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Co-Operative Agriculture Strongly Intrenched in the Old World

Organization

Industrial Germany was in a flour-

German farmers are thoroughly or.

The grain law of Germany is a very

pense of the farmer. The law requir-

ed the German Farmer to sell a large

could be obtained in the open market.

1923, by the end of which time it is

ialists out of power. One of its laws

illows as many as three public

schools in a community, one for the

that might be called neutral, while

the socialists are greatly incensed be-

cause a fourth school is not establish-

ed to teach socialism to their children.

This school system has caused an in-

creased cost of 40,000,000 guilders, or

more than \$16,000,000 dollars in this

little country of fewer inhabitants

Holland has a most interesting sys-

tem of selling farm products by auc-

tion. Through the innumerable can-

als, the articles for sale are pulled

hrough the market shed on barges.

than several of our big cities.

Samuel Adams, President American Agricultural Editors Assoction, Tells Interesting Story of a Summer's Study of Farming Conditions in Europe

During the past summer I was re-vof the farmers' products are sold presentative in ten European coun through cooperatives, and a very tries, studying their agricultural or- large percent of his purchases are ganizations and laws relating to agri- made through his coops. The liberal culture. I was even more apprecia- party controls the destinies of this tive of the honor when I found that country and its membership is about my credentials opened to me the door 85 per cent farmers, so you might say of the officers of agricultural organi- there is a farmers' party in control of zations of these countries, and gave Denmark. A recent law of Denmark provides me the opportunity to talk freely, and frankly with members of the cabinets for the making of entailed estates into of Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, freeholds. By this method more than yound saying that conditions are much Finland, Denmark, Germany, Switzer- 8,500 additional farms have been provided for agricultural laborers.

land, Holland, Belgium and France. Needless to say, with, such opportunities for investigation, I came back ishing condition when I went there. with a broader vision of what a So much so that the expected demand farmers' organization could and for farms by soldiers and industrial should do for its members.

Time will not allow me to tell you the law that provided for the cutting in detail of what I learned on the up and distributing of large estates trip, so I will confine myself to one was seldom used. or two of the dominant facts that came to my attention in each of these

In England, the first country visit- also active in cooperation. There are ed, I found a strong association in the more than 49,000 cooperatives of var-English Farmers' Union with more ious kinds in Germany. than 100,000 members. In England, however, agricultural cooperation has not been a success, due very largely ing the industrial worker at the exto the cooperatives having been organized from above, by government appropriations through the Agricultural Organization Society, and not from the ground up through a demand

In every other country, without exception, cooperatives were paying big for wheat was 7,400 marks per ton, dividends through increased prices and as it took 1,800 marks to equal a for the products farmers sell, and low-dollar, it made a return to the farmer of the products farmers pure. er prices for the articles farmers pur- of just about 12 cents per bushel.

Norway has a lesson for us in the worth 3,000 to the dollar, and when way she has solved the problem of the government, in view of this drop farm tenantry. With less than 6 per in value, wished to raise the fixed cent of tenant farmers, she has given price of wheat, the united socialists a most satisfactory answer to this via most satisfactory answer to this vi-tal question. The land law of Norway overthrow the government if the farprovides' that in purchasing a farm, mers were given an increase. Cheap the new owner shall agree to live on bread for industrial workers at the the farm and personally operate it as farmers' expense, is perforce the poa farm should be operated, for a per- licy of the government. iod of at least five years.

actual farmer for at least five years. farmers of Europe. In Finland, you This tends to take the speculative have the Finnish speaking Finns and them down to their actual income separate farmers' organizations and men of moderate means to own and gium, you have the protestant nad

It would be well for this association cooperatives. In Switzerland there to make a study of our tenant prob-lem. About 40 per cent of our farm-speaking and Italian speaking Swiss. ers are tenants, and such a large per This brings me to the most remark-cent of the remainder have heavy able man in the farmers' roganizamortgages, that they are in worse fi tions of Europe. I refer to Ernest nancial shape than our tenants, and Laur president of the Swiss Farmers' many will soon become renters thru League for the past 25 years. The

French, German and Italian speaking Sweden, notably up-to-date in every Swiss not only have different lanrespect, has the Farmers' Political guages, but different religions. In Party of Sweden which is quite a fac- our country, with all speaking one tor in protectinng the interests of the inguage and with religion not a disfarmers of that country. Nils Wohlin is its leader, and he is one of the really big men I met. I just wish you could all have spent an evening with leadership of Ernest Laur, the farm-

him, as I did. I know that after talk- ers are united in one big central oring with him and learning what he ganization at Bruges. has done and what he hopes to do for The saying in that country is Swedish farmers, you would feel it "Switzerland has no king, but Ernest well worth while to devote your time Laur is king of the Swiss farmers." and energy to helping solve the pro- Another saying is, "The Swiss cabilems of agriculture in America. net is composed of six members, but In the countries I visited, I found it has a seventh member in Ernest blems of agriculture in America.

all kinds of governments ranging Laur who dictates its policies." from the coalition government of Whether he does or does not make Great Britain to the clericals of Hol- the laws of Switzerland, it was rather land and the socialists of Germany. In interesting to hear of the way the Finland it was a busienss government, Swiss dairy farmers was saved from formed after the overthrow of the bankruptcy. During the war, and after, the farmers were urged by the reds in 1918.

Finland seems very far away. It government to increase their dairy lies at the very gates of soviet Rus- herds. This they patriotically did. sia. Here we find a most interesting Then came the slump in the price of experiment in land ownership. The milk products. The Swiss farmers' large land owners, fearing greatly the cooperatives held large quantities of the return of the reds to power, in- cheese produced with expensive cows duced the government to purchase and high-priced feeds.
their property in exchange for Fin- To save the farmers from ruin, the ish bonds. They realized that under government appropriated 20,000,000 existing conditions of unrest, they francs and agreed to stand four-fifths must either do this or run imminent of the loss on all export shipments of risk of the land being forcibly taken cheese during 1922. Another approfrom them without any financial com- priation will probably be made for

At the time of my visit the govern- expected the Swiss dairyman will ment had surveyed and sold to the again have a profitable market for his former tenants or laborers, more than products. 50,000 farms. The remaining 30,000 There are some disadvantages in farms will soon be surveyed and having the clericals in power, as in transferred to the former tenants who Holland. Here has taken place a very will thus become land owners. When unusual coalition, that of the protestthis is done, farm tenancy will be of ant and catholic political parties. This the past in Finland. Efforts will be coalition was formed to keep the somade to keep the land in the possession of the men who till the soil.

In fact, in every country through out Europe, I was told that their fu- protestants, one for the catholics, one ture civilization depends on the farmer. That it is absolutely necessary to build up a land owning farmer class who will stand, as land owning farmers have always stood and will always stand, between the radical work. ers on one hand and the reactionary capitalists and nobility on the other. This explains why in almost every European country, drastic laws have been passed that transfer the farms from the large estate owners to the former tenants or laborers.

I found in Denmark a perfect laboratory for the study of agricultural co. The buyers have seats equipped with operation. There, over 90 per cent an electric button that connects with

stantly registered.

Belgium farmers and their organizaions are divided largely on language, religious and race lines. The Catholic Walloons, or German speaking Belgians have very strong organiza-tions and are doing excellent work for their members. The French speaking Belgians are not very well organized, though strong efforts are being made to bring them up to the organization standard of other parts of the countyt

women. Until recently, there was a liability of co-operative associations cumulative voting system, now it is for federal income taxes. Under the sarily follow that it would be requircalled universal, with minority repre- federal income tax statute of 1921, cosentation in their parliament. I will not speak of the devastated

worse than anything you have read France was the last country visited. Here I found the Union Centrale des Syndicates de France, with a membershop of 1,800,000 and 11,000 affiliated societies. You can appreciate workers had not materialized, and the strength of this organization from

these figures, and they do an immense business in almost all lines that are of value to the French farmganized and are divided into several groups. The industrial workers are mer as regards progressive agricultural methods. There I found only 71 which are engeged in collecting milk State Agricultural Convention. Following teaching agricultural with which are engeged in collecting milk State Agricultural Convention.

drastic piece of legislation as favorto 70.262 students. tries don't use heavy alcoholic drugs bers, are exempt from the tax. If the trucks. portion of his grain to the government Grain Board at fixed prices, are badly mistaken. The sale of light proceeds of the business are distributthese prices being far below what At the time of my visit, the price set A few weeks later the mark was

> sell only light wines and beer. impossible to separate the sale of by such farmers will not for that light wines and beer from that of the reason be denied exemption. strong alcoholic drinks and that in

In other words, the places that Catholic farmers' organizations and lawful liquors.

Samuel Adams, Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, the requirements of the statute." December 12, 1922.

Some time ago this office had the the School (ode Commission w hout come tax. cost to the Kansas Farmers' Union.

have this report read at their meetings and give this matter their serous consideration, as it is of much over the county school.

Inasmuch as you have the opporunity to consider the proposition allow me to suggest that you do so and when you have determined whether you are for or against the proposition do not hesitate to let your member of the legislature know in no uncertain terms what your wishes are. C. E. BRASTED, Sec'y.

