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THE GREAT POLITICAL DRAMA IN SOUTH DAKOTA And here let me say that while the President has acquired an outstanding reputation for political caution of Directors of the F. U. Creamery and cumping he is not without and the argument to the same of the argument and the argument to the same of the same of

trary, it would cause him to stand out has ever known. before the World as a President who has the courage of his convictions and those convictions.

summer White House, he did not se- and that he works at his trade 365 President regarded this pledge as lect a friendly and spacious front days in the year. When he is asked nothing more than so much political porch amid the great cornfields of whether he intends to seek a third applesauce—it was merely intended to Iowa or Illinois, or amid the golden term—an honor which Washington catch the farm vote, and it served its wheat fields of Kansas or Nebraska, and Jefferson were patriotic enough purpose most admirably, realms which may truly be said to be to decline in advance, and which was Of course the President heroically the very citadel of Agricultural dise denied to truly great Americans like poses as a great friend of co-operative content, and where "economically un- Grant and Roosevelt-he smiles in marketing, but no one knows better sound" farm leaders are as thick as scrutably and says neither yea nor than he that under existing conditions fiddlers in Hades-instead he chose a nay. Meanwhile, however, his political this is harmless and will not assure retreat that is quite a bit removed followers are as busy as cranberry the farmer of a dollar of 100c purchasfrom the big pot that simmers and merchants, and as they come and go ing power—no one knows better than boils in the mighty Corn Belt. And from the summer White House they he that this will not make the tariff

eral public gatherings, and among sota, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa do them a great farmers' picnic. But if likewise? In any case if he can fool these press dispatches are to be be- the farmers of South Dakota-and I lieved, the President accepted these invitations with the distinct under- al Republican politicians of South Dastanding that he would not be asked to make a public address. And I flesh pots will give him all the assismost scathing and voluminous docu- divided the farm forces at the very inbe reluctant to explain and amplify the views expressed in the document before an audience of farmers any-whore in the little that the drama which is the reduction for the last month and the second of the reduction for the last month and the reduction for the reductio where in the United States? If today Theodore Roosevelt were the magnet who focused the Nation's attention the magnet who focused the Nation's attention the magnet who standing is outstanding. It shows that the people of Kansas are becoming aroused over the nation of the magnet who standing is outstanding. It shows that the people of the nation of the magnet who standing is outstanding. It shows that the people of the nation of the magnet who standing is outstanding. It shows that the people of the national magnetic standing is outstanding. It shows that the arama which is as compared with a year ago, is outstanding. It shows that the people of the nation of the magnetic standing is outstanding. It shows that the people of the nation of the magnetic standing is outstanding. It shows that the people of the nation of t discuss any great public question at the great office of President. And any time, anywhere?

The simple truth of the matter is that Mr. Coolidge does not trust him- that they are confronted with a pro- 1,342 fires with losses of \$1,536,311, self to a frank and open discussion of foundly grave responsibility, and that a reduction in losses of \$1,173,769 audience of farmers—evidently and the manner in which they meet that This is a wonderful showing. with good reason he and his advisers have the fear that some courageous, the fate of Agriculture for years to

study the Agricultural question first-hand and thus endeavor to reach a sound understanding of what the acsound understanding of what the actual conditions are and what is necessary to remedy them. And on the face of things this sounded fine—for if today the President were domiciled in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, or even in the Black Hills, and if thus he were inviting the farmers, bankers and merchants of the great grain and livestock producing states to candidly and fearlessly discuss with hin the Agricultural question, this would not only be fine, it would be splendid. And the mere fact that while engaged in such discussions he might see fit to such discussions he might see fit to ington and who in the face of the vast denounce the McNary-Haugen Bill power exerted against them by the with all the vehemence of which a great Coolidge machine, smashed that Vermonter is capable, this would not machine into kindling wood and won make it any less splendid—on the contact with greatest victory that Agriculture about the greatest victory that Agriculture was not at the degement that Agriculture was not at the ings instead of being sent through the that time on a basis of equality with mail. At these meetings, moving picture was not at the contact with the property of t make it any less splendid-on the con- the greatest victory that Agriculture

A Master Politician

when I make this observation I don't solemnly declare that Mr. Coolidge effective on our surplus farm commodmean for one moment to imply that must be and will be renominated. And ities or vouchsafe to Agriculture identically the same Agricultural that they would do this without the "equality with industry." The Presiproblem does not exist in South Da- President's tacit approval is, of course, dent moved Heaven and Earth for the kota that exists in Iowa, Illinois, Kan- preposterous. Perhaps it comes near- passage of the Fess Bill which was a sas or Nebraska, but what I do mean est to the truth to say that at this meaningless sop to co-operative maris that if the President really had time the President is trying out the keting, and which proposed a new loan blood in his eye and if he was looking third term ice to see whether it is safe of \$100,000,000 to farmers and farm for a chance to smite those who, Agrior not, reserving his final decision co-operatives—and yet he knew per-culturally speaking, are alleged to be until later. So far as the Industrial feetly well that what the farmer needs economically unclean, then he would East is concerned, there is not the is not a chance to go deeper into be domiciled in the heart of the Corn slightest question about his popular- debt, but such a price for the fruits of Belt at this hour. And in the meanity in that quarter, for he has "detime I am sure I do simple justice to livered the goods," and the Industrial some of the crushing debts he now the intelligence of the farmers of East believes in "letting well enough owes. South Dakota when I remind them alone" and in not "swapping horses in There is no higher authority in the that Mr. Coolidge is sojourning out midstream." But the one big, black Republican party today than Andrew sible. in the beautiful Black Hills today, not cloud on his political horizon is the W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, to angle for mountain trout, but to farm vote, and therefore the capture angle for the delegates of South Da- of the South Dakota delegation as kota to the coming National Republi- sumes tremendous National import- STATE FIRE MARSHAL DEPART-

ance—if he can wheedle the farmers Some days ago the newspapers announced that Mr. Coolidge had accepted an invitation to appear at sevwonder why? After having vetoed the tance they can in this endeavor—then \$17,005. Nearly one-half of last McNary-Haugen Bill in one of the in any event he will have confused and month's fire loss includes the burnthat ever emanated from the ception of the great coming show- kansas City, \$25,000; Eureka, \$40. White House, I wonder why he should down for Agricultural justice, and 450; Fort Scott, \$10,176. A church at who locused the Nation's attention upon the Black Hills instead of Mr. Coolidge, can anyone imagine the importal Rough Rider dodging a great ed that he shall remain a "brother to It is to be regretted that dwellings," Coolidge, can anyone imagine the immortal Rough Rider dodging a great public question in this fashion? Or, for that matter, reaching back to the hallowed days of George Washington, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with a total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with a total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with a total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with a total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with a total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with a total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with a total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittened with the total loss of \$52,067. Barns, public trample underfoot the unwrittene hallowed days of George Washington, have we ever had an occupant of the public, trample underfoot the unwrit-White House until Mr. Coolidge enterprise that the first time in listory of the Residue Staty-Investigation of \$52,067. Barns, with a total loss of \$52,067. Barns, stores, garages, and miscellaneous White House until Mr. Coolidge enten though sacred law that no man stores, galages, white House until Mr. Coolidge enten though sacred law that no man stores, galages, the first took a heavy toll. the great office of President. And IMPORTANT—During the first took and the great office of President. therefore it should not be necessary

come, but likewise the fate of the SHALL WE ESTABLISH JUSTICE?
SHALL WE BE FAIR TO ALL? great Republic of Washington and

DRAMA IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Treaders has acquired an outstand by the properties of the pr

And now I want to remind the farmers of South Dakota that when

this plank by the National Republican Convention in 1924 a frank acknowledgement that Agriculture was not at form, did not the farmers of South Mr. Coolidge has well earned the Dakota and the rest of the Country who is willing to stand or fall upon title of "Cautious Cal" and its twin have a right to assume that, if elected, brother of "Silent Cal"—whatever one he would conscientiously strive to may think of him as a statesman, none carry out this solemn pledge? But But when the time came for Mr. may think of him as a statesman, none carry out this solemn pledge? But Coolidge to choose a location for the will deny that he is a master politician,

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TOPEKA, Kans., July Kansas continues to reduce its fire losses as compared with a year ago. In June, this Department with a loss of \$544, 895. The reports for June this year show a total of 154 fires with a loss ing of three stores. These were: Ar-

six months of 1926 there were 1,796 for me to remind the farmers of fires reported with losses of \$2,710, South Dakota and of the Northwest 080. The same months of 1927 show

State Fire Marshal.

If you want to control others, you nust learn to control yourself. If you want friends, be friendly.
If you want love, don't be stingy

Not one borrower out of ten who the farmer was debts. went to the bank and secured money Debts, how could the

If you want to be respected, you ESTABLISHING TWO SYSTEMS FOR THE COST OF ONE

not paralyzed. On Borrowed Capital

But the farmer I was working for seemed to be worried over something their wheat, in an effort to discourthat was pricking him deeper than pitchforks or thistles. Why should a ge them in their efforts at co-operation? man worry when the "best wheat in the world" was being harvested by cheap labor and the machinery he ed as "frozen credits," and a great used was of the very best? Little did ciation has taken the banner of Jus-number of banks have been carried I realize the silver dollars I had in the frozen treatment of the Kansas down because they have tried to help my pocket had been borrowed at the Wheat Growers' Association and the bank. All the money required to put that wheat in the stack had been bor- on. Our ranks are thinned. The battlerowed at 10 per cent interest. A note scarred veterans of the past five years given at the bank, with the signature have their faces toward the enemy. to ask what the farmers are kicking of the farmer guaranteeing payment No brass band is cheering them on. in a short time after harvest, was the Over the ground they have gained lie thing that was pricking the farmer so many comrades who have fallen. No deeply. The thing that was worrying medal of honor is pinned to their old

During the noon hour I could hear cost is great. In a fight where equity ernment is taking up the loans from plans being made for getting the and justice, home and liberty are at the banks and the veterans will lose wheat threshed as soon as possible stake, can we expect to win without a the accumulated benefits which they after harvest so that the debts could would secure if they had protected be paid. Interest! What a demon it their certificates at the banks. be paid. Interest! What a demon it was! Eating into the farmer's wheat crop both day and night. I have heard his system of charging interest.

