for that is the way in which to gain valuable knowledge. Be progressive, for this is a progressive age. What was good enough yesterday is not good enough to-day, and it must be even better to-morrow.

At first thought it seems surprising that it should be necessary to present an argument in behalf of better poultry. That the better article pays a decidedly better profit to the producer is self-evident, and should be convincing, and yet such is the indifference to or ignorance of economic conditions that the great bulk of the farmers and their wives who raise poultry for market, still stick to the lean, skinny, stock which pays but a small profit to the producer, while at the same time the buyer is eagerly searching for and demanding a better article.

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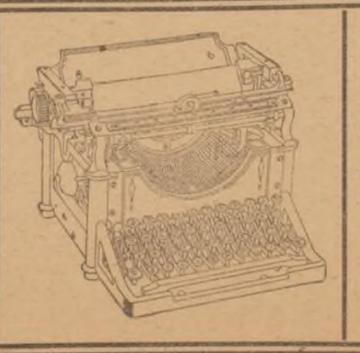
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**FOLLOW THE BLAZES.**  
Dear Co-Operator: We are getting along nicely in our Union, but we have some members too slow to stop quick, and some so fast they rush by before they stop. But we have got a noble order, despite the few slow ones and the fewer fast ones, and we have already met in the road to blaze the way and when our leaders show us the way we ought to follow, especially when that way goes straight to the warehouse.  
At our last Local Union meeting the weather was so fine for work that nearly all the plows were going and but few were present, but the Union has saved me money on one bale of cotton to pay me good wages for twenty-four Saturdays, so I attended, and I had seven other bales in the same fix.  
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**COUNTY UNION.**

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Dear Co-Operator: A County Union was organized at Collinsville, I. T., last Saturday, with delegates representing eight different Local Unions. The officers elected are: J. Hobbs, President; Lewis Fleming, Secretary; L. B. Allen, Conductor; Rev. G. W. Masters, Chaplain; Austin Cook, Doorkeeper; J. White and Rev. Masters, Lecturers and Organizers; and Wm. Richardson, Manager.

The parting address was delivered by Mr. Hobbs and was received with marked appreciation and applause. The orator spoke of the Union as an industrial reform which had proven its utility by nearly five years of progressive reform measures in every department of productive and distributive science. He said that the methods and principles of reforming men as applied in Local Unions were not experiments, but were almost as old as the race. He stated that some of the great moral reformers of history who had been most successful in lifting degraded humanity from the thralldom of savagery to a plane within the influence of the smiles of the angels had practiced much the same system as the Union now used to achieve an industrial reform.

In part the gifted reformer said, in his own usual smooth and elegant phraseology: "Brothers in common cause; co-laborers in the gardens of the world, you represent that potent energy of production; that essential factor in the elements of all progress, all wealth, all science, all happiness and all good. You are the captains and the generals of all creative forces leading on toward victory—the central corps of a great industrial army.

As you advance, progress in all human science marks your steps and becomes possible. As you become more learned in the devious details of your chosen calling, more skilled in the arduous hand-craft of farming, wealth increases, happiness is engendered, the dove of peace hovers o'er the land. The pulse of humanity bounds and throbs with the enchantment of hope; hope, inspiring hope! Hope for the farmers, hope for better times, better prices; hope for humanity, for the Nation and for civilization at large. Oh! if I but possessed the genius of Webster or Clay, with what burning words of eloquence would I send you back to your respective Local Unions. Take to your Locals the inspirations of hope, which like a newly discovered star whose timorous rays have so long struggled through the density of resistance, now like a comet which sweeps boldly across the troubled horizon, dispelling by its golden effulgence the gloom of oppression and despair. Take back to your Locals the true spirit of Unionism, the genius of brotherly love and the germs of human affection. Imbue them with ardor by pointing to our strength, and with courage and steadfastness by proving to them the justice, even righteousness of our cause. Teach them the doctrine of compromise and reconciliation. Teach them to turn a deaf ear to the taunts and jeers of that great army of human vampires who feed and fatten upon the fruits of our toil. Teach them the immortal text of self-denial, the deathless lessons of self-restraint, and that each must in some degree become, truly, his brother's keeper. Teach them to proudly turn their backs upon all the mad political strife which sometimes foments about us, and to press onward and upward to the goal of victory. Teach them to allow the bulls and bears to bellow and growl, the politician to shriek and howl. Let Italy have her hand organ and Spain her monkeys; but let us have the Farmers' Union seize upon and manipulate the whole machinery of production and distribution through co-operation. Then will the bird of freedom, the dauntless eagle, the proud emblem of our Nation's grandeur and glory, plume her pinions and arch her proud neck for a truer, nobler, loftier flight to the empyrean of commercial and industrial and social perfection."