3,700,000 BALES POOLED

A recent estimate of the cotton pooled by the state associations federaed into the American Cotton Grow-000 bales in 1923.

a dial in full view, covered with numbers. As the arm on the dial reaches Stockholder Profits the price a buyer is willing to pay, he punches his button and his bid is in-

tely Clear and Final

U. S. Department of Agriculture.

There is so-called universal suffrage treasury, in response to a specific rein Belgium, but it does not include quest, a communication regarding the operative associations which comply depend upon whether or not it had with certain conditions are exempt net taxable income. from the tax The nature of such regions of France and Belgium bepartment. Article 522 reads as fol-

What Regulations Say "Cooperatice Associations- (a) Cooperative associations acting as agents cultural Economics, Washington, D. for farmers, fruit growers, dairymen, etc., and turning back to them the proceeds of the sales, less the necessary selling expenses, on basis of the produce furnished by I am not hopeful of the French far- them, are exempt from the income tax Thus co-operative dairy companies, schools teaching agriculture, with and disposing of it or the products 2,200 students, while in Germany there thereof and distributing the proceeds, are 1,708 schools teaching agriculture less necessary operating expenses among their members upon the basis In conclusion, any of you who of the quantity of milk or butterfat Subjects: think the light wine and beer coun- in the milk furnished by such memwine and beer was one of the sub- ed in any other way than on such a jects I investigated on my trip. I proportionate basis, or if the associa-

found that in countries such as Nor- tion deducts more than necessary sellway, Sweden, Belgium and Finand, ing expenses, it does not meet the rewhere the sale of whiskey, gin, quirements of the statute and is not brandy, etc., was prohibited, or where exempt. The maintenance of a reasonthe sale was supposed to be controlled able reserve for depreciation or by a permit system, or sale allowed possible losses or a reserve required only in bottles not to be opened on by state statute will not necessarily the premises, that the strong alco-destroy the exemption. A corporaholic dirinks were sold illegally and tion organized to act as a sales agent freely at cafes, hotels, beer gardens for farmers and having a capital and other places that were licensed to stock on which it pays a fixed dividend amounting to the legal rate of My investigations show that it is interest, all of the stock being owned

"(b) Co-operative associations orwere permitted to be sold, there were ganized and operated as purchasing period, he must sell his farm to some this country, let us consider some of to be found many immoral women dairymen, etc., for the purpose of buy- fairs, particularly valuable for all inspired them to some this country, let us consider some of the frequented them to some the sound in some than the sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in some than the sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in sound to be found many immoral women to the sound in sound to be sound supplies and equipment to members at

Deductions From Regulations From the act, the regulations, and THE SCHOOL CODE COMMISSION the letter of the secretary, the following deductions have been made:

1. If an organization qualifies as a pportunity to place in the hands of member of the exempt class, no part

importance. I think the farmers of it deals with its members, including man and understands the great ser. Kansas should thoroughly study the the payment to non-members of vice radio can render agriculture.

> state statute will not necessarily deby Secretary Wallace last winter. stroy the exemption," nor will the Friday: Morning session: "Conse stroy the exemption.

ers' exchange places the total at 3,- sums being simply refunds on the "What the Scales and Babcock test 700,000 bales. Officers believe this amount of business furnished by each have done for dairy cattle improve will be increased to mor than 4,000, member, and also makes profits on the business done for non-members

which it retains for reserve or surplus, or distributes among the mem-Are Exempt bers, such profits are taxable, and in addition to all sums derived from the business of members which are Ruling By The Department
Makes This Point Absolu-

which is not exempt, all net income s taxable. It is apparent that sums Statement on "Liability of Co-Operative Associations for Federal income Taxes" by L. S. Hulburt of the members and which are set aside as surplus or reserves are taxable, not The secretary of agriculture has re- because such sums have been so set ceived from the secretary of the aside, but because they were receiv-

ed as income. Even though an association is not in the exempt class, it does not necese to pay an income tax. This would

Special attention is called to the fact that under the regulations of the exempt associations is stated general—lact that under the regulations of the lact that under the tion 62, issued by the Treasury Dematter of its eligibility for exemption production averaged less than last to the collector of internal revenue in year, although the acreage in crops the secretary of the treasury may be values this year is due to better the secretary of the treasury may be values this year is due to better the secretary of the treasury may be values this year is due to better the cattle and sheep, in the year endobtained from the Bureau of Agriobtained from the Bureau o

AGRICULTURAL MEETINGS AT TOPEKA

Two important agricultural meetweek, the State Farm Conference and lowing is the program of the two meetings

-9:30 a. m. Transportation: highways, and roads, rates,

Farm Credit: For crop and stock production and marketing. cooperative

ming and farm management.

State Agricultural Convention dresses by Mayor Corwine, Governor \$246,309,608, as against \$221,353,161 Davis, President Avery and Francis last year. Blair, Supt. of Public Instruction of

Illinois, a brilliant speaker. Thursday morning session: of members and turning over such ers. Plenty of time for discussion. which produced less and brought tinues so great, the farmer is a long

"The Relation more livestock products during the ways from actual cost, plus necessary expenses, of Railroads to Agriculture," by Chas. value out of farm lands, and to bring the Swedish speaking Finns with their could legally sell only light wines and are also exempt. In order to be Dillon, representing the railroads and beer, were flagrantly violating the exempt under either (a) or (b) an Clyde M. Reed representing the proearning value, thus permitting the cooperatives. In Holland and Bellaws of their country, and were securassociation must establish that it has ducers. Both well posted authorities ing a large part of their revenue and no net income for its own account. who will lay have the facts as relating profit, from the illegal sale of un- An association acting both as a sales to their respective viewpoints. Prof. and a purchasing agent is exempt if Green, of the State Agricultural Colas to each of its functions it meets lege, who has been closely studying and investigating the subject, will discuss the "Wheat Marketing Situa-

Evening session: "Rural Women and Comunity Development," by a Kansas farmers' wife with a real message, Mrs. Will Sellen, Cunningham, the local Secretaries, the report of of its income is subject to federal in- Kansas. "Possibilities of Radio to Agriculture," by Maj. Gen. J. G. Har-2. If a farmers' cooperative sales bord, who achieved world fame as Now I hope that every local will or purchasing association, which is soldier, and who left the War Depart otherwise exempt, does business for ment the first of the year to become non-members, and deals with such President of the Radio Corporation of non-members upon the same terms as America. Gen. Harbord is a Kansas

matter of surrendering all authority over the county school.

patronage dividends on the same "The Agricultural Outlook," by terms as members, such an associa- Sherman P. Houston of Missouri tion is exempt from federal income prominently mentioned for Secretary of Agriculture in President Harding's "The maintenance of a reason-cabinet, and Chairman of the Agri able reserve for depreciation or pos- cultural Credits Committee of the sible loss or a reserve required by National Farmers' Conference called Friday: Morning session: "Conser

payment of "a fixed dividend amount- ving the Pasture Resources of Kan ing to the legal rate of interest," pro- sas," by Dean F. D. Farrell, of K. S. vided that all the capital stock of the A. C., as one-third of the area of association is owned by farmers, de- Kansas is in native grasses, the importance of this subject is apparent. 4. If an association which is not "Increasing the Yield of Corn," by M. exempt returns sums of money to its L. Mosher of Illinois, who has achieve members as patronage dividends, such ed remarkable results. He says, sums being simply refunds on the "What the Scales and Babcock test

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The Record of Kansas in Agriculture and Live Stock the Past Year

The Year Shows an Improvement Over 1921, But the Price of Farm Products Keeps the Farmer a Long Ways From Normalcy

Kansas for the year 1922, as follows: Production and Values

\$357,256,744, as against 351,121,242 in 1921, or an increase of slightly more against \$69,402,741 in 1921, while the than \$6,000,000, but is under the fiveits district. Copies of the letter of was increased, and the gain in total with the important exceptions of cows and swine have increased. The it was 29 cents. Oats brought 12 cents more a bushel than in 1921, barings will be held in Topeka next ley 12 cents more, Kafir 35 cents

toes 32 cents less. 459 bushels is the state's fifth largest while other cattle decreased, while live- corn yield of 95,311,582 bushels was mated value of \$46 per head on horses Marketing: Cooperative marketing 700,000 bushels more than the annual erage of \$63 for mules is less by \$9; elevators, average production for the five years, \$46 for milk cows is 4 less, and \$28 for 1917-1921. Oats is the smallest crop other cattle is \$2, less. Sheep and Production: Crop and livestock since 1916. Alfalfa shows another de- swine each increased in value \$2 per production problems, diversified far- crease in acreage, and for the first head. The total value of the livericulture, an. 10-12, beginning at 7:30 ever, held up production to 2,313,023 crease of \$10,256,000. tons, or about 50,000 tons less than Except where otherwise noted, the First Session: Organization meet-in 1921, and the prairie hay yield of values in this report are based on p. m., January 10. 7:30 p. m., ad- The total value of all field crops is

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: The toal worth of these products marketed over the low ebb of 1921, it should be A in Kansas for the year ending March borne in mind that so long as the dist od of at least live years.