Paid 36 Per Cent Interest One of the neighbors told how he had borrowed money in an earlier day and had been compelled to pay three per cent per month, or 36 per cent interest per year. I wondered if fight was misrepresented to them, or that had anything to do with his hair turning grey or whether that caused his face to be wrinkled. If you doubt this statement, write to Ed Baker of

Bison, Kansas. — Mortgages! What could there be about a mortgage that would make heads to the guillotine. Distribution of final settlement checks on last year's deliveries of cream are now being made to members of the Farmers Union Co-operation of the Farmers Union Co-operation of the State President C. E. Huff will be borned by the creation of the shell and the cry of the wound-but of the cry of th an old soldier shed tears, when he had ed and dying in the still hours of the night on many battlefields?

"Can't you wait until we can sell the wheat?" Who was it calling on the farmer and urging him to hurry and dispose of his crop? Mortgages and debts were the heartless wretches There seems to be only one sure way of disposing of these heartless homewreckers and that is by doing away with the credit and mortgage system. A Tremendous Task

When we undertake to overthrow a system that has fastened its talons into the very heart of the nation and "has cowed down the farmer until he must crouch and cower like a belabored hound beneath his master's lash,' we meet the opposition of the educated and the uneducated, the master and the slave. It is a battle of right against injustice.

Business on a cash basis elimniates system be established without cost or sacrifice? He who thinks that it can reckons without the enemy that is as old as civilization. In order to find it necessary to establish a sys-

All attempts on the part of farmers to establish a system of marketbody. There will be speaking for the the determined opposition of the been no donations. We must pay for money lenders and the grain brokers. ones, dancing for the flappers and cake-eaters, and swimming for the fishy ones. Everybody is welcome, large swarms, and continue to harp that a system of marketing is defer-red and the money lender is safe. FRANKLIN COUNTY PICNIC

Ottawa is to be the meeting place for the farmer in debt and compel him pelled to sell to satisfy the debts inour next annual convention, this Oct- to dump his products on the market pleted in many particulars for the convention. Due to the extremely operative elevators were opposed by bushel for wheat. in an effort to pay high interest rates, convention. Due to the extremely operative elevators were opposed by busy season not a very large crowd local grain men to quite an extent, but as long as money had to be borrowed at the local bank at a high rate and Carroll Brown were present, and of interest, to carry on the operations the fact that we are establishing two that would guarantee a successful of the elevator, the banker only op-Farmers Union meeting anywhere. posed the effort because it tended to ing that we are making a fight There was a promise of rain, which disrupt the business already establish- against the strongest organizations

petition among ourselves was the United States, and further considerchain that was binding us to the cred- ing the fight as being the deciding it and mortgage system, we cast our factor for years to come as to whetheves in the direction of the terminal er we shall be bound and gagged by regaining her health rapidly now. She Blair, W. H. Blair, and members of market and in the direction of war. the credit system or freed by a cash spoke of their coming county meet-ing which is to be held at the Van It was an unusually good program. I that when the first marketing agree-several cents per bushel by my weakthem, and ment was written for the Kansas kneed neighbors, for they won't hard-Wheat Growers' Association that that ly have the nerve to mention it and was a "declaration of war" on the can claim no credit for getting it.

credit and mortgage system.

How Bankers "Co-operated" Did the battle begin? Ask some of have been reduced through our efthe directors of the Kansas Wheat forts. Terminal clevators have been Growers' Association. Was it war on bought and operated. Direct sales with the part of the bankers to the point millers and exporters are now a comof extermination when they compelled mon practice. The fact that payments the farmer who wanted to cash a on last year's crop are helping to draft on the association to make the harvest this year's crop proves grower sign a note securing the bank the cash system is possible, and that before the draft would be paid? we are establishing two systems at When the directors were required to the cost of one. give their personal notes for money to start operations of the pool, was that any evidence that the bankers

By Milton O. Glessner, Salina, Kans.
When I was a boy on a Rush county, Kansas, wheat farm, bounded by other wheat farms, my thoughts and actions were influenced by wheat. My

actions were influenced by wheat. My first harvesting job lasted 10 days and consisted in loading both header-barges for one header. I was paid \$7.50 for my labor. I used a shorthandled fork and managed to prick my legs quite frequently while loading the wheat into the barge as it came from the elevator mouth. I was young, only 10, so the skinned places soon healed. While I panted and sweated, the thistles brushing against my bare legs made me realize I was my bare legs made me realize I was my bare legs made me realize I was tors belittling the efforts of farmers if it was not the dealers? Who spent money in buying farmers, by paying them more than the market price for

The battle continues. The Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Assoblue jackets. Valley Forge had no Debts, how could they be eliminat-They are attacked from all sides. The sacrifice?

Our neighbors are looking on with trembling knees. Will they enlist in our ranks , lending courage and harsh words said about the banker and his system of charging interest. strength to the cause, or are they so conquered and subjugated that the blood is frozen in their veins and they stand like fat oxen waiting for the butcher's knife? When we look about us and see the weak-kneed brothers deserting us on the grounds that the that they are in debt and must have all their money when they thresh their crops, we almost lose heart in the struggle. But for the fact that the struggle is international and knows no defeat we would bow our

Canadian Farmers Winning ranks. They are operating nearly on a cash basis. Their payments from the crop delivered are paying the harvesting and threshing expense. Debts are being wiped out. Farmers are hopeful that they shall "sit beneath their own vine and fig tree and none shall dare to make them afraid." We are establishing two systems: A system of marketing and a system of financing. All the cost of establishing these two systems must be borne by the system of marketing. If we fail to realize this and undertake to compare the price that we get for our wheat with the price the man got who sold his wheat to the enemy, we may find that we are short some few cents per bushel. If we are expecting to establish two systems for the cost of one and then beat the strongest combination in the world in getting a credit and mortgages. Can the cash price, we have our expectations

Growers Must Pay We have to furnish our own ammunition, which consists of publicity, lectures and organization workers. establish a cash system of business we we must keep a complete record of every member's deliveries, elections of directors, board meetings, and every step the organization has taken ing, even in a small way, have met has to be paid for by us. There have these things if we would have them.

Because of the efforts of the association to stabilize the markets by large swarms, and continue to harp marketing orderly, and because the in the farmer's ear the old song of opposition has wished to discredit the "competition being the life of trade," efforts of farmers toward co-operative marketing, competition or war as to An Interwoven System

The grain brokers know that as with the result that the market was ong as the money lenders can keep forced up. The farmer who was comcurred at harvesting time received the full benefit of the raise, which is Many Things to Consider

Figuring the price which my wheat ed.

When we had taken the first step in co-operation and learned that comwaging the fight of all farmers in the We have plenty to brag about if

we are so inclined.

Whoever is contented is rich.-Fir-

:: Neighborhood Notes ::

ASSOCIATION RECEIVE FIN-AL SETTLEMENT

tive Produce Association.

The distribution of checks is being made through the medium of meetindustry? And when Mr. Coolidge ac- tures featuring co-operative organicepted the nomination on this platedy for the children are being shown by Mr. Francis, field superintendent, and the distribution of checks is made by Mr. Bullard, president of the as-

This method of making distribuproper explanation might be made regarding the activities of the association. It also affords an opportunity for members to ask any questions they may desire concerning the organization and get first-hand and direct

information. Meetings have been held and distribution of checks made at the following points to date: Harris

Burlington Westphalia Overbrook Waverly Baldwin Meetings are scheduled for futu dates at points as follows: Paola, Friday, July 29th.

LaCygne, Saturday, July 30th. Olathe, Monday, August 1st. Wellsville, Tuesday, August 2nd. Pomona, Wednesday, August 3rd. Centropolis, Thursday, August 4th. Blue Mound, Friday, Augst 5th. Meetings will be arranged and dis tribution of checks made to members at other points just as rapidly as pos-

R. F. Anderson of Phillipsburg was an effective witness in the grain rate hearings at Wichita Saturday. He and Ralph Snyder, president of the Kansas Farm Bureau, came up as far as Salina with C. E. Brasted and C. E. Huff, going to Manhattan via Junction City. From Manhattan Mr. An-

MRS. L. C. GRETTEN OF ANDER-SON COUNTY IS AGAIN

We have received a letter from Mrs. Sickle home at Garnett, with a great, appreciated meeting with deal of enthusiasm, saying that there would be more than sixty present besides the men. In regard to the Woman's Auxiliary in that county she said that Mrs. Campbell and she were planning to call on every woman in the county and make an intensive campaign, before the state meeting. We we might hear as good news from every organized county in the

COWLEY COUNTY MEETING Cowley county will hold their coun ty meeting with the Kellogg Local No. 1809, Thursday, August 4th. This his belongings and n Local is near Winfield and the meet-changes in address.

MEMBERS OF THE FARMERS UN- ing is to be a night meeting. State ION CO-OPERATIVE PRODUCE President C. E. Huff will be the speaker of the evening.

CARGY LOCAL NO. 2136 HOLD

er, the secretary of the Local, sends directions so that no one will have in reaching grounds. Overbrook is the town which is 26 miles southeast of Topeka. The picnic is 4 1-2 miles east. 3 miles south and 1-2 mile east of Overbrook. Everybody will be welcome.

CLAY COUNTY PICNIC President C. E. Huff and Secretary C. E. Brasted have been invited to tion has been chosen in order that Clay county to attend the county picnic which is to be held at Clay Center on August 18th. Mr. Thos. E. Larson of Clay Center is the county secretary.

ANNUAL DOUGLAS COUNTY PICNIC Mr. J. A. Liggett of Baldwin has invited President C. E. Huff to attend the annual picnic of the Douglas County Farmers Union which is to be

held at Baldwin August 19th. TWO COUNTY PICNIC ST. MARYS AUGUST 23 Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee coun

ties will hold their 8th annual picnic tem of marketing. at the Riverside park at St. Marys on Tuesday, August 23rd. There wil be plenty of entertainment for everysober ones, ball games for th sporty which is the most important of all.

It was the editor's privilege to at-Ottawa July 27. The picnic was held in Forest Park, a delightful place. derson returned to his home. He is manager of the Phillips County Faroccasion, nevertheless. E. L. Bullard materialized shortly after we were dismissed, and the program was L. C. Gretten, who has been ill for shortened on that account. Those who many weeks. We think the most detook part in the program were Ed lightful thing in her letter was the statement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that the mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that the mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that the mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allison, Elizabeth Fisher, Doris Simstatement that the mons of the mons statement that she was again able to mons, Mrs. Shock, Mrs. Burgin, Allidrive her car. That means that she is son Thayer, Florence Melcher, Ellene

> getting somewhat acquainted. One day last week a Document case of valuable papers was picked up in the Board of Trade building in Kansas City. Upon investigation it was found that the case contained the name of Thos. B. Dunn of Salina, Kansas. It must have been a perfect stranger who found it because the party evidently did not know that Mr. Dunn no longer resided in Salina, and the case was sent here. We would suggest that Mr. Dunn go through his belongings and make the necessary

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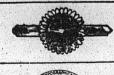
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1927

FROM THE BLACK HILLS

The background for the new farm bill is being carefully built up at the summer White House in the Black Hills. Editors, politicians, business men a few tame farmers, call to discuss the state of agriculture. After each conference, the press is informed that progress is being made on the farm bill that the administration is pregaring.