The next meeting of the Union will be held at the Baily school house, Saturday, April 6th.

LEWIS FLEMING, Secretary.

Collinsville, I. T.

**HARD-HEADED PEOPLE.**

Some Farmers Who Think They Know It All Ignorantly Declare the Union a Trust.

Dear Co-Operator: From what I can learn, all of the Local Unions in this Goliad county are alive, active and doing nicely. But in and around Berclair, there are some of the hardest headed, most prejudiced, unreasonable people I ever saw or heard of. They persist in calling our Union a trust, yet the most of them know absolutely nothing about the principles of the Union, what it proposes nor how it hopes to accomplish its ends. Of course, they are helping the speculators and futures gamblers, whether they mean to do so or not, and it is probable some of them do not mean to do so.

Our Local Union has seventeen members and more to join at our next meeting. I loan my Co-Operator to several non-union friends and they say they like the paper. I cannot see why the farmers should fail to like it. Any farmer who is a member of our Union and does not work diligently and faithfully for the cause, does not love his wife and children, for if co-operation will not head off the speculator, what will? I do not know and they do not, either.

As brother J. M. Defrees said, "The farmer is the backbone of the world," which they are, and every farmer is a joint, and I hope some of the joints will get the backache so bad that they

will have to join our Union to get relief. I think they will have to hurt and hurt bad before they will come in the Union. Why? Because their heads are so hard and they know so much.

We are going to try to get up a club of subscribers for Co-Operator and when it is circulated in these regions I am in the greatest hopes of it being the means of enlarging our Union. I am working for the Union all I can. I talk it every where and to every body. It does me good to tell them I am holding up for my rights.

MRS. R. J. TINDALL,

Berclair, Texas.

**FOUNDER'S PICTURES.**

Adorn the Lodge Rooms and Homes With Them as a Reminder of Duties to Be Performed.

Dear Co-Operator: You will find enclosed five dollars, for which please send me the value in Brother Gresham's photographs.

We want them to hang up in our Local Unions and residences, as a reminder of our duty to the grand order of which he was the founder. We hope that every brother will purchase one, not only for the benefit of Brother Gresham's family, but as an encouragement to prompt him to a further discharge of his duties to himself, his own family and to suffering humanity at large.

Let us as members of this great order agitate, educate and co-operate until we can do as E. L. Erust has said:

"Give us justice, truth and liberty— Such as the toiler craves. Teach us better modes of industry, And free the modern slaves."

E. P. BRUCE,

Bruce, La.

**FAITHFUL WORKER.**

Dear Co-Operator: You said you enjoyed being clubbed. I thought I would do my best on you. Farmer Milton P. Hayes and I have been lecturing in our District on the warehouse system and while Brother Hayes talked warehouse, I talked Co-Operator and I got nonunion and Union men both to take it. I told the nonunion men that if they would read the paper, they would be certain to join the Union, and to the Union men I gave assurance that the paper would make them truer, more earnest, more zealous Union men.

Our District Union will meet March 22 and 23 to receive the reports of all counties when all arrangements will be perfected for completing our warehouse at once so that we will be ready for the 1907 crops. We see that wherever they have warehouses they get the 11 cents for their cotton and we propose to keep up with the procession. We must educate ourselves that we may understand each other and to do this effectually and fully we must take and read Co-Operator.

I have already sent you 32 subscribers, and please find enclosed list for 30 more, with money for same.

J. H. GATHRIGHT,

Strong, Ark.

**COUNTY UNION MEETING.**

To Locals in Carroll County: Carroll County (Mississippi) Union will meet on April 9th in the courthouse at 10 o'clock a. m. in Carrollton.

The meeting was to have been with Hemmingway Local, but on account of its school it will be unable to entertain us, therefore President Mabry, thinking this was the case with most of the other Locals, has decided to hold the meeting in Carrollton and you will govern yourselves accordingly.

All Locals will please send full delegations, one delegate for every 10 members, or majority fraction thereof, and one for each Local Union at large. Locals not having 10 members are entitled to one delegate.

Come prepared for a two days' meeting, as we expect to have one of our

best State Lecturers with us.

Following are the standing committees:

Executive: J. N. Wiltshire, Dr. B. J. Mashall and Will Ward.

Co-operation: Gim Davis, R. N. Brown and W. D. Treadway.

Good of Order: A. F. Wiltshire, J. W. Bacon and H. P. Browning.

These committees are urged to be on hand with their reports.

All Local Unions not having made their reports to the County Union for the current quarter, should do so at once, before the meeting in April.