If we think that we have trouble in places where light wines and beer agents for farmers, fruit growers, symposium on county and community 1, 1922, was \$110,947,165, the smallest prity between the prices of farm pro-

The State Board of Agriculture to period indicated were greater and day issued its final inventory of agri- sold for less. More than 53,000,000 cultural production and livestock in pounds of butter made in the year ending March 1, 1922, was worth \$19,838,299 as against 48,749,164 pounds, worth 26,209,372 in the year

productions in Kansas, exclusive of preceding. The largest single items livestock on the farms, amounts to slavestored on the farms, amounts to slavestored on the farms, amounts to amounting in value to 60,541,487 as surplus of poultry and eggs sold from

LIVESTOCK: There has been a falling off in numbers of horses, othwheat and potatoes. Corn has been horse population of 962,329 is less selling at a pric; this fall averaging than any year since 1909; the 2,121, 54 cents a bushel, while a year ago, 193 other cattle is a decrease of about 15,000 head while the 220,550 sheep reported is less by about 46,-000. Mules gained nearly 25,000 in more, alfalfa \$1.60 more a ton, and the year and milk cows nearly 5,000. prairie hay, \$1.00 more. Wheat, how- Swine increased more than 400,000 ever, which is the state's principal and the 1,671,336 on farms March 1, crop in respect to acreage, has averag- was larger than for any year since neetings.
State Farm Conference, January 10 ed 6 cents less per bushel, and pota1915. In the year ending March 1, 1922, the values of horses, mules, milk This year's wheat yield of 116,744,- cows and other cattle decreased, crop, and ranks seventh in value. The sheep and swine increased. The stislightly under last year's but is 6, is \$9 under the year before; the av-

time in a decade has fallen below a stock on hand March 1, was estimated milion acres, the total now being 910,- at \$173,896,471, as compared to \$184,-52nd annual meeting Board of Ag- 631 acres. A larger acre-yield, how- 154,817 in the preceding year, or a de-

ing of delegates and members at 5:30 957,839 tons is less by 81,500 tons. the avxerages of farm prices for the year 1922.

While this year's agricultural inventory for Kansas shows improvement

KANSAS CROPS AND PRODUCTS, 1922

The yields and values of this year's crops and prod		Val
Winter and spring wheat, bushels1	16 864 983	\$105,40 103
Complemental wheat, bushels	95 311 582	51.648.465
Corn, bushels	29,723,001	11,560,425
Oats, busness	808,352	585,365
Rye, bushels	17,800,448	7,512,371
Barley, bushels	2,676	1,070
Emmer (Speltz) bushels	5,134,420	4,505,404
Irish and sweet potatoes, bushels	7,408	69,909
Cowpeas, tons		197,334
Flax. bushels	112,132	560,235
Broom Corn. lbs	5,799,034	
Millet, tons	114,535	733,331
Sugar beets, tons .,	38,909	252,384
Sorghum for syrup, gals	191,010	162,791
Kafir hushels	17,523,272	12,318,709
Milo, bushels	. 2,757,115	
Feterita, bushels	1,100,001	797,339
Sorghum hay, forage and stover, tons	4,425,021	15,929,420
Saccharine sorghum for seed, bushels	832,439	680,797
Alfalfa hay tons	2.313,023	22,948,730
Alfalfa hay, tons	45,206	318,429
Tame hay (exclusive of alfalfa, tons	232,097	2,167,196
70 ★ 1990	901.009	5,841,676
Wool clip, lbs	685,993	116,619
Cheese, lbs.	196,797	31,753
Butter, lbs	53,056,113	19,838,299
Condensed milk, lbs.	21,700,864	1.953,078
Condensed milk, ibs		3,015,481
Ice Cream manufactured, gals. Milk sold other than for butter and cheese		2,431,917
Milk sold other than for butter and theese milk		60,541,487
Animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter	and the second	19,853,562
Poultry and eggs sold		3,005,677
Horticulture products	311,282	68,552
Honey and Beeswax lbs	011,202	90,742

Total value of all farm productsOF LIVESTOCK \$357,256,774 \$44,267,134 962.329 Horses 18,365,382 .291.514 Mules and asses 28,709,888 ..624.128 Milk cows 59,393,124 .2,121,183 Other cattle 1,433,575 ...220,550 1,671,336 21,727,368

Total value of live stock

REST ONE-FOURTH

Champaign, Ill., Dec. 1st, 1922. Editor Farmers Union: Live stock, grain or mixed farmng, as it is done today, exhausts the organize without expense as we can soil for we plow under little, and sell do it ourselves, we need no salaried much to command the price needed. officials. We have the power to By resting one-fourth of all our till- make our callnig the best in the land. able land and taking nothing from it Organized in less than five hundred but grass seed, we would get more counties will make this plan a sucmoney than we do now, and we would cess, and it will mean millions of add nitrogen to the soil, and have dollars to us. Think it over, talk to money to buy lime and phosphate to your neighbor about it, advocate it

our emigration law and high tariff half the pay.
will maintain their present prices We can do Seventy per cent of the people live the first man in your county to start in the cities, with thousands more going there as it means less work and more now. The cities are proposed to the fact that I would be start to start the ball rolling.

This is the second of a series of more new The cities are proposed to the ball rolling.

too must organize to save our soils OF YOUR LAND and ourselves from ruin.

.\$173,896,471

The grain belt farmer is the most intelligent and greatest skilled workman in the world today, and we can keep up our soils, and it would take in your local paper. Let us show ess help, and save us money in every the world that we can command a price, and that we do not need to Organized labor and capital under work twice the hours for less than

We can do it, let us do it now. Be

more pay. The cities are prospering letters that I am sending to every at our expense. With the high taxes, farm paper in the grain belt, asking from which there is no escape, and for their help to get this message all lines of endeavor organized, we to the farmer. W. S. VAN DOREN.

ANNUAL STATE MEETING

Will Be Held

TOPEKA, KANSAS January 17-18-19

Memorial Hall

The first session of the Jobbing Association convention will be held at the Throop Hotel at 10 a.m., January 16, **福**

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COUNTY AGENTS AND THE BUREAU There are many good Union men in the Farm Bureau Federation whose support for that organization has been obtained by false pretenses. They have been told that their counties cannot have county agents unless they sign up with the Farm Bureau. It is true that the Kansas law requires the organization of a County Farm Bureau as a first and necessary step to secure the services of a county farm agent, but it is not true that it is required that such County Bureaus shall be federated into a Kansas Farm Bureau Federation with its members paying not only the lawful sums required for the support of the county agents work but also considerable additional sums required for the support of the county agents work but also considerable additional sums for the maintainance of state and

The law recognizes the County Farm Bureau as one of the agencies through which the Extension Service works. The law does not recognize the Kansas Farm Bureau Federation or the American Farm Bureau Federation as parts of the Extension Service or as agencies of the Department of Agriculture. In fact Secretary Wallace has made it plain that representatives of the Extension Service must not work as officers of any of the Farm Bureau Federations, state or

national federations of county and state bu-

national. There is no good reason why any County Farm Bureau in Kansas should be federated with the state organization. There are quite a number that are not so federated In the light of the extraordinary record made by the American Farm Bureau during the past two years Kansas farmers should take the position that they cannot support a County Farm Bureau that is a member of the Federation. In this connection it might be well for those interested to find out by what authority and under whose direction the County Farm Bureaus were united in the Kansas Farm Bureau Federation and their officers set to gathering members and funds to support the work of men like Howard, Gray Silver and Clifford Thorne. Did the members ever vote to federate? Did the Executive Committee of the County Farm Bureau vote for federation?

The county agent is a valuable and helpful part of the Extension Service and of the educational system of Kansas. He should be retained and supported. He should be in a position to help all the farmers of a county whether they are members of farm organizations or not. Many thousands of Union farmers desire to cooperate in the work of maintaining county agents in this state but they would like to be able to do it without giving aid and comfort to an organization set up without their consent that seems to have for its principal purpose the destruction of all self help agricultural associa-

Can Kansas farmers help the work of the County agents and the Extension Service of the Agricultural College without at the same time belping the Kansas and the American Farm Bureau Federations? Easily. Not the least trouble in the world. All they have to do is to make the condition, before they part with their money, no part of their contribution that they make for the support of the County Farm Bureau shall be shall be used to maintain either a state or national Farm Bureau Federation. They should also make their support conditional on the County Farm Bureau severing all connection with the Kansas Farm Bureau and that it stick to its functions as prescribed by law.

The Farm Bureau Federation has all but destroyed the usefulness and the popularity of the County Farm Bureau and the County Agent. It has also worked a great injury to the entire extension service. All this can be adjusted and the evil results removed if the legislature will amend the County Farm Bureau law in such a way that a referendum of farmers shall be necessary before a County Farm Bureau can be established and a county agent appointed. A majority of the farmers of most counties are strong for the county agent and the Extension Service but they would like to have a vote on the proposition before taxes are levied on their property for the support of the service.

SEND DELEGATES TO TOPEKA

Locals and business associations that have not yet arranged for delegates to attend the State Convention of the Kansas Farmers Union should do so at once. It will cost a little money but there is no way in which so small an expense can be made to yield a larger return. Business associations can very properly make appropriations for this purpose to the charge of general expenses. Locals without funds can raise the money and at the same time have a fine and enjoyable time doing so.

Matters of the greatest importance to Kansas farmers will be discussed and policies determined at that meeting. Officers and committees will make reports. Eminent speakers will address the meeting. For the first time in the history of organization one of our members as governor of Kansas will welcome us to the capital city. There should be at least three thousand farmers in Topeka during Convention

DO YOU BELIEVE IN SIGNS?

The newspapers know what movements are coming and which ones are going. Only a year or two ago almost any Farm Bureau Federation story was good for a scare head on the first page of any metropolitan journal. Last week the American Farm Bureau Federation held its annual convention in the city of Chicago.