Meanwhile, Secretary Jardine has the complete bll in his pocket. It was drawn up long before the presidential vacation was started. Its provisions have been explained to at least one farm group. The conferences in the Black Hills are apparently just stage setting to make the announcement of the measure more impressive when the time is right.

at is in the new bill? One province occurhorrify the folks who worried about the "economic unsoundness" of the McNary-Haugen measure. It appropriates \$300,000,000, just as the farm ill did, but provides that losses of the marketing corporation set up under the act may be paid out of this appropriation. The McNary-Haugen bul had the equalization fee take care of the loss. The part, or whether he remained outside. administration measure follows the easier practice of taking it out of the public funds. And yet suppor 's of the McNary-Haugen bill were accused of trying to "loot the treasury."

The farm controlled board is absent from the new bill. So is the equalization fee. In other respects ,it follows along much the same lines as the farm bill. Would it be worth anything to the farmer if it passed? Not very much. For a little while, if the bill were well adminstered, corn, tobacco and cotton prices might be helped. At the end of that time, the appropriation would be exhausted; congress would not be inclined to throw more money in the pot; production, unchecked by the equalization fee, would have increased; the final state o fthe farmer would be worse than the first. The hog producer, of course, could profit not at all through the Jardine bill.

But would the act be well administered? The south, to whom the bribe of a gift from the treasury is directed, remembers what a Coolidge appointee, Eugene Meyer, did in the cotton crisis. Instead of using his powers to support the co-operatives in handling the cotton surplus, he turned to the private traders. There is not much chance that the new bill, if it passed ,would be used .o strengthen the real co-operatives.

The new Jardine bill seems like the old Curthe political farm bills of the past. It concedes much to the farmer, everything, in fact, except the essentials. The administration has forgotten about economy, about economic soundness, about holding down production; it is proposing to scoop declared A. J. McGuire, Minneapolis. Mr. McGuire received from borrowers on loans. Each stockholdmoney out of the treasury with both hands; it is General Manager of the Land O'Lakes Creamersays: "Take this, and please be quiet." But loans ies, a service and sales organization for 400 coand gifts will not settle the issue. Even though the administration does not care for economy, or states handling the cream produced on 80,000 eco..omic soundness, or production control, the far- farms. mers do. They want a measure that will not waste federal funds, but one that will help to regulate production, that will help, not for a season, but to the nature and form of the organization and the for as long as the tariff helps the manufacturers or other legislation acts help other classes.

square deal, and will not be satisfied with politi- extremely important factor of knowledge and excal subterfuges. The farmers of the country insist perience of time to assist in the business." that the question of agricultural relief be solved on the ight or wrong of the matter and not on the basis of political expediency; that the republican men on the Kansas City Market than those of the party, represented by a president elected on its par Farmers Union Live Stock Commission," said ty platform, make good its promises to agricul Walter Barth, of Henry county, who recently had ture instead of standing in the way of their ful- a car of fat cattle and a car of hogs sold by this fillment. Publicity, recommending purely political co-operative firm, Mr. Barth ships regularly, to measures, emanating from the summer White this firm, and is well satisfied with the service House in the hills of South Dakota, after confer- rendered.—Secretary Cowden in Missouri Farmer ences with those who have been consistently opposed to agricultural relief, will not satisfy the farm folks or the business men who know the problem.-Wallaces Farmer.

ARE THE RAILROADS TO PROSPER FURTH-

ER AT THE FARMER'S EXPENSE? The rate hearings at Wichita involve many other angles of rate-making than the proposed increase stations in that section, the building and equipment in grain rates. For example Kansas City is prepar- being valued at \$16,095. ad to spend, and probably will spend, \$25,000 in an ad to spend, and process, and process for that point as and sales for the year amounted to \$63,423, with what this year, there is much aid still needed; and against other markets, or to retain such rates a gross trading profit of \$20,465. Operating exagainst other marketing profit of \$20,400. Operating ex-where already effective. Whether the rate is high where already effective. Whether the rate is high or low is of no concern to them. No doubt there are interest on the investment at the rate of 7 per to be desired. many cases where the existing rates discriminate cent, there remained a net profit for the year of many cases where the carried and many cases are carried and many cases and many cases are carried and many cases and many cases are carried and many cases are carried and many cases and many cases are carried and many carried and many cases are carried and many carried and many cas against communities. So far as the traffic is concerned, members as a patronage dividend, at the rate of is, and that it will be difficult to get them all to good dividends. imaginary lines so that the same wary several cents per bushel on 16.46 per cent, and \$1,504 was returned to certising up to an agreement to market through only grain in a few miles. Such variation cannot be justified by any physical facts upon which handling business done at the filling station.

costs and charges must be based. They are arti-

But the Farmers Union and the other farm oring to secure the increases but hoping to make the dues in a lifetime. fight sufficiently vigorous to use up the fighting strength of farm organizations. In this they may be successful. It is certain that the farmer cannot enter the fight on any comparable basis. Against the wealth of the carriers the farm organizations must match their meager funds. Against an array of legal and expert talent the farmers must pre-Change of Address—When change of address is of legal and expert talent the farmers must pre-ordered, give old as well as new address, and sent their numerically small forces. Right and justice are on the side of agriculture in this contention, and that is something.

Clyde M. Reed is entitled to the gratitude of every farmer in Kansas for the work he has done in preparation for this case, and for the manner in which it is being conducted. His effort has been out are working rather heroically to prevent this further toll being taken-a toll hardly short of robbery.

WHAT GOOD IS A FARM ORGANIZATION

To err is said to be human. To undertake what has not been done before, or to undertake to do it in a better way, is to risk a larger chance for erment has been the spirit of adventure which characterizes it. Was it not the same fine daring which led Lindberg to test his belief that he could cross the Atlantic alone by airplane, which also led a little group of farmers in Rooks and Phillips counties to borrow \$50.00 from the bank and start an insurance company? And they also landed safely. Some of the facts in co-operative success read like romances. There have been some errors, and some failures. There have been very prominently played up in many localities. Not a few persons in the great state of Kansas have the impression that little or no value attaches to the farm organizations. A smaller number believes their chief value lies in the fact that they afford salaried jobs for a few "friends" of the farmer.

I do not want to overdraw this picture, but if the grain rate case turns out in the way in which I anticipate—the retention of the present rates at the worst, and a fair reduction at the best-it will be largely to the credit of organized farmers in Kansas. That saving alone, over what would probably have resulted in this case but for them, will be

Members of the Farmers Union, some of whose money is being used here in a fight for justice and right may resent the fact that others share equally ganizations with which we are affiliated in this in the result. We ought not to resent it. The Good fight, are concerned almost wholly with the pro- Samarian was a poor boob in the eyes of some, but posed increase in rates on grain. The conditions un- he made the world a better place in which to live. der which farming is being carried on, and the And the story says that the chap he helped came prosperous situation in which the railroads un- to his senses after awhile and appreciated what doubtedly find themselves would amply justify a had been done for him. It might happen again. Stay reduction. The carriers doubtless recognized this with your organization. Pay your dues—they are fact, and filed application for increases averaging not a very heavy burden. The Farmers Union is nearly 50 per cent over present rates, not expect- worth to you in money every year as much as your costs the farmer much more to pro-

> TAKING THE FIGHT TO THE RAILROADS Cliff Stratton is entitled to credit, even to praise, for the manner in which he is treating the Wichita statistics showing that it costs the hearings in the Topeka Capital. The farm organiza- farmer an average of about 79 per tions do not deserve quite fully the credit he gives for his products. At the end of the them in these paragraphs, but the fight they are thirty minutes' conference the commaking is an earnest one and is being directed mittee's representatives declared the making is an earnest one and is being directed inflored response from a defensive attitude to an offensive favorable" toward the suggestion one. Some credit is due elsewhere. These are facts, nevertheless:

It is a far-flung line, this grain rate hearing before Balthaser H.Meyer, interstate commerce commissioner, at the Broadview hotel here.

Seven Kansas farm organizations, plus one fourstate organization, the Southwest Co-operative Wheat Marketing association-Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Nebraska-are taking advantage of this rate hearing to read into the records the unbalanced economic structure of the United States which makes the farm problem.

Also they are showing why this farm problem is more than a farm problem. It is a problem afror. One of the fine things about the farm move- fecting the entire Mississippi-Missouri valley, farmers, bankers, business men, the auto industry, the corner grocerymen, the newspapers, the wives, sons, daughters-everyone in this entire belt.

From Defensive to Offensive

Also these farm organizations are going to do estate investment, 7 per cent on his something that the state public utility and service commissions in the past few years have lacked the vision and the backbone to undertake-they are going to check to the interstate commerce commission a demand for decreases in rates on farm products, instead of simply remaining on the defensive against increases in rates.

Homer Hoch, congressman from Kansas, has made it possible for the farm organizations to take the offensive in the fight for reasonable freight rates, through the Hoch-Smith resolution, empowering the interstate commerce commission to investigate the entire rate structure, with special reference to rates on farm products.

Has Power to Reduce Rates

Under this act, the interstate commerce commission, if a proper showing is made, has the power ery farmer will participate, whether he joined a farm organization, paid his dues and played his part, or whether he remained outside.

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COOLIDGE HEARS FARMERS'

Producers Claim Their Expenses Greater Than Selling Price. RAPID CITY, S. D., July 20—AF Figures purporting to show that it duce his crops than he gets for them were presented to President Coolidge Tuesday in the course of two conversations held by him on the agricultural situation. The corn belt com-mittee gave Mr. Coolidge a table of that a broader co-operative marketng system must be arranged.

The spokesman of the corn belt committee, which represents thirtysix state farm organizations, principally in the middle west, told the president that a remedy would be provided in a system of co-operative marketing broad enough to include all farm products. Those who saw the president were E. E. Kennedy of Pontiac, Ill.; W. R. Crouse of Des Moines; and D. D. Collins of Belle Fourche, S. D. They made no mention of the McNary-Haugen bill in their conference.

Estimating that it cost the farm-

ers of the west \$1.42 a bushel to produce corn, \$2.42 for wheat, 79 cents for oats, \$16.32 a hundredweight for hogs and 61 cents a dozen for eggs, the committee based its conclusions on the ground that the farmer should get a return of 5 per cent on his real investment in personal property and equipment, and that the farm operator should get a salary of \$1,800 a year. The farm operator, however, would work 365 days a year and from this salary would pay \$300 annually for house rent and pay all products

raised but used by him.