R. N. BROWN,

Vaiden, Miss.

President Roosevelt, in a letter to the Lee Anniversary Celebration Committee at Washington, paid a glowing tribute to General Robert E. Lee.

The Southern Cotton Association, at Birmingham, Ala., adopted a resolution unanimously indorsing the President in dismissing the negro troops at Brownsville.

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## Agricultural and Stock Farm Land Investments a Source of Sure Profit in the Southwest.

### LAND INVESTMENTS A SOURCE OF PROFIT IN THE SOUTHWEST.

The desire to invest in farm lands continues to grow for very good reasons, chief of which is the financial soundness of the investment. The Hon. Jas. Wilson, in his annual report for 1905, shows that during the last five years the value of the medium farms of the country has increased 33.5 per cent. In other words, every sunset during the last five years has seen land increase \$3,400,000, a growth unequalled in any other line of business. Thirty-five per cent of our population are farmers who, during the last decade, have produced an amount of wealth equal to one-half the entire National wealth produced in three centuries of the Nation's history. It is well for the farmer and those interested in other industries to bear these figures in mind in investing their earnings. It is claimed that our population doubles every thirty years. This means that history repeats itself and land values are sure to double in value during the same period. Therefore,

those who invest in land to-day are not speculating on the possibilities of land rising in price. Good cheap land areas are gradually narrowing down and the time to purchase is now. There are a number of tracts of land in the country that offer advantages to investors, renters and young farmers seeking land holdings.

Much of the land offered for sale is on long time, low rates of interest and small payments down. Many farmers are putting their surplus earnings in the purchase of land. We know this is a wise move. It is sound financial foresight. The successful farmer who invests in land is handling a proposition with which he is familiar and which beats and "get-rich-quick" scheme ever invented.

### BALANCED FARMING.

We hear much about great profits of specialized farming. Some of the reports seem exaggerated, but upon investigation hold good. There is a reason why a man can make greater profits from a specialty. He gets to know all the ins and outs, devotes his whole attention to one thing, and more than that, the specialist is more apt to farm fewer acres. He concentrates all his energies and his capital on the object in view.

But the whole truth is not told in the story of great achievements with a single crop. We hear of the profits when the year was most favorable. The failures are not reported. Success generally comes at a high price. Specialization is always attended with great danger. If it be a grain or fruit that is raised successively insect enemies and fungus diseases are sure to get a foothold and cause great loss and anxiety. If it be some special stock that is the object in view some disease arises sooner or later to dampen the

ardor of the most enthusiastic advocate of specialization or the market goes off for a series of seasons and the way is dark.

There is little reason why diversified (balanced) farming should not be as thoroughly worked out as any specialty. It could be if men would farm less land and study better methods. The diversified farmer has the specialist beaten at every point of the game. It takes nothing less than a tornado, which actually sweeps everything off the farm to beat him out. If grain is cheap one year he can keep it or feed it to stock. If rust ruins his oats he's pretty apt to have good corn, or if it is too wet and cold for corn, it is fine for pastures. If hogs died with cholera he's got his cattle left, and when there are no apples he has an abundance of something else to sell.

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### A CHANCE TO GET A FARM AND HOME WHILE LAND IS CHEAP.

There has never been in the United States a greater movement in cheap lands than the present season. Railroads everywhere report crowds of landseekers, which has made it necessary to not only add extra cars but in many instances to run extra trains. There is no question about the advisability of buying cheap land. Even if you do not want to move upon it at once you should by all means investigate the matter with a view to buying simply to get the benefit of the advance in land values. Every reader knows personally of dozens of instances where people have made big money buying cheap lands. See what you could have made if you had bought land right around your own home twenty years ago. There are just as big opportunities to-day. Land will advance more the next few years than in the last twenty because cheap lands are getting scarce and there will never be but one crop of land.

We have had many letters asking for advice in the matter of location, where to buy, how to buy, terms, etc. Feeling that our readers would be interested in the matter, we have carefully investigated the whole subject, prices, soils, crops, rainfall, prospects of advance, etc. There is new land in localities where a single crop will pay all except the first payment on the land. There is land which can be bought to-day at from \$6 to \$12 per acre which is sure to advance rapidly. Hundreds of thousands of acres have advanced \$2 to \$5 per acre during the past twelve months. It is still advancing. There is land which is as fertile as any land in America on which only a small first payment need

be made in the beginning, with very easy terms on the balance. There is good land which can be secured at very low figures adjoining a quarter of government land. The quarter owned by some land company can be bought now by small payment down and then in two, three, five or more years you can move onto this quarter and some member of your family can homestead the adjoining government quarter. There are lands which can be farmed the very first season and large crops raised. There are good fertile lands which can be bought on small payment down and small annual payments until paid for. This enables hired men or other salaried men, young men not married, etc., to buy a quarter and get it paid for before moving onto it.