On Thursday or Friday there was an election of officers. J. R. Howard, after denouncing the political activities of his own organization, named an Ohio stock raiser as his successor. The Chicago Tribune, self-confessel as the greatest newspaper in the world, carried the Bureau story in a very inconspicuous location on the TWENTY-THIRD page.

Is this a sign that it is 23 for the Bureau?

EFFECTS OF ORDERLY MARKETING

The market reports indicate that wheat prices are advancing. The wise traders who know all there is about the grain business are satisfied that there will be further advances and that the price will go on up and probably reach a dollar and a half or higher at country elevators before there is a new crop. It is time for that annual performance to begin. Farmers will rejoice but it means nothing to most of them. They have already sold their wheat for less than the cost of production and it is now in the hands of the speculators who are prepared to take their profits.

This sort of thing happened last year and it will happen again next year and every year until the wheat growers wake up and effect workable organizations for the orderly marketing of their products. Under existing conditions the traders twice each year enjoy a privilege that the farmers have never had—they fix the price of grain when it is delivered at the local elevators and again when it is fed out of the central or erminal warehouses in response to the needs of consumers. The grain traders tell the farmers what their wheat is worth when they buy it and again tell the consumers what it is worth when they sell it. Is it any wonder that the producers are geting poorer every year and that the traders are growing richer?

The only way this this sort of thing can be stopped is for the growers to organize in such fashion that they can retain ownership interests n their grain until it reaches the exporter or the niller. The only way that such control and ownership can be established and maintained is for the growers to enter into a contract with each other that for a period of years they will sell their wheat through their own agency and nowhere else then proceed to set up and carry on their own marketing organizations that will operate all the way from the farm to the manufacturer or the agent who buys for foreign consum-

Grain farmers who dump all their crop on the local markets in three months, a crop that must supply consumers or customers for a year, destroy all hope of profit by such ruinous competition with each other. The Farmers Union Wheat Marketing Association is being organized on correct principles. It is a plan that has enriched the producers of many other farm staples in this and other countries. Kansas wheat growers should give it careful consideration. It will provide for orderly marketing movements beginning at the farm and in the inerest of the producers.

SOMEBODY MUST BE DISCHARGED

A very distinguished leader in the commodity marketing movement for agriculture, recently stated that it is not the purpose of such cooperaives to put ony one out of business. If not, how vill it be possible to do anything worth while for the farmers of this country? If commodity marketing is to use all the financial agencies and all the salesmen that are now employed where will there be any savings for producers?

The truth is that commodity marketing done cooperatively by growers must save money and very large sums of money in two ways if it is to be worth anything to the growers. It must reduce the costs of selling which can only be done by eliminating a considerable number of middle men and reducing the salaries paid selling services and it must store and hold quantities of farm products in sufficient value to affect the

prices favorably for growers. In short the only real argument in favor of cooperative marketing is that it will get more money for the farmers. Unless it can do so by reducing costs of distribution the movement, if successful must result in higher cost of living for consumers. That is not the first purpose of such cooperatives but every thoughtful man who knows anything about the conditions under agriculture is being conducted in this country realizes that producers must have more money even if it is necessary to raise the cost of living to all consumers no matter how hardpressed they may be already.

SUCCESS THROUGH FAILURE

The fiscal year of many of our Farmers' Union ecoperative business associations is drawing to an end. Many concerns have failed to make profits that will permit the distribution of cooperative dividends. There may be members of such associations who will be so disappointed that they will conclude that organization is not worth while.

It is a very badly managed cooperative enjoying small support from its members that does not much more than pay its way even if it is unable to distribute dividends. The Jobbing Association has never been able to make its stock a high class financial investment but it has earrei profits for all Kansas farmers far in excess of its actual capital stock. The binder twine business this year saved the wheat growers at least \$800,000 which is eight times the total capital investment in the Association or a dividend of EIGHT HUNDRED PER CENT in a single year. Nor is this dividend subject to deductions for excess profits or corporation income taxes.

The best question to ask at the annual meeting of a cooperative association is not how much has been made in direct profits but what would have happened had there been no farmers organization for self help and self protection in that community.

The invisible dividends of cooperation are generally much more worth while than ther esults that can be evidenced in checks.

CRAZY HOUSE FOR SPEEDERS

The automobile is a mighty convenient and seful vehicle. Properly driven by any sensible person it is far safer thahn a horse drawn buggy or wagon. A wise man of old once set it down in a book now owned by every one and read by many that "A horse is a vain thing for safety." Human experience has proved the truth and wisdom of that declaration. The automobile, completely under the control of human and presumably sound brains and muscles should be perfect-

Alas for human plans and human hopes. The automobile slays its tens of thousands annually in place of the thousands that yere the yearly toll of runaways and other disasters due to the use of the horse. The automobile, however, is not to be blamed and should not be held responsible for the slaughter that results from its use by a lot of reckless fools who should be safely locked up in lunauc asylums.

Fatal motor car accidents almost all come under two heads-wrecks at railway crossings and disasters resulting from fast driving. All sensible men believe that no sane human being ever leliberately commits suicide. The driver who dashes for a ralway crossng with the expectation of beating an approaching train is committing suicide for himself and murder for any passengers so unfortunate as to be in the car with him. Such a man must be insane. It is unsafe for him to be at large. The fools who race their cars at high speed belong to the same class. They should be dealt with as mentally incompetent and put whhere they can do no harm.

Lew Shank, the somewhat celebrated mayor of Indianapolis, is the first responsible officer to take the correct view of motor car speeding. He has just ordered that all persons arrested for fact driving shall be locked up without bail and their sanity investigated by the proper authorities. They are tried not for speeding but for lunacy. It is a safe bet that there will be no more racing on the pavements of Indianapolis if that order is carried out.

In Virginia every automobile is required to come to a full stop before crossing a raiload. Drivers who violate this regulation are subject both to fine and imprisonment and the law is very generally obeyed with the result that there are mighty few crossing accidents in that state.

Regulations like the order of Mayor Shank of Indianapolis and the Virginia law will do much good but unfortunately the average lunatic does his devilment before it is known that he is crazy. In spite of all the laws that can be made and ofall orders that mayors can give to police there will always be a considerable number of fools who will take a chance on getting to hell a few years ahead of time rather than run the risk of being five minutes late at a picture show or an engagement with a boot legger.

Every member of the Farmers' Union should appoint himself a committee of one to secure at least one new member for the organization in

Members should not quit as soon as they join. They should work with the others to make the year 1923 the biggest in the history of the organization. Every one pushing with a will, will make this possible.

The Farmers Union wheat pool is going over with a rush. The latest reports show that the minimum sign up will be an assured fact before the time limit is up.

Make this one New Year's resolution: Resolved that whenever I have anything to advertise in 1923 I will use the Kansas Union Farmer first because it is my paper.

The New York Dairymen's League (cooperative) spends \$30,000 a month for newspaper advertising. Its business amounts to about \$70.-000,000 a year. The wheat growers of America last year spent \$.00 for newspaper advertising. Their business amounted to \$750,000,000. New York Dairymen are making cost plus profit. Wheat growers are--Exchange.

COOPERATE is the big word. When you join hands with thousands of other members you should work for the interest of the organization.

COMMENT ON WORLD'S NEWS FOR WEEK

he St. Louis Brewer Committed suicide last week. He

before the public voted prohibition. In

Borah Decided to Withdraw

His resolution asking that the president take the lead in calling a new conference for the discussion of disarmament, reparations, and war debts. Mr. Hardnig gave it out flat that he Cooperative would be much embarrassed if the Managers and Directors senate persisted in the demand that he assemble a new conference.

Perhaps it is just as well. It is

ference on Limitation of Armaments of one of our biggest and most sucassembled in Washington on the president's call came to an agreement. That agreement has not been ratified. It is almost certain that it will not be ratified either by France or Italy. safe for the farmers' company to pay.

If the Pacific treaty of which so Although one of the heaviest sharemuch was hoped is to go into effect ! t must be reagreed to as a compact between three powers instead of four. The other children born at the Washington conference are all beyond the reach of any sort of pulmotor. It is just as well to give them a decent burial and then resolve that this country will sit in no more conferences unless the contracting parties give some advance pledges that they propose to

live up to any agreements made by

their representatives. ./

Always Grow Heavier

If the public officers have their way. t is natural for a ma to magnify his own importance and to regard his schemes for getting it to spend.

advocate of more spending, seems to have had a little sense jolted into it by the last election. Concluding a Few if any of the Crawford county stage a 'come back' as a result of short editorial on "Always More tax payers who are preparing to par-Taxes" the Star recently said:

along the line of finding something more to tax? It never seems to occur to him to think about some way o economize and reduce taxes. Think of the Star printing that paragraph.

Farmers Will Realize Very Little

From the increasing prices for ich wheat will be sold during the next five or six months. In fact there are only two small groups of producers who will make anything at all out of it even if the price should go to three dollars a bushel before the first day of July.

Growers who are able to hold their own grain off the markets and growers who have an interest in the organzed producers pools that have been formed in a small way in about ten states. The Nebraska Wheat Growers Association has about a hundred housand bushels in storage with the Jobbing Association in Kansas City. They will make some money out of the better prices for their grain. They will be able to do this because they are organized.

When the pools are expanded to ingrowers will all be able to profit from currencies until they are brought to try was fed, managed, and standardthe rise in prices that always begins about the first of December.