The Kansas Farmers Union is making every effort to have Mr. E. E. Kennedy appear at Wichita in the rate hearings. He prepared tables showing Kansas' production costs a year or two ago, under direction of President Tromble, and should be a valuable witness.

It is reported that about 500 mis- erica—and their bank accounts! sionaries remain in China, outside of Shanghai and other protected ports. There were 8,200 before the revolution, if this warfare may be called

| Missions in China are different, | roads are earning 14 per cent. insure the future of the Christian re- 1927, were 112 per cent of pre-war ligion in China, and to give competent support to those missionaries York farmers, located near the con-

IT IS HARDLY A LAUGHING MATTER

The Nation for July 13 has

We confess to a bit of unholy glee at the demonstration in Los Angeles that patriotism is still the last refuge Building of some scoundrels. The Better America Federation of California has 131 per cent of the pre-war price for been one of the very worst of the 100- his wheat in April, 1927, which had per-cent-patriotic organizations bent a purchasing power of only 87 cents. on pursuing all radicals, yes, even mild In buying building materials the farliberals, in fact any one who did not agree with them at all points. They had their share in enacting the infamther amount of the same material it ous Syndicalism Law under which men were liable and some were sent to jail for fourteen years merely for membership in the I. W. W. or Conmunist Party. The "Better America" in the federation's name spelt a tyranny by this organization over workers and workers' organizations, teachers, and dissenters of every variety, avowedly for the improvement of the railroads in the United States rose country, but in reality for increasing the stranglehold of big business upon the community life and-in the interest of the open shop-of the poisonous molding of the entire life of Southern California under pretense of protecting everybody from Bolshe-vism. It is all wonderfully portrayed very effectively in behalf of agriculin that extraordinary new novel of ture in the rate hearing. His testi-Upton Sinclair's, "Oil." But not even mony was clear, emphatic, well-preso great a novelist as he could have imagined that no less exalted a per- added to its weight. The state of Oksonage than the President of the Bet-

ter America Federation himself their work being carried on at state should be indicted for usury in con- expense under the direction of Mr. nection with a company that issued Paul Walker. They seem to be under illegally 1,000,000 shares of stock and the illusion that the purpose of govdefrauded several hundred thousand innocent investors. Among the indict- Kansas also has a governor. He is ed are three leading bank officials, said to be combining business with two of them vice-presidents of the pleasure, attending the meeting of First National Bank, charged with governors in Michigan and testing taking jointly \$100,000 for obtaining out the relative merits of worms and a loan of \$385,000 from one of their flies as fish bait. Kansas has a Pubbanks, and with embezzlement on lic Service Commission. The Commis-IF THE WORK WAS WELL DONE patriots have labored to better Am- been "resigned." But he hangs on un-

> CLIPPED FROM THE PRESS Governor Johnston of Oklahoma ever willing they may be? Your guess gave an instructive parallel at the is right—some, not much. If Kansas

which proves that they are fully farmer, however, is unable to employ alive." If the work of past years was rate experts.
well done surely there will be a large | Prices paid Oklahoma farmers for enough native body of converts to agricultural commodities in April,

prices," he testified. "Prices to New who have dared to remain on the job, suming center and for whom freight far from the protection of gun boats. rates do not play a vital part in prices received, were 147 per cent of the pre-WE JOIN IN THE LAUGH, THO war basis. In other words, the prices which the New York farmer was receiving for his products were 4 points below the prices of things he had to buy in April, while the prices which Oklahoma farmers received were 26 points below the prices of the things

> Building Material Higher "Oklahoma farmers received only would buy before the war.

"Land values over a period of time unquestionably reflect the present and prospective economic status of the farming industry. Since 1920 all Oklahoma farm land has declined in value 23,1 per cent, or in other words was only 76.2 per cent of its value in 1920. At the same time stocks of 20 from an average value of \$73.63 in December, 1919, to \$136.94 in June of last month.

BUT THIS IS NOT CLIPPED Governor Henry Johnson of Okia-homa came to Wichita and testified mony was clear, emphatic, well-prelahoma is very active in this case, ernment is to protect its citizens. other counts. How zealously these sion has a chairman. The chairman has

> til August first. Some members of the Commission are attending the hearings, but what can they do, how-

GLIMPSES OF CO-OPERATION

HIM, EITHER

of their manager, in favor of themselves.

tutions to insure the lives of their valuable em- capital stock outstanding. ployees, and Mr. Norgaard is a highly efficient manager of one of the strongest and most successful creamery co-operatives in Nebraska.

He and his splendid organization showed the true spirit of co-operation when they placed this policy with their own Farmers Union company. If all Farmers Union members would do the same it would not be long until they would be reaping

"It is apparent that the co-operative movement must be considered one of the permanent forces in American life. Co-operative business already aggregates two and one-half billion dollars a year and tis-Crisp bill, the old Fess bill, and the rest of it is only at the beginning of its growth."-Sec-

must be done largely by the farmers themselves," tion to interest received on deposits and interest and what is true of Texas is true, to operative creameries of Minnesota and adjoining

"The remarkable degree of success enjoyed by Land O'Lakes Creameries is due in large measure spirit of its people," he continued. "Our farmers have been co-operating for thirty years in the man-In other words, agriculture asks simply a ufacture and marketing of butter so they have the

"I do not think there is a better group of sales-

EQUITY EXCHANGE OPERATES OIL STATION In addition to operating a big grain elevator at McCook and another at Perry, the McCook Equity Exchange, McCook, Nebr., also conducts a coal business, a lumber yard, and a gasoline filling station. The filling station, which has been in operation one year, is said to be one of the finest oil

NOT AFRAID ANY MEMBER WILL KILL | Sales of the elevator and lumber-yard amounted to \$214,400, with a net income of \$11,196. Total The Farmers Union Creamery at Superior, Neb- sales for all lines of activity for the year were raska, has applied for a \$5,000 policy on the life \$277,826, and net earnings, \$21,641. The company has 178 members and its net worth is \$107,897, There is a growing tendency for business insti-

> FIRST CO-OPERATIVE BANK IN IOWA The first co-operative bank to be established un der the new Iowa co-operative banking law, began business in What Cheer on June 28, taking over Today cotton is bringing from 12 to brother Shields report in another ficial to the farmers and its usefulthe business of a small savings bank which had the confidence of the community but needed more capital. The new bank is capitalized at \$25,000 and has 77 stockholders many of whom are members this great advance in cotton. of the Farmers Union.

Dividends on capital stock are limited to 8 per cent. Earnings, after paying interest on capital, of the Farmers Union, would require ception, are saving themselves good must be placed in a reserve fund until the fund more time and space than we can equals half of the amount of the capital stock. Any further earnings, after payment of dividends and where the benefits the Union has been setting aside a reserve, may be distributed as pat- in the South. The farmers of the state "The things that must be done for agriculture ronage dividends or credited on account in propor-

WINNOWING THE NEWS

Why Is a Farmer?

"Why is a farmer?" asks Arthur Brisbane. the average farmer can make more money driving a street car. At the same time he would be getting regular sleep; would not be worrying about the weather, lame horses, sick cows rust on the same time he would be getting to accurately estimate the last two years; and the prospects for an increasing business; and we are mighty prospects for an increasing business; and we are mighty prospects for an increasing business; and we are mighty provided the exact membership, but taking the new mailing list, as reported by the new mailing list, as reported by the secretaries of the Locals the members in good standing. It is union of Kansas has made great producing doing business; and we are mighty provided the exact membership, but taking the new mailing list, as reported by the new mailing list, as reported by the secretaries of the Locals the members in good standing. It is union of Kansas has made great producing doing business; and we are mighty prospects for an increasing business.

One of the things that pleases used to be a controlled to the complex to the members in good standing. It is union of Kansas has made great producing at the members in good standing. It is union of Kansas has made great producing at the last two years; and the prospects for an increasing business are very bright at this time. Taking government reports of farm income as a weather, lame horses, sick cows, rust on wheat, bugs on potatoes, blight in the orchards, etc.

Six hundred and twenty-seven dollars is not much money to cover one's own wages, and food There are a couple of thousand more and clothing for one's family for an entire year. Who claim to be members of the community, state and nation will adbuilding up the Union, but they don't contribute to its That is what the average farmer received during 1926-1927. In an age of question-popping, the prize query of all certainly must be: Why is a farmer?

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If all dues were eliminated from the union, and we enrolled as members ulation, the state farmers Union has a proposed the prize query of discord, or discord the prize query of all certainly must be: Why is a farmer?

LIVESTOCK RAISERS SEEK CO-OP AID

Coolidge Petitioned to Support Efforts of Stockmen to Rehabilitate Industry.

With 75 per cent of the cattle raisers bankrupt since the break, following the war, co-operative marketing of livestock is the one means of stabilizing the industry, according to Paul H. Martin, president of the Western Stock Marketing Association.

Mr. Martin recently called upon President Coolidge in order to ask federal aid for the establishment of cattle co-ops. Mr. Martin explained that al- have \$3,000 dollars in the Treasury at that had no established place of busithough the cattle situation has improved some-

"We appreciate," said Mr. Martin, "that the cat-

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO The Farmers Union. Salina, Kansas. have been running almost two years,

No. 8 and one or two much longer. October 1911. Vol. 4. A SHORT HISTORY OF THE FARM-ERS' UNION IN KANSAS AND

WHAT IT HAS ACCOM-PLISHED (Continued from last week) The Union has certainly done a great deal of good in the south where

as low as 5 cents pound. 5 cent cotton is on a par with 40 or 50 cent wheat. Marion County for example. (See 15 cents a pound, and that too in the face of one of the largest cotton crops eral other counties doing business in ever raised. Everybody gives the

uence for good to the southern farmers, by the adoption of the principles,

spare at this time. We will cite one more instance business places. of Texas have paid off 59 percent of their indebtedness in the last 5 years greater or less degree, of all the uthern states.

Only by a comparison of all the by the Farmers Union. The Farmers Union of Kansas has

but any farmer, who is so close fisted as to remain outside the Union, because he would have to pay a quarter-ly dues of 30 cents to maintain the state and National organization, is too small to be any benefit to it; and that same fellow will, more readily accept any benefits, occurring from the Union that the man who helps to maintain it.

Fenitentiary threatened to shut down the twine plant. We all know what effect that would have on the prices of twine. The Union took it up, and the result is that the twine plant has been running, over time since, and the quality of the twine is much better, and the price lower.