We feel we can do no better service than to put our readers in touch with these opportunities. No matter how much land you own you can make no better investment than to buy more. If you do not own any land, now is a good time to start. A quarter section may be secured by the payment down of from \$1 to \$5 per acre and in some instances they can be bought on shares of the crops. No man is so poor but that he can buy land if he wishes.

If you are interested and wish such information as we have, write us answering the following questions and we will give you the benefit of the investigations we have made:

How old are you? What family have you? Do you want to buy for a home or for the profit of an advance? Do you want to move onto the farm at once? If not, when do you? Do you want to raise field crops, live stock, truck or fruit? How much could you pay down? Do you prefer South or West? Do you own land now? How much? Are you farming for yourself? Would you prefer to get medium high priced land in well settled country, or very low priced land in new country?

With this information we can judge as to what section to recommend to you.

We want to urge the young men to take up this matter of cheap land. We can put you in touch with land you can buy on such easy payments that you would never notice them, and in a few years you will have acquired a valuable asset in land.

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### CROPS.

Indian corn, Kaffir corn, milo-maize, broom corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, alfalfa and all kindred crops grow to perfection. Cotton makes from one-half to three-quarters of a bale to the acre; - there is no boll weevil or other crop pests in this country.

Apples, peaches, pears, nectarines, cherries, plums and all kindred fruits grow to perfection. Strawberries, dewberries, blackberries and all kinds of vegetables, melons, pumpkins and all fruits growing on a vine grow as finely as in any country in the world.

### RAINFALL.

The United States Government Bureau shows that for thirteen years from 1894 to 1906, both years included the annual rainfall has been 24.87 inches. The rainfall during these years in the months of December, January, February and March has average .62 of an inch each month, while during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September the rainfall has averaged over three inches per month.

Every intelligent person knows that three inches of rainfall per month is ample to produce the best of crops, with proper cultivation, in any rich soil. Again, every farmer knows that more crops have been injured by too much rain than ever was injured for the want of it.

### CLIMATE.

Owing to the fact that there is a very light rainfall during December, January, February and March, the winters are mild, the air is dry, crisp and exhilarating; no loss of stock from blizzards. The mean temperature of the winter is 36 degrees and that of the summer 74 degrees. These conditions make it one of the most pleasant countries to live in, in the United States.

### SAND STORMS.

There never has been a sand storm in this country because there is no sandy land nearer than fifty miles of this county and no sand storms nearer than 150 miles south of it; neither is there any waste land—all of it is rich, level land.

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50,000 acres of land. One railroad runs through it. Two more railroads have been projected through this county and through these lands.

### PRICES OF THIS LAND.

The prices of this land is reasonable, considering the quality, location, water, church, school and social advantages. This section is now rapidly changing from a cattle grazing to a farming country and these lands will advance rapidly, hence now is the time to secure cheap homes in a country that abounds in rich land, good water and good health.

We will be glad to hear from all who are interested and will be very glad to give you the most information possible. Address letters of inquiry in regard to this to the Editor of the National Co-Operator and Farm Journal, Dallas, Texas.

### DON'T BE A ROLLING STONE.

There is a definite reason why farmers should not be renters. It is bad for the farm, but the renter usually cares little for that. It is bad that he does not care, for it makes him shiftless. But the main reason is that to be a good farmer one must know the land he is farming. This can only be done where one lives long enough on one place to become thoroughly acquainted with every field. When a man knows every foot of land he is master over, he knows how to plow and cultivate each field. He knows where the manure is needed, where to grow certain crops with the best results for the future of the soil. He is like unto a successful merchant who knows the individual likes and dislikes of his customers and can please them all so as to retain their trade. The renter is too much like the merchant who lacks that personal knowledge of his customers, and who is continually offending or displeasing and losing his customers. A field shows its displeasure, as it were, by refusing to give the farmer a full yield if he has sown the wrong crop or treated the soil in the wrong way.

The drifting renter gets in the habit of treating all fields alike without regard to their soil make-up, and he crops all to the limit for that reason only, without regard to the future. It is a habit that will ruin any farm and in the end result in failure for the farmer.

Settle down somewhere and get acquainted with your farm and the climate. Become a fixture in some locality, so you will be known and can be a power for good. The man who has farmed in every State never gets ahead much. He gets a wide experience, but doesn't stay long enough to practice it. The moving habit is a curse to the American people. It means the loss of that word "home." Settle down. Don't drift. Let us help you to get a home that you can call all your own.

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