THE FARMER SEEKS JUSTICE There is a ce: tain publishing house house from dropping into the pit of ties?

thing in their power, spending money, upport it, failure is inevitable.

The example cannot be paralleled in nany industries. Not only are money, STATE TAXPAYER ORGANIZATION time, and influence expended, but aws are passed, regulations are adopted, in the interest of this or that industry and its contribution or suposed contribution to the public pros-

There is no other industry as important, none contributing as much to the public prosperity, farming. Yet it s only after the most sedulous affort on the part of farmers, farm organizaions, and statesmen and other leaders progress is made toward relieving the by the Taxpayer Organization. He is serious condition in which farming a member of the legislative commitequently finds itself. What is the Why do not people leap to the relief of farming, as they are prone to leap to the relief of other indus-

Two reasons: The belief that farming is a safe in-

Pooling is Somewhat Fashionable in ten states. The inwas the third of his family to take fection seems to be spreading. The liticians. Now comes a writer for the the short and easy way out of this Kansas Farmers Union Wheat Mark-Lemps have done for themselves what top with considerably more than its Borah and a few others clear out of Prohibition was made possible by is largely signed up. All active pool- right to their political opinions but

plain English John Barleycorn com-mitted suicide and probably that is a realized in very few cases. Here is mitted suicide and probably that is a realized in very few cases. Here is proper thing for any man to do who a prediction, however, ventured in ganization. The point is made that if a conbelieves that the world cannot wag face of the fact that prophecy is a along pretty well without whiskey. dangerous game: The most ineffidangerous game: The most ineffi- gressman and senator does not like ciently and wasteful managed pooling the policies and leaders of his party association in this country will be he should take a demit and fight it able to make a settlement with its members that will beat the old system of individual competitive selling on the speculative markets.

Frequently give queer exhibitions of the twisted workings of their mental processes. A few days ago this now more than a year since the Con- writer heard a number of the directors Taxes Cannot Well al members who were selling their, wheat to competitive local buyers who were offering more than it was Although one of the heaviest share-

olders in the Jobbing Association that cooperative bills less than half and gifts that would restrict any inthe wheat it consigns to the Kansas herited fortune to one million dollars. City market to its own company. Although its members all belong to the in that convention who objected to Union its accounts and books are not that demand as socialistice, whatever audited by is own audiing associa- that is. The majority, however, with

must transact their affairs of all starvation or work. sorts through their own agencies. The way to cooperate is to cooperate.

County is Preparing functions as an office holder as es-sential to the public interest and wel-about thirty six miles of hard surfacfare. So it comes about that a large ed roads that will cost the tax paynumber of our supposedly most useful ers something more than a million public servants devote a considerable dollars. They are good roads, the going up. Not giddily, but slowly, part of their time to figuring out new best that money can buy and engin- steadily and constructively. The New ways to spend money and workable eering skill can build at this time. Year, grain leaders predict, will see The Kansas City Star, always an mile in the lot that will last until 'come back' for the farmer." the bonds issued for their construction are paid.

ticipate in the festivities will be alive burned.

Requires all Orchardists

To spray their trees nine times each year. Sp. aying is a costly and laborious job that brings no returns to any man so unfortunate as to live next farm to a fruit grower who does not take proper care of his trees. The scale, blight, and other pests have no reement. Too many people are deter-They are great travellers and go graft but are sure that the other fel-wherever there is anything for them low should be pried away from the pie

to eat or spoil. There are lots of other neighborhood pests that are just as had as the cannot be reached by paring down insect enemies of truits. This is just salaries and reducing expenses of as true of nations as of individual, functions that are retained. Taxes Those countries that do not pay their will never be lower until all public ofdebts or respect the other obligations ficials get it into their heads that of good neighborliness make trouble they must not exceed their appropriafor their sister nations. The world tions. This is an entire change of policannot become a good place for all cies not a few dozen lowered salaries human beings to live in until all na- that is necessary. tions exterminate the pests within their borders.

Left to themselves there are a good many nations that will never pay their debts, reduce their arms, dismantle time by some sort of an international ized for shipment as recommended by compulsory spraying law.

The belief that the farmer is a safe

These beliefs are highly complimen that is tottering on the verge of bank- tary to farming, and the farmer, but ruptcy. It has been tottering for some they do not improve farming condiporths, if not years. It has been as tions nor do they put any money into foolhardy in its methods as the old the farmer's pocket. What the farmer skinflint of whom it was said that he wants to know is, why should not my would not exactly go to hell for a industry, recognized as safe and recognickel but he would keep fooling nized to be in safe hands, receive at around the edge hunting for it till he least the same consideration as indusfell in. What has kept the publishing try not possessing these characteris-

The farmer's question has justice Its creditors have kept it going behind it. It also has behind it the have bent every effort—the are argument of good policy, which unforstill bending every effort-to get into tunately in these days often carries the hands of this house some books further than an argument from justice that would sell well enough to pay a The farmer is justly entitled to big prosit-enough to pay off the in- square deal, based on the contribu-. They are doing every- tion which he makes to the national welfare and to civilization. If he does influence, and effort to keep the not get a square deal, farming is not publishing house from going to the likely to remain safe for long nor is it bers. vall. If the house fails, they never likely to remain in the hands of those will get their money, and unless they who are safe risks.-Kansas Industrialist.

> INDORSED BY THE GRANGE AND FARMERS' UNION

ers' Organization is being indorsed by many local and county farm organly in favor of the measures advocated as the return limit.

A joint headquarters for the three Topeka during the session of the legislature. Many locals of the three sums of money to support the joint

In our Congress

Play hob with the plans of the poiturday Evening Post and reads Laworld's troubles. Individually the eting Association will hop over the Follette, Frazier, Brookheart, Capper, the entire distilling and brewing interests did for the liquor traffic.

Prohibition was made possible by the liquor traffic.

Prohibition was made possible by the liquor traffic. the criminal disregard of law and decency that characterized the liquor members and larger volumes of company that it is wicked, immoral, unfair, and several other nasty things for them to continue to call themselves repuband saloon business for many years modities every day.

before the public voted prohibition. In Some mistakes will be made. The licens after they have bound them colves t gether to defeat the standard

from the outside as open enemy, not from within as 3, traitorous member. If the Post has its way about it congress will soon make it a penitentiary crime for any candidate to accept the votes of members of a party with

which he cannot agree. It is getting votes on false pretenses says Mr. Payne and should be stopped by law.

Inheritance

Be shifted from the first payer to groups of consumers. There is a demand for such taxation made so drastic that it will prevent the transmission of any very large estate from one generation to another. The National Farmers' Union recently adopted a resolution asking for tax on legacies

There were a number of good men hard boiled indifference to the wails Cooperation in spots and by spells of the very rich refused to weep over will never get us anywhere. The the woes of a poor cake eater left to farmers must have a complete system of business all their own and a million dollars between himself and

> Wheat Prices Are Advancing

On all the terminal markets but few local sales at above a dollar a To celebrate the completion of bushel have yet been reported. A

Chicago dispatch says: "Wheat, prices, barometer of prosperity for the American farmer, are But good as they are there is not a even better prices and the inevitable

That sort of talk is enough to make a dog sick. How can the farmers higher prices for wheat at a time when they have no wheat to sell? "But isn't it remarkable how every when the last bond floated for these Every cent advance in wheat between public official does all his thinking road projects is paid, cancelled and now and harvest puts money in the pockets of the grain traders who now own at least two thirds of the American wheat.

Will Stay Among the Clouds

Unless the legislature and the peorespect for bound y lines or fences, mined to hold on to their own pet

counter. The tax evil is so serious that it

Georgia farmers shipped 19 carloads of live poultry cooperatively in the first six months of 1922, according to reports to the United States Detheir ships of war, and stabilize their partment of Agriculture. This poul-State and county extension workers.

> (Continued From Page One) AGRICULTURAL MEETINGS

AT TOPEKA ment, the scales, moisture test and shelling test may do for corn improvement." This address will be another feature of the meeting. "The Influence of Premium Money in Promoting Livestock Production," by E. C. Stone, Secretary of the American Hampshire Swine Breeders' Association, a high-g ade speaker of nation

al reputation in swine world. Afternoon session: "Administration of the Packers" and Stockyards' Act," by Howerd M. Gore, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Resolutions and election of mem-

Evening: Banquet with a program of music and toasts. REDUCED RAILROAD FARES

A reduced rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip has been granted by the railroads in Kansas for these meetings, under the certificate The program of the Kansas Taxpay, plan. Buy a fullfare one-way ticket to Topeka and secure certificate from agent showing such purchase. This izations. Resolutions to that effect certificate when validated at Topeka were passed last week by the State will entitle the holder to a return tick-Grange at Leavenworth. The organi- et at half fare, provided a minimhum zation was started at the State con- of 250 such ce. tificates are presented vention of the Farmers' Union a year for validation. Tickets will be on ago and President Tromble is hearti- sale January 5 to 11, with January 16

A large farm well cultivated and well stocked is better than a small one treated the same way. But the organizations will be maintained in resources of soil, industry and inteligence are almost inexhaustable, so hat all a fifty-acre farm requires is organizations are subscribing small a proper application of these factors sums of money to support the joint and success is assured,—Farm and

Boys' and Girls' Club News

the animal must be healthy, vigorous,

and a creditable specimen of its breed.

this department booklet, "applies ac-

curately only to the breed of running

books for Thoroughbred horses in

general term, "purebred" and the

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace

Wheat Pool News

MR. ALEXANDER ACCEPTS

In our Kansas Union Farmer of

wheat growers will not remain out

That Seven Year Clause in the

Contract

brother a few weeks ago, he become

desirable conversation to an end said:

"I'll not sign no contract to turn

my wheat over to them fellers to

To which I retorted, "You're al-

ready bound to 'them fellers' for life

if you refuse to sign this Declara-

my brother, your declaration of inde-

pendence from the present competi-

constitutional rights. The rght to

sell our productions anywhere in the

The good brother said no more at

the time, but one could easily see he

had recognized the new view point,

and that he had gotten his "wires crossed" on "them fellers." And a

few days ago he called up our State

Lecturer Glessner who was staying at my house and when we responded to

of the present undesirable marketing

Average Price to Pooler from Begin-

ning will Exceed Average Price to

Non-Pooler Another brother who has belonged

to the Union for a number of years

but not an enthusiastic member, has

become deeply interested in the Un-

ion since its adoption of the 100 per

ing when the new system begins to

fluence on the right side of the ques-

CURED HIS RUPTURE

cent Pool Marketing plan.