Again this spring the directors of will go into detail.

started some wise acres limited our business career to 6 months. No failures yet, and some of these stores. The ruling was reversed and the Exchange. ures yet, and some of these stores

Some of the wholesale houses were pile a correct statistical report stating very dubious about the advisibility that Kansas wouldn't have to exceed of selling us goods when we first 40,000,000 bushels of wheat (which is

started, now our business is solicited true), as eagerly as is the business of the wouldn't be changed. In a very short other merchants. A large number of the Locals, and its membership is great enough to have no established places of busicarry out its plan of co-operation. several of the County organizations At its creation, cotton was selling larger scale than are the places that

the same way, that Marion county is the Union this year have been prin-Union credit for being the means of doing, but not quite as much. About 100 of the Locals are buying their To give a detailed history of the in- supplies either through the State business agent or on their own responsibility; and all of these, without exmoney. Some of these places are now

A number of places have elevators cation in that paper, setting forth the either owned by the members or have principles of the Union and the work rented elevators that are all makingsome claim as high as 7 cents a bushel, others 3 to 5 cents on both wheat earliest convenience write such a comand corn, above the old way of selling munication. to the organized mill or elevators companies.

and their condition a few years ago, one sees the splendid influence for good, in every respect, brought about number of cream stations, but there way, and in the name of the Union of are quite a number.

be more at this time, because the more than any thing else, is the change of the disappointed for the better in the attitude of the more at this time, because the for the better in the attitude of the life the advancement in the next two membership is increasing rapidly. general public towards the Farmers years won't more than treble that of There are a couple of thousand more Union; and as our organization inwho claim to be members of the creases in number our standing in the One of the greatest factors in

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Again this spring the directors of will go into detail. The financial condition of the State Union is very satisfactory. We expect to have \$2,500 and possibly may farmers, or to farmers organizations ing that it has done as well, as it has, have \$3,000 dellaws in the Tracking the early history of the Union in Kansas, it is really surprising that it has done as well, as it has, have \$3,000 dellaws in the Tracking the last two years. New that ness. This ruling means that the it is on a solid basis it ought to make

Kansas has at this time over 30 farmers would have to buy twine from chartered co-operative stores doing a general mercantile business. Some of these stores are carrying stocks of goods varying from 1,000 to 40,000 dollars. All of the stores are doing a very satisfactory business and paying, (some of them very large), the others (some of them very large), the others good dividends.

When these co-operative stores were friendship the Governor has shown to-

farmers of Kansas bought twine from the penitentiary on the same terms as they bought it last year and at a lower price.

The statistical report of the wheat rs Union has done more to advance the price of wheat and corn than anyhing else. If the Union didn't com-Coburn's report of 80,000,000 time after the Farmers Union was published, Coburn reduced his estimated yield of 80,000,000 to 50,000,-000 bushels. The high price of wheat at the present time is the pest evidence we can offer to prove the cor-

rectness of our report. I could name many other instances where the Union has been very beneness is only commencing.

Our greatest efforts in behalf of cipally directed towards putting the Union in its porper light before the people, and we are pleased to say that our efforts have been rewarded day the Union principles are endorsed by several county papers; and only a few days ago we received an invitamaking ready to establish regular ion from the Farmers Mail and Breeze to write a communication for publi-

> it is accomplishing, not only in Kansas, but in the Nation. We will at our The publication of the aims and purposes of the Union in a paper hav-Kansas we thank the management of

at this time between 7,000 and 8,000 In a business way the Farmers the Mail and Breeze for this privilege.

satisfaction has been spoken. We

our next state meeting.

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There may be splinters in the lad-

The Country Woman

WHAT CHILDREN SHOULD KNOW | sale of a portion of the crop which is

take great pride in this nickname. rine officer is the same man who tried to suppress crime and bootlegging in Philadelphia. He is now at the head of the United States Marines

EVER HAVE ANYTHING LIKE in China. The China Press has reached Washington and it contains articles concerning the review of marines by General Butler. This Chinese paper

"Came then the first battalion, every button glistening, uniforms pol-ished to immaculate cleanliness, bayonets shining and 'tin hats' newly Ducoed. Following-the color guard! Then the machine gun units, the second battalion, more machine guns and other regimental detachments.

"General Butler is quoted as say-'I have never seen a finer regiment. I have never seen 2,000 cleaner, finer men, presenting a better appearance, than these boys."

New Uses for Rayon
Rayon is perhaps the most interesting of modern fabrics. Manufacture of get foamy in summer or other things silk, cotton, gingham and other cloths may happen, but a systematic dehas been replaced by the manufacture of rayon. Among the latest uses of rayon are found the following:

crease, amounting to 14 per cent in a few months, may well arouse suspicion as to the operator's integrity.

men's wear.
Trico fabrics (knitted flat) for lad-

ies underwear. Knitted hats for women. Rayon pile fabrics made flame proof for theatre curtains. Rayon for hosiery clocking.

All rayon taffeta bed spreads. Rayon, fine count, high twist voiles, printed and plain colors. Rayon linings for cloaks, capes and

men's wear. Rayon rubberized sanitary belts. Rayon rubberized rain coats. Rayon beach robes. Rayon knitted brassiers.

Rayon full dress vests. PRUNE ICE CREAM SPONSORED BY CO-OP

New By-Products Developed by Call fornia Pools Help to Increase Consumption.

Prune ice-cream! That's a new one on the menu; one you probably never would have heard of had it not been for the California Prune and Apricot Growers' associa-

Nor are prune ice-cream and prune cake the only new dishes that the coops have introduced. Ever since the ops have introduced. Ever since the ket value of his cream and the orraisin poolers first taught us to like the following day gives him a corraisin poolers have been a growing rection check for 2 cents a pound raisin bread, there has been a growing list of new food delicacies introduced and sponsored by the various co-operative marketing organizations.

large the variety of our rations—you this bonus. Anyway, somebody has to may be sure of that. Any altruism pay that bonus. that may be shown in that direction is mixed up with a good portion of self- small chance for such fellows to surrious farm commodities. The main can help a lot by his own act. It is a EFFICIENCY OF AMERICAN AGreason why co-ops discover new uses for their food products is in order to increase the demand and make certain on the delivery of his cream, when the increase the demand and make certain on the delivery of his cream, when the a stable price in the face of gradually increasing production.

The average American buiness man has no excuse to high-hat his country other loads of cream weiting for delivery of his cream, when the has no excuse to high-hat his country of his cream weiting for delivery of his cream, when the has no excuse to high-hat his country of his cream weiting for delivery of hi increasing production.

NEW PROCESS DISCOVERED The prune ice-cream and prune cake restaurant menus is made possible by does not want to wait during the busy uncontrollable factors of farming, the a newly discovered process of making canned prune pulp, free of pits and skin, which can advantageously be used in baking, ice-cream making and other forms of cooking. The new product was developed by the University of California through a fellowship established by the prune pool.

Lima bean flakes is another new food product which may shortly be on the market as a result of the California Lima Bean Growers' association. Bean flakes will be a new variety of breakfast food.

These and scores of other new uses for farm products and their by-products are constantly being developed by co-operative associations. Old line dealers are not interested in developing new uses for these commodities, it is pointed out, because of the fact that they are interested only in the



CHILD'S VOILE DRESS NO. 242 This is one of the newest and most pleasing styles in a Child's Dress, This is one of the newest and the pleasing styles in a Child's Dress, sizes 1, 2 and 3 years. The dress is made up complete even to button-holes, pearl buttons and daintily trimmed; and the fabric is exceptionally good quality of fast color voile. These dresses can be had in Pink. Nile Green and Peach with contrasting color and with picot edge ribbon drawn at neck. This will make a dainty dress for the Little Miss for the entire Spring and Summer. Sent postone dollar. Be sure to state number and size desired when ordering.

The Kansas Union Farmer, Salina, Kansas, Box 48.

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As the beginning of the largest coparative advertising campaign on 2 and single with produce more per man than do the farmers of any other country, he said, a point which many critics of so-cavied rural inefficience months in magazines totalping more that it is far more extensive, this campaign will be comparable in executive overlook, but our production per acre on the secuse American farmers are not: using the optimum sold in the Country.

OLD CARS AND NEW ONES

Fifty per cent of the automobiles of plant food per acre on the average, with 168 pounds of plant food per acre on the average, with 168 pounds of plant food per acre on the average, which is a point which many critics of so-cavied rural inefficience or so so-cavied rural inefficience of so-cavied rural inefficience or so so-cavied rural

"Devil Dogs" in their hands; and because they are more interested in their commission sometimes called "Devil Dogs." They than in the price to the farmers. The co-operatives, on the other hand, are Brigadier-General Smedley Butler, interested in the successful sale of who has long been famous as a Ma-

> THIS HAPPEN WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR CREAM CAN TO THE RECEIVING ,

STATION?
Here is what did happen according to C. J. Gould, State Dairy Commis sioner. A certain Kansas farmer tool his first cream to a certain station and it tested 52 per cent, which was highly pleasing to the farmer.
The next week his cream tested 56

per cent, and the following week 51 per cent. Then followed a series of tests, extending over several months ing with characteristic enthusiasm: in which a drop of 2 per cent one week 'I have never seen a finer regiment. was followed by an increase of 1 per I have never seen 2,000 cleaner, finthis farmer's test is only 38 per cent from the same cows on the same feed.

Of course no one expects his cream

ryon are found the following:

Rayon borders, Turkish towels.

Rayon fabrics, tubular knit for tests showed that a certain station operator was shortchanging his patrons 7 per cent on shipped in cream and 6 per cent on local cream. This meant that he was robbing his patrons at the rate of 7 pounds out of every hundred shipped in and 6 pounds per hundred of local cream. In other words: This station operator was robbing his patrons of \$2.45 on every 100 pounds of shipped cream and \$2.10 on every 100 pounds of local cream at present prices, and at the same time his creamery was reporting a short-age from his station. Nobody knows, but it is surmised that he was selling his stolen cream to a rival company, and he is now out of a job.

These two cases represent some of the things with which the creameries and the State Dairy Commissioner have to contend and which the new Kansas dairy law is now in process of correcting, as witness the closing ington and Republic counties within the week because of just such practices and other violations of law.

Another situation with which the creameries and the patterns are an expense of the patterns are considered in the Ladies' Home Journal, the woman's Home Companion, the Pictorial Payiew Closed Housekeeping of them? Receiving stations in Wash-

reameries and the patrons are confronted is that of the operators pay- and the American Magazine, in addi ing a bonus for cream. If an operator tion to the advertising of commercial gives a farmer a check for the mar-ket value of his cream and then on more, he is doing something that he cannot afford to do and must make up the deficiency in some way. The chances are that he is robbing that particular farmer, either in weight or test, of more than enough to cover this bonus. Anyway samebody has to

Under the new Kansas law there is vive in the business but the farmer common custom for the farmer to deother loads of cream waiting for de-livery and the operator has more than he can attend to.