He says he wants to get in. He sees a tremendous struggle com-

tion of Independence for 7 years." And that is what this contract is,

sell for me for 7 years."

In presenting the contract to a go

specific breed name, "Thoroughbred."

other countries."

"The term 'tho oughbred' " says

THE FARMERS UNION CLUB MEMBER

This department was started some weeks ago because we believed that it was needed. The boys and girls have had no place in the paper in times past and it was with this in mind that this section of the paper was set aside for

It is through the boys and girls of today that the great work of cooperation is to be carried on in the future. It is through their club work that they will learn some of the first principles of cooperation which will better fit them for work in the Farmers Union local. Every local organization should

be back of some sort of a club for the boys and girls of its community. It should encourage this work in every way that it can. At the local meeting the club members should be called upon to give their experiences in the particular line of work they are following. The boy should tell how he is raising his pure bred calf or pig. The girl should tell of her canning and sewing experiences. All of this will help-make the local meeting one of interest not only to the older people but to the boys and girls themselves. They will feel that they have a part in the work of the

local. We would like to have every Farmers Union boy and girl club member write a letter to this department and tell us their experiences. They will all be published in time and we know they will be of much interest to every reader

of this paper. Who will be the first to send in their letter?

have been in club work accounts for a few short years. This community their success. This work was done in contract is so fair, and its underlying their success. This work for the bene-the home and community for the bene-principles so apparent that we as fits of the girls and their families and wheat growers will not remain out with no idea of the contest which was of it when we once grasp its benefits only recently planned. The significant that they are the tous. chance of the matter is not that they von a contest over other state teams, but that they and thousands of other girls in Mississippi are being rained in gills in Mississippi and on leadership slightly worried at my persistance so they are able to help themselves and and wishing to bring the rather and to pass on what they learn to others.

2,400 MOLES AND GOPHERS TRAPPED BY OREGON BOYS

A record of 303 pocket gophers and 99 moles caught in 11 months ending in November, obtained for Roy Hanenkrat, an Oregon boy, a prize of \$25. Another boy, Ferdinand Beeker, caught 320 moles and received a second prize of \$15. These boys were taking part in a contest organized in Tillamook Countive disorderly speculative system, ty, Ore., to eradicate these pests. The ty, Ore., to eradicate these pests. The county was divided into three districts, and prizes amounting to \$50 were allotand prizes amounting to \$50 w and prizes amounting to \$50 were allotec to each district. Forty boys were girls entered the contest.

Pocket gophers are very unevenly distributed in Tillamook County, and the boys working in certain territories were limited by the mountainous- na ture of the country, so that it required fully as much effort to get the 145 moles which won the first prize in the south side of the county, or the 111 moles turned in by the winner at the north end, as it took for the big catches in the open Tillamook Valley.

his call he says: "I want to sign the contract. It's the only way to get rid The only condition of the contest was that the prize winners should turn in at least 100 skins. A total of 1,808 moleskins and 594 pocket gophers skins, or 2,402 skins altogether, were turned in to the county agent's office, according to the report received by the representative of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, who assisted in organizing the campaign. In addition to the prizes, the 1,800 moleskins will be sold and the money returned to the young trappers.

MENT SUPPORTS BOY

AGAINST DICTIONARIES

displace the present system and he wishes to lend the weight of his in-DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS BOY

The editor of a dictionary records the tion. He thought perhaps the pooler generally accepted meanings of words might have to endure some hardships fusion for a time when a word is tak- to gain the ascendency, but that he ing on a new meaning or gradually was willing to suffer somewhat in losing its old significance. This is says the United States Department of only partially correct in his diagno-Agriculture, and the word "thorough- sis. That there would indeed be a bred" probably heads the list of those tremendous struggle before the new that are misused. A letter to the department from a man in Montana ila result of the change that has taken of the present system, for if we replace in the use of this term. He fuse to let them have our wheat,

"Some years ago, at a farmers' institute, I was taught that the term plied only to running horses of that breed; that to speak of a thoroughbred chicken, hog, sheep, or cow, was an absurdity. We have so taught our children. Recently one of our boys had a controversy on this point with a school mate who claimed that 'thoroughbred' and 'purebred' are synonymous terms. They looked it up in the dictionary, and were told that a 'thoroughbred' is an animal of pure or unmixed breed.

'What do you propose to do about it? I know the boy is right (my boy) and all these dictinaries wrong, but 'Thoroughb.ed' could properly be ap-

become asphyxiated-die for lack of the life giving element. The hattle royal is between the pooler and the non-pooler. The pooler takes his what authority can you cite him to and burns the bridges behind him, enable him to show the other fellow?" and he must induce the non-pooler to

enable him to snow the other tellow:

This department sent the writer of this letter a copy of its booklet, "Better Stres — Better Stock," in which ter Sires — Better Stock," in which terms relating to the character of can be no neutral ground. Do you breeding of farm animals are carefuldesire the present system with all its ly defined according to the best usage horrors to continue to rule over you? among scientists and breeders. A The system with its Bulls and Bears; purebred animal is defined as "one of its Longs and its Shorts; its hypopure breeding representing a definite critical hedges; its curbstone venders, recognized breed and both of whose its bucket shop scalpers and all the parents were pure bred animals of rest of its machinery cunningly dethat same breed. To be considered vised to fileh from you your honestpurebred, live sticzk must be either ly earned millions, then from the registered, eligible to registration, or consumer his honestly earned mil-(in the absence of public registry for lions. If you like it join your forces that class) have such lineage that its with the pooler and help to win the pure breeding can be definitely, prov- greatest victory the wheat farmer has To be of good type and quality, ever attempted.

POOLING WHEAT IN RUSH

COUNTY For the last two and one half weeks I have been working on the horses eligible to registration in the Pooling Contract in the County of Rush, one of the best wheat counties General Stud Book of England, the American Stud Book, or affiliated stud in the State.

No doubt dictionaries will finally U. S., I succeeded in getting 54,000 recognize this difference between the bushels pooled.

The total signup in Rush now totals about 90,000 bushels. There is one thing that I am especrecently appointed a committee on ially proud of and that is the showterminology which will go into the subject of correct usage of agricultural term. If you can, we want you to do it and will extend to you the hand of fellow-ship and shout "Hallelujah," till the hasts of special privilege shall tremble on their thrones and among the speculators there will be weeping

and wailing and gnashing of teeth. There are a few weak-kneed Far mers Union members who are afraid December 21st, Bro. Harry Witham to put their name down by the side to put their name down by the side of their neighbors in a last mighty a column on Wheat Pool News. Now of their neighbors in a last mighty effort to shake off the parasites, that I did not know that I had committed grow and fatten on the product of such a terrific misdemeanor against their toil, but are content to allow the good readers of our Kansas Un-the mortgage to consume the little ion Farmer. The place that Daddy homesteaded back

of marketing the old ship is bount to sink with all on board.

A statement was made on the streets of La Crosse that there was an average mortgage of \$2000.00 on every quarter of land in the County if that is the case and no one have nied it, can the farmers of Rush or any other county in Kansa, even to get out of debt by following the old methods of individual marketing with the facts staring them in the

face like the handwriting on the wall. Cooperative marketing is the other alternative, system and sense, business on a scientific basis, a uniform price, justice in price, an equal op portunity to market orderly, to bring farming up to the standard of other businesses, and an application of the Golden Rule, are the advantages of-fered by Pooling our Wheat.

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If you are afraid to trust your

wheat in the Pool with your neighbors for fear it will be stolen, just put t in the speculators pool and you know it will be, part of it at least. With the loyal cooperation of All Kansas have their eyes on the some of the best cooperators in the Farmers Union now so let's go over

wheat. M. O. Glessner,

LIVE STOCK COMMISSION

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Rhouma'ism

championship for the southern states in the contests at the Atlanta Fair. This entitled them to enter the National Contest, with all expenses paid, at Chicago where the team will be chosen to de the best I can and urge you, my brother and friend in the pool, to assist me in making the column snappy and instructive.

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KALMOAS CITY HAY MARKET

The Prairie market is dull with no change in quotations from last Satur-day; the Alfalfa market is strong with quotations one to two dollars up from quotations December 23; all other

quotations December 23; all other quotations are unchanged except Straw, which is fifty cents off.
Receipts were as follows: Prairie 232 cars; Alfalfa, 210 cars; Timothy, 29 cars; Clover, mixed, 16 cars; Clover, 17 cars; Straw, 33 cars; Total, 537 cars as compared with 323 cars last week and 255 cars the corresponding week a year ago.

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RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to take from this life our prother David, R. Shellenbarthis life our prother David R. Shelmackers of Be it resolved that we the members of Salem Local No. 1442, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication one to the bereaved family and one be recorded on the minutes of this Local.

Mrs. Henry Belden,
Mrs. Vesta Johnson,
Mrs. Mary Brown,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas: Our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from our midst Brother Antrew Kramer. drew Kramer.

Be it resolved that we, the members of Local No. 975, extend to the bereaved family, our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication, one to the bereaved family and one to be recorded on the minutes of the local.

Frank Eaton

A. K. Armbrust
Gilbert Haymond.

Committee.

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DELEGATE'S CREDENTIAL THE FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION Kansas Division

., has been elected to represent... This is to certify that at the annual meeting of the Farmers' Union Jobbing Association of the Kansas Division of the National Farmers' Union, to be held at Topeka, Kansas, at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, January 16, 1923. Owner of Stock Certificate

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Department of Practical Co-Operation given offices of public trust are going to more closely watch their steps. Farmers' Union folks, we thank you for your loyalty. Let's line up now and make it a bigger and a better Union, not for Victories to work on will but as a voice or victories to work on will but as a voice or victories to work on will but as a voice or victories to work on will but as a voice or victories to work on will but as a voice or victories to work on will but as a voice or victories to work on will but as a voice or victories to work on will be opposed to the taking out of insurance and probably those who might oppose the Farmers' Union going into the Life Insurance business.

address Farmers' Union meetings as and a more thriving condition. ers within he date list should take into consideration the schedules al-

UNION MEETING NOTICES Notices of Farmers' Union meetings will be printed under this head without charge. Secretaries should send in their copy at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

To Local Secretaries And The Membership in General We have the State Constitutions for 1922, "containing the Amend ments as adopted," ready for distri-

bution at 5c per copy. C. E. Brasted, Secretary. CRAWFORD COUNTY MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Farmers' Union will be held on the last Tuesday of each A. C. BROWN, Co. Pres.

HEALY ELEVATOR MEETING

hall, Wednesday, January 10, 1923, at of the Alma Signal has volunteered C. M. Jennison.

The stockholders of the Burdick once each month. Farmers' Union Coouerative business Association will hold their, Fourth annual meeting in the High school building at Burdick, Kansas, on Friday, January 19th, at 2 p. m. It is the duty of every stockholder to be ers Organization: present as business of importance is to be considered. Olof Hanson, Sec.

POTTOWATOMIE COUNTY HOLDS Editor Kansas Union Farmer:

A splendid talk was given by brothers Oniel and Burkland. Senator Now the same element was Green of the southern part of the state ing lecture on the organization in genspeaker and did full justice to his topic county in the State equal to 6,575 The following resolutions were adopted by the committee on the good of the committee on the com the order and resolutions:

Resolutions

laws to exclude all emigration for ten for the above estimate—State roads years, especially emigrants who come the into competition with the American into compe farmers, which will tend to lower the cost, thus, making a total of \$591,750, of attending. This was quite a novel standard of living of the American 000. 5 per cent interest on the total affair as the men entertained the la-

2. With all due respect for the ideas "Make two blades of grass grow where one does grow," and with the knowledge that we are not getting cost of production from the one blade, therefore we resolve, that our Representative be requested to postpone the creation of Farm Bureaus or other agencies until such time as equitable prices may be realized from the farm products now produced. We further reccomend that the Department of Agriculture and Agricultural colleges make a study of the cost of production of staple crops. We further pledge our full co-operation in helping pledge our full co-operation and bank-ruptcy. arrive at an appropriate, accurate

3. Resolved, that we recommend the lacing of the statutes of the state of Kansas in all public schools of the

4. Resolved, that we denounce the practice of passing so many special

We believe it advisable that the

road laws be amended so that all aunobile taxes be taken out of the control of the State Highway commission. 6. It is quite noticable that salaries of public officials are on a war-time plane, therefore, we reccomend that posed of as the county board sees fit. well, Bush City folks and vicinity they be reduced to a par with general on all public roads in the county.

7. We believe that the legislature should pass laws discouraging the issuance of bonds.

state boards with similar duties.

10. We believe it advisable that the legislature enact a law imposing a poll tax upon any one failing to vote.

14. We condemn the practice of ing. any cooperative business association who do not patronize our livestock and

these resolutions printed in the state few new members.

sentative in congress. concluded that the locals in general for the eats. over the county are not in a thriv- Every one there enjoyed the day farmer folks of Anderson county owe over the county are not in a thriving exercised by the condition at this time and we do fine and gave thanks in more ways are planning on a untiring efforts of Mr. Henderson to that a special effort be put forth that a special effort be put forth the coming year, 1923, by our county the coming year, 1923, the coming year, 1923, by our county tion night. Long live the Union!

officers to either visit each olcal or

—Square Deal, No. 222

FARMERS' UNION MEETINGS make arrangements in some manner Please publish the following that the locals will get back to normal lutions. Please publish the following lutions.

and as many of each committee as he may think advisable to serve for 1923 and hereafter at all meetings that may be held in the county.

organization and that a majority of the members have asked us to recommend to this organization that we change our meetings from quarterly to six times per year and that it be left to the county president to set place and time of each meeting and some of these meetings be held at night, especially in the summer time.

4. At a meeting of the two county picnic committees on November 26 in month throughout the year except their suggestions for the good of the when this date falls on a Legal Holiganizations approve of a plan to edit a monthly paper of the two counties and each member to receive a copy free, expense to be made by advertise-Stockholders annual meeting ments as near as possible if any deof the Healy Cooperative Flevator ficit; that each county hear equally Co., will be held in the I. O. O. F. on same. Mr. Jos. A. Schilling, editor

to edit same at actual cost. 5. That the chairman of each local appoint a committee of about five BURDICK MEETING JANUARY 19 members to visit neighboring locals

-T. P. Heptig, County Secy.

Let it be the sense of this meeting that we represent the tax-payers of over 50 counties of this State which is evidence enough to know what they desire and what they don't want, to preserve the credit of the tax-pay- Editor Kansas Union Farmer: ing element of Kansas.

good attendance was present and a and more efficiency without a thot ruary 7th, 1922. lively interest was shown throughout as to the earning capacity of the average tax-payers business.

were elected. Miss Hern and Miss out a living and a bankrupt. The ele-Fies of Local No. 1623, and brother ments that made the law possible to Hanson of Local No. 1245, contributed bring about this condition, are laughvocal numbers which were much en-blister, realizing at this time as they joyed and highly appreciated by all. do the road petition and benefit dis-

Now the same element wants to put the state into the game proper to describe \$22,001.20. Mr. Balla will continue Mr. Green is an interesting West, making two roads across every mobiles and trucks of Kansas of which there are 325,000 is equal to \$7,200, or 1. That we ask congress to pass better per car. Here is the foundation

per 20 years is equal to the principal, dies, and it was some entertainment. The program is one of the best we

the principal making a total of \$2,-367,000,000. damage. This is not all the tax. We are paying \$5 per car for regular land tax we have exceeded by for the earning capacity of our land. The use of the car has been put aut as business. All moneys drifting into the coffers of bond holders not taxable

carry into effect something the peosentiment was expressed at the last labor at a cost four times higher than the farmer can afford to pay his help. Also robbing the farmer of help to produce, lowering production.

which the tax is collected, to be dis- Well, Bush City folks and vicinity

12. We recommend the single ballot sas Wheat Growers' Association is a

cent meeting.

We, your committee on resolutions submit the following resolutions:

To the Congress of the United

States Inasmuch as Agriculture is the backbone of the nation and the main-stay of civilization and realizing the 3. It has been recommended to this committee that the benefits derived from the quarterly meetings are a great benefit to the members of our organization and that a majority of organization and realizing the great need of adequate finance, we respectfully petition Congress to enact into law the King-Norbeck Financing bill to take the place of the present War Financing Corporation in the financing of commodity marketing organizations organized for the the purpose of marketing products Committee on Resolutions,

ARTHUR GLESSNER M. O. GLESSNER, JAKE E. SCHEUERMAN.

TO STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Resolutions passed by the Rooks County Farmers Union held in Stockton, Thursday, December 21st, 1922. 1st. Resolved, that we are opposed to the state School Code Commission and its work.

2nd. Resolved, that we are opposcollected in county out for roads in any other county and that said funds

be used in county.
3rd. Resolved that we ask that all

4th. Resolved, that we are strictly opposed to Hard Surfaced Roads and also opposed to State Bonding for

J. P. GRIEBEL, W. C. BIGGE, GRANT BLISS. Committee.

WALNUT LIVE STOCK ASS'N HAS A GOOD YEAR

Enclosed find a report of a meet-The fourth quarterly meeting of the I am sorry to relate the fact that ing of the F. U. Live Stock Shipping The fourth quarterly meeting of the F. E. and C. U. of A., of Pottowatomie the booster, or in other words, the hog, is not satisfied and always cryshipping agent gave a summary of the way of high things. Kansas, Saturday, December 9. A ing for more in the way of big things the business done by him since Feb-At a meeting of the Walnut Ship-

ping Association Dec. 20th, the busi-Besides the regular routine of business the officers for the year 1923 district plan has left the farmer with the had shipped 21 cars of live stock This stock had all been consigned to the Farmers Union Live Stock Com-

some very selective instrumental and ing with scorn. Yours did it set on the mission at Kansas City and consisted of 680 sheep, 281 cattle and 839 hogs. They were very satisfactorily handled by the Kansas City firm.

closed the program with an interest-ing lecture on the organization in gen-ty seats both North, South, East and was elected to help him in the future. / J. H. Freeman.