It requires at least 50 minutes to baker or electrical light maker. make a cream test and the farmer And when one considers the many season. No matter how honest the op- American farmer; is more efficient erator may be, and there are hundreds than most business men. hour. If he does it in much less time the test is sure to be inaccurate. It may be in favor of the farmer or it may favor the operator, but it is not North Carolina grathered at the Piedaccurate and the farmer is just as mont Experiment Station.

likely to be the goat as is the operaIn pointing to heveral

If the patrons of every station that in 1880 less than 20 crop acres would make an inflexible rule that no check should be paid till the following day when the operator has been allowed time in which to make the tests, much of this difficulty would be removed. And then if the farmer would do his duhy in seeing the actual tests made, and would weigh his cream before he starts for town, he would not only help remove. town, he would not only help remove contests ton-and a-half and even two-another difficulty but he would get a ton litters have: been raised in six lot of satisfaction, and maybe some months.

The creamery business in Kansas performance when one hen produced is not crooked. The creameries are cooperating with the State Dairy Com- uals produce over 300 in a year, and missioner in the enforcement of the whole flocks average over 200. ally a crook develops. The seven sta- cent and potatoes by 39 per cent. tions in Washington and Republic counties which were closed on account of law violations were all owned by Nebraska creameries and presumably the business of the figures. The mythical lack of which is so often deplored by Nebraska creameries and presumably the business main, is shown by the their operators thought they were not striking increase in the use of power their operators thought they were not liable under the Kansas law. In this they were disappointed. They were.

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KANSAS UNION FARMER WEEKLY EXCHANGE If members of the Union have anything to Sell or Exchange, they should advertise it in this department. Rate: 3 cents a word per issue. Count words in heading, as "For Sale," or "Wanted to Buy," and each initial or figure in the address. Compound words count as two words. CASH MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER—TRY THIS DE-PARTMENT-IT WILL PAY YOU.

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er, Salina, Kansas. Box 48.

torial Review, Good Housekeeping,

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million dollar funds

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American farmers produce 2.3 tons o farm produce more per capita than the farmers of the United Kingdom, Send 12c in silver or stamps for our UP-TO-DATE FALL & WINTER 1927-1928 BOOK OF FASHIONS, showing color plates, and contains

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By honest, patient toil we till our fer-In peace and health.

in the issues of the Saturday Evening Removed from city's noise we teach our girls and boys To value home's sweet joys beyond Post, Liberty, Collier's, Printers' Ink Weekly, Advertising and Selling, and the Canadian publication, MacLean's all wealth. Our friends find welcome here and

words of kindly cheer With wholesome fare. In social ties so true, our souls are Our sorrows still are few and these we share.

photography in such business publications as Advertising and Selling, Western Advertising, System, The Nation's Business, and Sales Manage-Let music fill the air and echo every-The praise of Home. In addition to this nation-wide ef-Let every tongue proclaim in songs of glad acclaim,

Sweet country life's true fame Heaven's dome. MARCHING THE VICTORY tographers' Association of America Tune-Marching Through Georgia has raised the greater part of a two Raise again your voices and we'll importations have survived have another song, enough to produce seed in K Sing it with a chorus that will help

the cause along, million strong, While we are marching to vic'ry.

Hurrah! hurrah! our union's firm and true: Hurrah! hurrah! the F. E. and C. U. So we'll sing the chorus o'er our coun-try through and through, While we are marching to vic'ry

Our oppressors used to boast and tell make an accurate test and write a cream check in much less than an hour. If he does it in much less time address cream check in much less time and tell the story round, and the contact the story round t sion we will frown, While we are marching to vic'ry.

)Chorus) Speculators want to price the products In pointing to several measuring sticks of rural efficiency, Brand said of our toil, Take unfair advantage of the men who

so very clear, We're working to secure the rights that to our hearts are dear, While we are marching to vic'ry "We used to think it a remarkable (Chorus)

Farmers are the class of men on whom the world depends; new Kansas dairy law, but they have thousands of buyers, scattered all over this broad state and occasion—wheat by 17 per cent, oats by 14 per the God of Heaven will help us to se People all throughout the land should cure our worthy ends, While we are marching to vic'ry (Chorus)

Yes, we'll stand together, for there

Administered by the State Dairy Commissioner under the direction of the State Board of Agriculture, this dairy law is effectively clearing up the situation and station operators who work in Kansas for creameries owned in other states must not have any hallucinations, or see visions, or dream dreams. Under the new law they belong.

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WATCH YOUR ALFALFA SEED
Alfalfa seeding time is again approaching. The indications are for considerably increased plantings to this valuable legume this fall. Kansas farmers have had every opportunity to learn of the best methods of preparing the land for alfalfa, including iming and inoculation where needed, but one important factor over which they may not have the same control is that of seed for planting. The special purpose of this statement is to urge everyone who is contemplating putting in alfalfa to know to a cerainty and in advance of planting about the seed he is proposing to use.

Undoubtedly much of our difficulties lately in getting permanent stands of alfalfa is traceable to unadapted seed. Experience and experiments clearly show that Kansas Common is best for seeding in Kansas. But the Kansas seed crop has fallen off very sharply in recent years, while the demand has continued. To fill the demand it is believed that much imported seed that was not adapted has been used. Seed produced in Kansas from such importations as not adapted. Some fields from these enough to produce seed in Kansas, but it is not Kansas Common, although it may be said to be Kansas Sing it as we hope to sing it full ten grown. This complicates the seed sit-

uation. Too much attention, therefore, cannot be given to the matter of securing good seed of the right kind. For the Sunflower State Kansas Common is superior, but in purchasing one should be sure it is Kansas Common he is getting. Seedsmen who will re-ligiously supply seed known to be adapted to Kansas conditions will be conferring a boon upon the alfalfa industry and incidentally helping the future of their own business.

If one does not have seed of his own production about which he knows a safe plan would be to buy certified seed. This would mean that the seed crop was inspected while growing in the field, and should the seed come from a ten-year-old Kansas alfalfa field one would be doubly safe in assurance that it was Kansas Commor The State Board of Agriculture, through its seed laboratory, will test, free of charge, for germination and purity, any samples of seed sent in by any Kansas farmer, although the variety of alfalfa cannot be determined by examination of the seed.

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cel of agricultural seed offered for sale must bear a guaranty label giv-ing required information. Buyers should watch for the label, and read it carefully.

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> RID YOUR GRAIN OF SMUT CUP RO-JABONITE

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Coolidge and Mr. Mellon are proceeding upon the theory that you can fool most of the farmers most of the

The Trouble With Agriculture And now what really is the matter with Agriculture—why have hundreds of thousands of hard working farmers lost their homes since the close of the World War, and why are hundreds of length, and yet I cannot resist the fixed is oppressive and unfair. For thousands of other equally hard working farmers hanging on by the skin of their teeth at the present hour? Expressed in the fewest possible words,

tects our manufacturers against foreign competition; and thus it is little
wonder that we are turning out new
millionaires by the hundreds during
every twelve month and that the industrial prosperity of the Nation is
without precedent in the World's history. And likewise the guns had
hardly been silenced on the French ized labor upon the other, the Amerlapse of Agriculture is as certain as the rising and setting of the sun!

a Federal Farm Board whose business

in the World markets at \$1.50 per bushel, while the home market price (including the tariff) was \$1.92 per bushel, manifestly it would sustain a gross loss of \$42,000,000, and in order to make up this loss the McNary of the contraction of the product of the pro to make up this loss the McNaryto make up this loss the McNarywould entail an assessment of approx- consumers.

and the 15c per bushel on rye, then why did they write these duties into corresponding increase in the equalization fee? Evidently these confliction in his message were the substitution of the first that is in conclusions in his message were the substitution of the first that that when they did this they knew written by two different individuals, in its place! And in case he accepts perfectly well that without an act like the McNary-Haugen Bill the farmer wouldn't be able to collect fear that the proposed Federal Farm these duties—this is why the Presi
Board might in time come to exercise that the will not be permitted to dodge

And remember this came from the they will handicap our manufacturers

touch!

able document: it is because the farmer is forced to buy in the most highly protected market in the World, while the price of such great farm staples as wheat, corn, such great farm staples as wheat, corn, such great farm staples as wheat, corn, the flow protected was on the theory that it singled out the farmer? Also talking of "price and children who toil in the fields and fixing," does not the Federal Reserve and the evening snadows gather. And why should this crime be committed come a crime to make it effective for the evening snadows gather. And why should this crime be committed against the 30,000,000 men, women against the Federal Reserve and children who toil in the fields and fixing," does not the Federal Reserve and the state of the committed against the special state of the state of the committed against the special state of the commi cotton, flax, barley, beef, etc, is fixed to raise the price, at the expense of in the free trade markets of the World —and as a result, the farm dollar has duction of those commodities—and no interest which the farmer must pay? had a hopelessly depreciated purchasing and debt paying power since the
ing and debt paying power since the
by the apparent truthfulness of this
by the appar Armistice was signed. This is why the sheriff has been doing a land office business in selling farms—this is why more than 3,000 rural banks have been forced to close their doors have been forced to the lips of a class of people to whom the appeal buys and on the grain, livestock and produce he ships to market? And does not organized labor fix its own wage only please through all the very to the content of the present hour? Why should this bitter cup be forced to the lips of a class of people to whom the appeal was made only a little while ago that the present hour? Why should this bitter cup be forced to the lips of a class of people to whom the appeal was made only a little while ago that the present hour? Why should this bitter cup be forced to the lips of a class of people to whom the appeal was made only a little while ago that the present hour? Why should this bitter cup be forced to the lips of a class of people to whom the appeal was made only a little while ago that the present hour? Why should this bitter cup be forced to the present hour? Why should this bitter cup be have been forced to close their doors cerve the initial attention of the eral Farm Board, wheat, cotton, corn, not organized labor fix its own wage only plea through all the years to the Gentlemen:—Att: Mr. Myers tle more than \$4,000,000,000 before the war, to more than \$12,000,000,000 about Agriculture will admit that about Agriculture will admit that the present time, or a sum greater than the Allied debt due to the U.S. Industry fights its battles from behind the frowning walls of the Fordney McCumber tariff which has femed and same that anybody who knows anything scales reflected in the merchandise the farmer buys and in his freight rates, shall be willing to "Do unto the farmer buys and in his freight rates, shall be willing to "amount the cardle to the grave, is not the farmer surrounded by powerful "price than the grave, is not the farmer surrounded by powerful "price the Industrial East wants to continue to receive its "pound of flesh"—it to

a Federal Farm Board whose business ing the language of a President of the of dollars in added profits into the united States. Why should the farm pockets of this great corporation and our farm co-operatives) to segregate leaders of the Country who were re- into the pockets of the other lesser the surplus wheat ,corn, cotton, pork, sponsible for the McNary-Haugen steel mills which are in the midst of tobacco, rice and etc, not required for Bill have sought to guarantee profits the greatest prosperity they have ever domestic consumption, and to have to millers and packers, when they did known. And hence it would seem that sold it for whatever it would bring in not seek to guarantee profits to the President has no particular obthe World markets—and having done farmers themselves—when all they jection to "price fixing," provided the this, to make the tariff on these comdared to hope for was to vouchsafe to lightfring strikes in the right place. modities 100% effective (except on the farmer a dollar that would enable cotton) in the home markets, and thus assure to the farmer a dollar whose assure to the farmer a dollar whose assure to the farmer a sacrifice assure to the farmer a dollar that would have us believe to stranger to the farmer a dollar that would have us believe to stranger to the farmer a dollar that would have us believe to stranger to the farmer a dollar that would have us believe to the farmer as a farmer as sacrifice.