ANDERSON COUNTY NOTES

The first thing we would like to tell you about is busy Bellview; we notice they took matters in their own hands and told you about their Halloween have heard. The men who were not mount he could have 5 per cent to his in the humor to give readings, told credit in 20 years which is equal to stories, and they were real ones. We think the cap sheaf of the program however was an impersonation of a darkey sermon by John Anderson, also Mr. Oval Pierce who told in a qual to to \$32,500,000. including the regular land tax we have exceeded by course, County Secretary C. E. Henderson was on the job as usual and gave a couple of selections from Riley. We sometimes wonder if he knows all of them. Well anyway at the close of the program we were invited to partake of a real oyster feed, not just The proposed amendment for bond a big dish of soup with one or two issue of \$60,000,000 is only the begin-lonesome oysters floating around but ning of a scheme to secure laws to carry into effect something the peomany helpings—well as you had caple do not want, at a time when the pacity. Bellview sure does it up right, and remember the men even cooked election for lower taxes. It is absurd the oysters as well as served them. Three cheers for the men of Bellview. Ladies we'll boost you next time. The next item of interest we must

tell you about is the last county meeting. Folks we told you there was go We further recommend all auto and ing to be something worth going far truck taxes remain in the counties in to see but a lot of you didn't come. on all public roads in the county.

Wm. LYONS, Sec. Lyndon, Kan. Farmer folks usually put up good eats WHEAT GROWER OFFICIALS OUT but they outdid themselves this time, but everybody was not too full for Wichita, Dec. 21.—The removal of utterance for Bush to put on one of we lavor the consolidation of two state officials of the Kansas the best programs in the afternoon that has ever been given at a county dies of any kind unless agriculture is subsidized adequately first.

M. D. Kelly, Space and Spac M. D. Kelly, finance officer, was said to have been abolished, and J. A. Carpenter is understood to have been re-11. We ask our legislature to lieved as organization manager. It table number on the program was the amend our co-operative law to include was rumored the changes were made address by the Hon. J. H. Paradise of tion. We venture to say few men in the state could have presented a more in the primary.

13. We endorse the action of the county commissioners in ordering supplies direct.

14. We condemn the practice of ing.

15. Wheat Growers' Association is a marketing organization of farmers who have "pooled" several million bushels of wheat for co-operative selling.

16. Sas Wheat Growers' Association is a marketing organization of farmers who have "pooled" several million bushels of wheat for co-operative selling. dress with a short speech of his own, telling the folks that the Union had who do not patronize our livestock and jobbing associations.

15. We recommend that our county secretary be instructed to have ty secretary be instructed in the state of the men who stood for a square deal for these resolutions printed in the state lew new members.

The state lew new members.

Our local celebrated Thanksgiving the farmer along with other business and local papers, also copies be day at our school house, where he interests. Mr. Henderson has a pleasing of course all didn't tative in congress.

Good of the Order

That by observation we have

That by observation we have the box of the county along the box of th matter has been well received and the

operative for the good of everybody. company, and the possibilities are

by them, were elected from governor This shows what farmers can do by united effort and will be an incentive in the future to accomplish greater things, not only in governmental affairs but in building up a real farmers' marketing system.

We are going to continue to pull to-A certain Democrat newspaper, not a million miles away stated that, "We elected five county officers." Now elected five county officers." "We" didn't have a darned thing to do with it. The Farmers' Union-Grange

DELPHOS MAN FAVORS INSURANCE COMPANY Editor Kansas Union Farmer.

know it.-Colony Free Press.

Am enclosing my opinion on organizing a Farmers' Union Life Insurance company. As it is too long I don't expect you to publish it but if ou are not too busy may be you can

read it. In a recent issue of your paper you spoke of the Farmers' Union organzing a Life Insurance company. I funds of State, County and Town-ship be used as economical as possi-sion on the subject but not, although sion on the subject but not, although believe it a good thing.

Too often, I believe we take our pen in hand to condemn and not often enough do we write approvingly to our There is probably at least one mil-

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Editor Kansas Union Farmer,

Please publish the following resolutions which were adopted at a re-The Farmers' Union-Grange organi- just as great and the need just as imzations should feel more than satis-fied with the results of the recent election for their candidates, endorsed was at the time our company was

adopted. At the present time a large part of our Life Insurance money, perhaps most of it, goes to Wall Street, there a large per cent of it is used in purchasing stocks and bonds. Thus the policy holders of our Life Insurance companies become, indirectly, stock-holders and bond-holders of our industrial stocks and bonds, including railroad stocks and bonds, and bank stocks. We are furnishing the funds to finance some of this nation's greatest monopolies and trusts, but we are denied the right to say how these concerns are run, because of the fact that even in the large Mutual comorganizations did the trick and "We" panies, the average policy-holder has no chance to select the Board of Directors of his company, who will cast the vote of the insurance company, as a stock holder in these different industrial concerns which it is interested. Our bylaws should stipulate that we can huy no industrial stocks and

bonds, that every dellar of money paid in except the legal reserve must go into public bonds, such as U. S. bonds, especially farm loan bonds, state bonds, county bonds and school bonds and that all must be registered. As the purpose of the Farmers' Union is to shorten the route between the producer and the consumer we would have a good chance here by cutting out all agents' fees and letting each member send in his own application or the local secretary could do this for him. This plan has not always been successful but would save from twenty-five to one hundred

will bring for one year the Official News from Wash-ington. It keeps you post-

ed on the Farmers Union fight before Congress and

the administration. This

information you have want-

ed and need.

Two of the largest insurance companies report agents' expenses of about 9 per cent of all money paid in.

We are tired of building buildings in Wall Street, let's build some more like the one we have right here in our

Member Mt. Pleasant Local No. 19, Delphos, Kansas, R. 1.

own state.

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CALL FOR THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KANSAS DIVIS-ION OF THE FARMERS' EDUCA-TIONAL AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA

JANUARY 16, 17, 18 and 19

The Kansas Division of the National Farmers' Union and the State Co-operative business associations it has lent its efforts to establish, will convene at Topeka, Kansas, Kansas, Tuesday, January 16, 1922, at 10

The Jobbing Association meeting will be the first number on the program. It will convene Tuesday morning, 10:00 a. m. and continue in session until 6:00 p. m., or the part of that time necessary to transact its

The Auditing Association will convene at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of the same day.

Wednesday morning, January 17, at 10:00 a. m. the Farmers' Union will convene in annual session and, with a few intermissions will continue in session until all the business necessary to come before the meeting is transacted.

Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock the Insurance Company will hold a meeting while the committee on credentials are getting their reports ready.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 the Live Stock Commission Company will convene to consider the live stock interests of the association.

Thursday morning the Farmers' Union proper will again convene at 9 o'clock and continue its activities until the purposes for which the meeting was called are accom-

Thursday evening meeting will be an open mseting devoted to speech making.

Delegates to Farmers' Union annual meeting are required to have their crdentials in the hands of Secretary Brasted 10 days before the date of the annual meeting.

Basis of Representation

1. One delegate for each local Union in good standing in the State Union December

31, 1922. 2. One de egate for each county or district union in good standing as above. A county and district union to be in good standing must have five or more local unions in good standing in the state union December

31, 1922. 2. One delegate for each Farmers' Union Co-operative Association and in case of county Farmers' Union Co-operative Association, each unit of such association is entitled to a delegate. All delegates must have credentials signed by the president and secretary of the organization thy claim to repre-

A delegate must be a member in good standing of the organization he is elected to represent at the annual meeting.

Delegates are required to send their credentials to C. E. Brasted, state secretary, Salina, Kansas, at least ten (10) days before the date set for the opening of the annu-l meeting.

JOHN TROMBLE, President.

C E. BRASTED, Secretary.

FORMAL CALL

The Jobbing Association of the Kansas Division of the National Farmers' Union will hold its regular annual meeting in the city of Topeka, State of Kansas, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 1923.

Every individual owner of one share of more of the common stock, is entitled to attend this meeting and cast one vote. Every Co-operative Business Association owning one or more shares of stock is entitled to attend and cast one vote. Every local or County Union owning one share or more, is entitled to attend and cast one vote. Individual sharehoders, Co-operative Associations and Union organizations are urged to are range for delegates to attend this meeting either in person or by proxy or delegate.

NEW YEAR'S **GREETINGS**

During the past year we have been greatly benefited by our business relationship and desire to express our thanks for your earnest cooperation. We wish you many happy returns of a Prosperous

Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n. Kansas City, Mo.

1923 DUES

Local secretaries are hereby notified to collect 1923 dues as follows:

Yearly Dues\$2.25 Building Fund50

TOTAL\$2.75 Of this amount \$1.75 is to be sent to the State Secretary.

> C. E. BRASTED SALINA, KANSAS