Haugen Bill proposed to assess an equitable equalization fee against all the knew that such a charge would out of the Country, and in the Mc
to the end that civilization might be lambs 13.50, others 13.00 to 13.35. Top to the Kansas Co-operative Wheat wheat producers, and on an assumed prejudice thousands of farmers, to say Nary-Haugen Bill we proposed

the Country to get the benefit of the effect would have been to produce to do as any other man in the Country making common cause with the lion-

vent the passage of this bill, and why ities assigned to it, and as one con- the beauties of co-operation or by ofhe vetoed it when it was finally passed templates the vast authority exercised fering to lend the farmer more by the Federal Reserve Board, the In-Ever since the Civir War the farm-ers of the great grain and livestock producing states have cheerfully sup-

against higher farm prices because they will handicap our manufacturers as higher farm prices because the McNary-Haugen all involved the element of "price fixing," and that therefore it was as ill involved the element of "price fixing," and that therefore it was ill involved the element of "ivrice fixing," and that therefore it was ill involved the element of "ivrice fixing," and that therefore it was ill involved lenge, then let them put it to the on farm commodities if this was neces- away with it, then God save American enge, then let them put it to the on farm commodities it this was necessary to bring about that promised equality? In other words, "price fixing all the price of the price of

temptation to point out at least a few nearly 60 years we have been fixing from every pore, it is dying as cer-

tory. And likewise the guns had hardly been silenced on the French front when organized labor demanded a tighteen are assistant of the president of the preside a tightening up of our immigration groups. He also knew that from the laws in order to shut out the European groups. He also knew that from the pig iron tariff 50%, and the molaws in order to shut out the European hordes, and thus between organized industry on the one hand, and organized labor more the characteristic for the benefit of the comparative few for the benefit of the compara who have fattened upon it, and upon ords and climbed to \$162.00. This which was involved in the slavery for the week except the very best ized labor upon the other, the American farmer is being ground literally to pieces between an upper and nether and unless in the future the purchasing and debt paying power of the farm dollar is and labor, the final and complete collarse of Agriculture is as certain as large of Agriculture is as certain as the farmed and labor, the final and complete collarse of Agriculture is as certain as the might be farmed and interest the very best to have fattened upon it, and upon the slavery does not have fattened upon it, and upon the slavery who have fattened upon it, and upon the slavery does not here in this Country, and is known as great Civil War pales into insignification in this Country, and is known as the visit of corporation produces 60% of the pig question and which finally caused a development of the pig question and which finally caused a law which finally caused a five vocabulary does not permit me to 25 off. This country, and is known as involved in the slavery heavy kinds, which was involved in the slavery best of the week expept the very best of the week expept the very best of the will sknown as involved in the slavery does not permit me to 25 off. This country, and is known as great Civil War pales into insignification in this Country, and is known as for industry in the world. Its net profit in 1926 was a demagogue who does not hesitate to a dema The President also insisted that the \$300,000,000 in its treasury. And be-The President also insisted that the president also insisted that the same rising and setting of the sun!

And the overwhelming object of the And the overwhelming object of the And the overwhelming object of the Such processors as the flour mills, about to climb over the tariff wall, about to climb over the tariff wall in all, the Industrial plant 7.25 to 7.75. Best fleshy feed-size that I did not use sufficient wall, about to climb over the tariff wall in all, the Industrial plant 7.25 to 7.75. meat packers, etc, and here again his Mr. Coolidge promptly rushed to the holding to its selfish advantage the cents fair 8.25 to 13.00.

Finally, if Mr. Coolidge is the great assure to the farmer a dollar whose purchasing and debt payment power would be equal to the dollar he is forced to pay for farm implements, clothing, dry goods, shoes, groceries, freight rates, taxes, etc!

And naturally the execution of this plan would entail certain losses as between the price in the World markets at 18 me mantime the facts are that the mallers and cevery Board of Trade in the Country fought the bill teeth and from Board were compelled to sell 10,0000,000 bushels of suplus wheat in the World markets at \$1.50 per bushel, while the home market price (including the tariff) was \$1.92 per bushel, manifestly it would systems. farmers' pocket by means of an equaltotal yield of 650,000,000 bushels this nothing of the Nation's millions of make good these losses out of the Next, the President insisted that ization fee, equitably assessed against necks to slavery!

these duties—this is why the Presi-dent moved Heaven and Earth to pre-these duties—this is why the Presi-dent moved Heaven and Earth to pre-the description or the activ-the issue by talking endoquently about the farm are fighting for the right to with a digive to the farm are fighting for the right to with the grass. vival of the fittest,' 'then in the lan-

ported the Protective system, and under it they seen the Industrial East clate the frame of mind the late Col. ed the Federal Farm loan system boots for which Mr. Coolidge is the chief Henry Watterson of Kentucky was in and saddles to Andrew W. Mellon, by (Continued from page 1)
and one of the two or three richest men in the World—and when Mr. Mellon was asked during the winter of 1926 to give his opinion of the McNary-Haugen Bill, he denounced it in the now famous Mellon letter and among other things frankly opposed any increase in the price of farm commodities on the theory that this would farmer what it means to industry, we materials and thus make it more difficult for American manufacturers to meet competition at home and abroad.

Michigan School Mr. Coolidge is the chief system knowing full well that the protective system knowing full well that the training full well that the protective claimed, "Great God said the wood-cok, and away he flew"—there are coherent expression is futile, if not coherent expression is futile, if not meaningless, that they lacked the nemaningless, that they lacked the nemaningless of the lacked the nemaningless of the lacked the ne ficult for American manufacturers to against higher farm prices because otherwise calm and placid soul.

And remember this came from the soul against higher farm prices because otherwise calm and placid soul.

And now I come to the President's East would have promptly repudiated

vestige of it remains! And if the In- four years ago on a platform pledged their birthright for a little flattery dustrial East doesn't think that a to give Agriculture equality with coalition between the Corn Belt and the South can make good this challing and his party to fix higher prices land politician can do this and get

to permit industry to receive the bene- the evening shadows gather. And why hind the frowning walls of the Fordney-McCumber tariff which has fenced in the home market, and which protects our manufacturers against fortects our manufacturers against fortects. It is a provision in the bin by which as flax, there any occasion for the President to receive its "peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials; and then it wants something time when Agriculture is staggering to receive its "peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials; and therefore was to receive its "peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials; and therefore was to receive its "peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials; and therefore was to receive its "peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials; and therefore was to receive its "peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials; and therefore was to receive its "peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials; and then it wants to drive the millions of the president to be so horrified at this idea at a time when Agriculture is staggering the peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials; and then it wants to drive the millions of the president to be so horrified at this idea at a time when Agriculture is staggering the peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the president to be so horrified at this idea at a time when Agriculture is staggering the peund of flesh"—it wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the peund of flesh wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the peund of flesh wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the peund of flesh wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the peund of flesh wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the peund of flesh wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the peund of flesh wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the peund of flesh wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the peund of flesh wants cheap food and cheap raw materials are the peund of flesh wants ch

McNary-Haugen Bill was to assure the equality to Agriculture to which Mr. Coolidge pledged himself in 1924, and to this end it proposed to set up and to this end it proposed to set up and to this end it proposed to set up and to this end it proposed to set up and to this end it proposed to set up and to this end it proposed to set up and to this end it proposed to set up and to this end it proposed to set up and to the set

erness might blossom as the rose and to upon its way. You can perhaps de-ewes 6.50. stroy men with such an ancestry, but

consumers.

Next, the President insisted that would produced 1,000 the McNary-Haugen Bill would result in the production of Agricultural surpluses more huge than ever beforest against this he would receive the full benefit of the tariff of 420 per bushel, or a total of \$420; and subtracting from this his equalization fee of \$70 would leave him a net profit of \$350 which he is not receiving in the present free trade market. And exactly the same methods would be employed, on other surplus farm commodities.

And the Republican party and Mr. Coolidage don't want the farmers? Bushel on the World markets, then markets than they can command in the World markets, then the World markets, then which will be to the farmer entitled to the same advantage? But if its practical feet of the McNary-Haugen Bill would result in the President insisted that the McNary-Haugen Bill would result in the McNary-Haugen Bill would result the McNary-Haugen Bill would result in the McNary-Haugen Bill would result in the McNary-Haugen Bill would result that the fair the All would result that the fair the may we could have instantion foot 42c per bushel tariff on wheat, the bigger surpluses than ever before, in defending the McNary-Haugen Bill hearted farmers of the Southland we finished cattle. 40c per bushel on flax, the 20c per bushel on flax, the 20c per bushel on barley, the 15c per bushel on ocrn, the 15c per bushel on ocrn, the 15c per bushel on ocrn, the 15c per bushel on or, the 15c per bushel on ocrn, the 15c per bushel on occn, the 15c per bushel occor, th dustrialists can take their choice.

they should decide to settle the great with a decrease in hog receipts is Sales and Fills Plus Service.

We look for a registry steady hog the comes men who are content to live becomes men who are content to live and let live, then they will find us more than willing to meet them in a weeks and look for a startly steady hog market for the next two or three weeks and look for good finished like spirit. But the "leaders of Agriculture are under no delusion. They
know that the 30,000,000 people of
the farm are fighting for the right to

weeks and look for good finished
hogs to sell at good prices. Don't ship
hogs to sell at good prices. Don't ship
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hogs to sell

> say to them, "Lay on McDuff, and damned be he Who first cries hold, enough!"

guage of the immortal Shakespeare

Department of Practical Co-Operation

We are cleanging the policy of this department, beginning the first of the year. The Meeting Notices that have appeared here to fore were 100% locals for 1926. At this time we are showing only those that are 100% for 1927. All 100% locals for 1927 that wish their meeting notice to be published will receive this service free of charge. Local that are not paid up in full but want their meeting notice published can have space in this department for One Cent per word per week.

ALI EN COUNTY
LIBERTY LOC IL NO. 2148****
Meets the sec and and fourth Friday of the month. F bay Wilson, Sec.

SILVER LEAF LOCAL NO. 2156****
Meets the 2n and 4th Wednesday of each month Mrs. M. A. Fender, Sec DIAMOND LOCAT. NO. 2081****

Meets the secord I and fourth Friday of each month. Mr s. R. C. Parish, Sec. ALLEN CENTER: LOCAL NO. 2155
Meets the first, and third Tuesday of each month. Mas. Jno. Page, Secy. Meets the first and third Wednesday nights of each month, Mrs. Chas. L. Stewart, Sec. 2.

COTTONWOOD VALLEY LOCAL NO.

833****

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of
each month. I. K. Graham, Sec.

MEUTRAL LOC. 1. NO. 2108***

Meets the first Tuesday of each month.
C. A. Atkinson. Jeoretary.

OWSLEY LOCAL, NO. 2004***

Meets first and, third Thursday of each month. Joe Fermer, Sec.

FOUR MILE LOCAL NO. 1128****

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month. G. W., Toimlinson, Secy.

SUNNYSIDE L. CAL, NO. 2144****
Meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Mrs. H. B. Lusk, Sec. DOUG! AS COUNTY
CARGY LOCAL NO. 2136****
Meets the 1st r md 3rd Thursday of each month. R. E. Tutcher, Sec.

ELLSWORTH COUNTY
ADVANCE LOCAL NO. 1889***

Meets on the first Monday of each month. F. F. Svoboda, Sec'y.
LIBERTY LOCAL NO. 925***

Meets every first and third Monday of each month. Ed Mog. Sec'y
TRIVOLI LOCAL No. 1001**

Meets the first Monday evening in each month. W. H. Fleming. Bec'y

ELLIS COUNTY

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AYS LOCAL NO. 864***

Meets the first Friday in each month, alternating Pleasant Hill at 7:30 in the evening with Hays Court House at 2:00 in the afternoon, Frank B. Pfeifer. Meets the first and third Monday of each month. Joseph L. Weber, Sec.

PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL NO. 1804 Meets the first and third Monday o each month. Frank Reitmeyer, Sec'y. GREENWOOD COUNTY NEAL LOCAL No. 1318****

_Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. J. C. Graves. Sec.

PARK LOCAL NO. 909****
Meets the last Saturday of each month
Jas. Hein, Sec'y. JEWELL COUNTY.

PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL NO.
1309****

Meets the first and third Wednesday
of each month.Wm. T. Flinn, Sec.

or each month win. I. Finn, sec.

JOHNSON COUNTY

SHARON LOCAL NO. 1744 ****

Meets the last Friday evening of each month. Mrs. Gussie K. DeVault, Sec'y.

LINN COUNTY

BUCKEYE LOCAL NO. 2073****

Meets the first Wednesday night of each month. Roy EEmmons, Sec.

MARSHALL JOUNTY
SUMMIT LOCAL NO. 859****
Meeting second and fourth Wednesday, night each month. Nels Samuelson, Sec. OTTAWA COUNTY
SAND CREEK LOCAL NO. 462***

Meets the second and last Friday of
the month. Walter Lott, Sec.
GROVER LOCAL NO. 108.
Meets every other Wednesday night.
Anna Bremerman, Sec.

RILEY COUNTY
ROCK ISLAND LOCAL NO. 1199****
Meets the first Tuesday evening of the month. Geo. Trumpp, Sec.
GRAND VIEW LOCAL NO. 1214****
Meets on Friday night every two weeks.
Esther Shorman, Sec.

SAND CREEK LOCAL NO. 804****
D Meets the first and third Friday of each month. A. R. Wilson, Sec. SMITH COUNTY
OAK CREEK NO. 1185****
Meets at Stuart on the second Monday of each month. H. J. Schwarz,

UNION LOCAL NO. 2019****

Meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. J. W. Batchman, Sec.

THEGO COUNTY.

VODA LOCAL NO. 742.

Meets the fourth Friday in every month. Alfred Rensmeyer, Sec.-Treas. WABAUNSEE COUNTY
FREEMONT LOCAL NO. 2014***
Meets the first and third Friday of the month. A. W. Eisenmenger, Sec. month. A. W. Esenmenger, Sec.

WASHINGTON COUNTY
HERYNK LOCAL NO. 1427
Meets the first and third Tuesday of
each month. Henry Eden, Sec.

STOCK MARKET

KANSAS KITY MARKET

—this is why the farm debt of the United States has climbed from a little more than \$4,000,000,000 before the more than \$4,000,000,000 before about Agriculture will admit that farmer buys and in his freight rates.

for every job and when in consequence organized labor will be forced to accept the wage scales that industry offers, and thus forget its so-called it fought for long weary years to establish and which Agriculture does not begrudge it. And thus it can be market before long. Fair to good 11 to 12 to 13 cents, and thus forget its so-called it fought for long weary years to establish and which Agriculture does not begrudge it. And thus it can be market before long. Fair to good 10.10 to 12.25, fair to good 11 to 12 cents, and in our bulletin of September 18, 1924, I published what purported to be a financial statement of the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Wheat Growers Association and the Kansas Co-operative wheat Growers Association and

Republic is imperiled, it should worry.
For it bows at the shrine of gold and bulk of the good ones 7.00 to 7.25. Fat proceeds upon the theory of, "Let us heavy grassers 6.20 to 6.50 ,lighter get all we can while the getting is kinds 5.00 to 5.50. Canners 4.25, cutget all we can while the getting is good," and to h—with tomorrow.

But even so I am under the deep conviction that Agriculture will yet arise triumphant from its agonies and throw off the clanking chains that the grim of the grim

SHEEP AND 1. AMBS: Top native

Farmers Union Live Stock Com. CHICAGO, MARKET

Hogs Monday, 4 Cars; First in Hogs Wednes lay, 25 Cars. The reason for our phenomenal gain

Farmers Union To os Native Lamb We sold 8 loads of native lambs yesterday at the extreme top of the dishonestly or improperly handled. I realize that I had no right to attack in this way a legitimate business or-

market \$13.85 with very light sorts ganization operating under the laws and our out lambs at \$10.00. We are of our state. My statements, therenow getting quite a few feeding lambs fore, in regard to the said association, on this market and when you get as mentione dabove, were untrue, and ready to buy any we will be very glad unjustified, and I wish to retract such to fill your order. FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION Union Stock Yards

July 28, 1927.

E. J. SMILEY RETRACTS

R. Downie ,general manager, Wichita. The retraction appears in the of- and extend my apologies. ficial bulletin of the Kansas Grain Dealers Association of July 20.

As a result of this retraction, a suit for \$20,000 damage, filed against Mr. E. J. Smiley, Secretary of the Kan-Smiley by the two associations on May sas Grain Dealers Association of re-22, 1925, will be dismissed. The marks that he had made pertaining

from the books of the association and

"I am now advised by those in high position with the association, in whose ment of the Kansas Wheat Growers Association was or is dishonest or incompetent and I wish to retract any statements in my bulletin that would indicate that they are dishonest or in-

competent. "I realize that my attack upon the Kansas Wheat Growers Association was unjustified and I take this opportunity to acknowledge my error and extend my apologies

(Signed) E. J. SMILEY: "In addressing the annual convention of the Kansas Grain Dealers Association at Wichita on May 21, 1925 Marketing Association, and said in part, as follows:

" 'My limited vocabulary does not ic measures will be taken to wind up its affairs.' "When that address was made th

Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Association had just started, and when I referred to the dissatisfaction hog receipts is of its members, I was manifestly mistaken. Without going into the reason that time I had no personal knowledge Write us for ar w information you statements that indicated the motives questionable or that its affairs were

statements.

"Furthermore, I do not wish to reflect upon the management of the Chicago, Ill. said association. I have no knowledge of anything that would indicate that the management of the Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Associa-E. J. Smiley ,secretary of the Kan- tion was or is dishonest or incompetsas Grain Dealers Association, To-peka, has made full and complete re-ments in my address on May 21, 1925, traction of his attacks on the Kansas that would indicate that its manage-Wheat Growers Association and the ment is dishonest of incompetent. I Kansas Co-operative Wheat Market- regret that I made the above mening Association, according to Ernest tioned statements and take this opportunity to acknowledge my error

(Signed) E. J. SMILEY. Note: We are glad to be able to publish the above retraction made by I wish to comment only on the fol-

was in a failing condition financially. lowing declaration of Mr. Smiley's "At the time I published this fifor a period of five years not knowing what he will receive for his produce or when he will receive the monies due him.'

Now, it occurs to me that was practically one of the reasons that prompted the Kansas farmers to sign the contract for he always had been delivering his products of the farm to 'comparative strangers" and he knew that he had no say so in the prices

they are incorrect. Furthermore, I ers. but he was signing a contract agement of the association. I have to his own association to be sold for no personal knowledge of anything him by them whom he and other conthat would indicate that the manageopportunity to deal with men of his own selection instead of strangers.

BATTLE HYMN OF THE UNION Tune—Battle Hymn of the Republic Our eyes have seen the rising of the farmers in their might, We are working to put down the wrong and elevate te right,
The God of heaven gives us strength

While we are marching on. Chorus: Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah! While we are marching on.

and courage for the fight

Our cause is just and righteous and we surely must succeed ridding our profession from the speculator's greed. faithful then my comrades, for the farmers must be freed, While Truth is marching on.

Chorus: Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah! While Truth is marching on.

We will educate ourselves to know the worth of honest toil, will use the best of methods in the tilling of our soil. We'll employ co-operation, market gamblers' schemes to foil,

Our Union's marching on. Chorus:
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah! Our Union's marching on.

We will make our homes the most attractive places found on earth, Our children here will learn to know the citizen's true worth country schools shall teach the

truth of freedom's second birth

While Wisdom's marching on.

Chorus: Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, Glory! glory, hallelujah! While Wisdom's marching on.